# Michal Szczepaniak

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**Big 10 Network,** University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign — *Production Intern*

AUGUST 2023 - PRESENT

- Worked with a team of reporters to produce a documentary celebrating the 100th anniversary of Memorial Stadium, under the leadership of Kaitlin Southworth.
- Operated cameras, monitored audio and managed lighting for source interviews.
- Shot B-Roll and conducted interviews for many projects under Big 10 Network.

**UI7 Live,** University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign — *Anchor/Reporter*

AUGUST 2023 - PRESENT

- Anchored a weekly news broadcast covering topics within the local community.
- Organized live on-air interviews with subject experts and community members.
- Edited stories & scripts for anchors and reporters for the weekly live broadcasts.
- Created stories for video and web covering hard news within Champaign, IL.

**Good Morning Illini,** University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign — *Anchor/Reporter*

AUGUST 2022 - PRESENT

- Hosted a weekly live show sharing UIUC news segments aired to student body.
- Gathered and executed interviews on air with university students and faculty.
- Delivered video stories covering arts & entertainment shown on air each week.
- Worked closely with anchors & reporters to write & review scripts for each show.

**College of Media,** University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign — *TA/Grader*

AUGUST 2022 - PRESENT

- Assisted in grading assignments, classroom management, and lesson planning with university professors for the department's Multimedia Reporting course.
- Provided feedback on assignments within photo, audio, and video reporting.
- Supported students in editing multimedia projects on an individual basis.

**Richmond Studio,** University of Illinois — *Control Room Operator and Floor Director*

AUGUST 2022 - PRESENT

- Directed UI7 En Vivo, a Spanish-language broadcast, ensuring smooth operation.
- Operated cameras, controlled sound levels and ran teleprompters for Good Morning Illini, Illini Sports Night, and UI7 En Vivo multiple days per week.

**WCIA-3,** Nexstar Media Group, Inc. — *News Intern*

JUNE 2023 - SEPTEMBER 2023

- Pitched stories from the community to news directors and reporters each week.
- Developed weekly video stories alongside reporters covering local topics for air.
- Shadowed employees from multiple departments within WCIA including but not limited to producers, reporters, anchors, web designers, and news directors.

**The Daily Illini,** University of Illinois at-Urbana-Champaign — *Beat Reporter*

JANUARY 2021 - MAY 2021

- Proposed weekly story ideas to news directors for the university newspaper.
- Wrote stories for "The Buzz" focused on national news and pop culture.
- Interviewed subject experts on topics pertinent to arts and entertainment.

## LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

**Illini Student Musicals** — *Community Outreach Coordinator & Cast Member*

AUGUST 2022 - PRESENT

- Led team of 10 organization members and fellow students focused on the advancement of Illini Student Musicals community outreach and network.
- Organized collaborative events such as food drives, fundraisers, and performance opportunities for members of the community and other organizations each month.
- Oversaw an organization of over 60 members each semester by participating on the Board of Directors managing budgets of $20,000+ through weekly meetings.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## EDUCATION

**University of Illinois,** Urbana-Champaign, IL

AUGUST 2020 - PRESENT

Bachelor of Science in Journalism, Minor in Theatre

**Expected Graduation:** Spring 2024

**GPA:** 3.99

## SKILLS

Fluent in Polish
Adobe Audition
Adobe Premiere Pro
Adobe Bridge
Inception
Microsoft Excel
Microsoft Office
Adobe Illustrator

## RELEVANT COURSES

Video Reporting and Storytelling
News Editing
Multimedia Reporting
Investigative Journalism
Digital Photography
Content Producing for UI7
Ethics and Diversity in Journalism

## EXTRACURRICULARS

Illini Student Musicals
Polish Club Zagloba

## AWARDS

Dean's List: Fall '20-Fall '23
Bill Geist Broadcast Journalism Award
Anchor for Crystal Pillar Award-Winning Long Form Program - "Succeeding in a New World"