

Shane LaGesse

WORK EXPERIENCE

[Euractiv](#) | May 2025-Aug. 2025

Reporter/Developer/Design Intern in Brussels. Reported on EU Commission and Brussels. Produced front-page graphics and in-story data visualizations. Programmed web scrapers & Slack alerts, automated social media posting.

[Missourian Newspaper](#) | Aug. 2022-present

Developer. Created Python tools to automate election data gathering. Developed a modular version for reporters to create web scrapers.
Reporter, State beat + General Assignment. Cover the Missouri State Senate race and other election topics, as well as regular G.A. shifts.

[U.S. News & World Report](#) | May 2023-Aug. 2023

Education Reporting Intern. Reported and wrote articles on higher education with advice for prospective and current students.

[Maneater Student Newspaper](#) | Aug. 2022-May 2024

Digital Production Editor/News Reporter. Redesigned the Maneater website, set up digital advertising as a revenue stream, and created an interactive landing page for the magazine. Covered local/campus news.

[Agenda Watch](#), BigLocalNews, Stanford University | Summer 2023

With Reynolds Journalism Institute, gathered metadata tools.

[LavidaCo Communications](#) | 2020-present

Designer, developer. Create books, presentations, graphics, maps and charts. Automate complex data importation with Python.

PROJECTS See more at [shanelagesse.com](#)

[GoLocal](#) | 2022

First place winner, beginner division, of a 36-hour hackathon. Developed front and back end of a site for sharing efficient and environmentally friendly local routes. HTML, CSS, JavaScript with Node.js and MySQL.

[Whosepaper](#) | 2022

Developed front and back end of a game where visitors guess the source of a newspaper article. HTML, CSS and JavaScript with Node.js.

EDUCATION

University of Missouri – Columbia | Honors College | 2026 expected

Bachelor of Journalism; Computer Science, IT and Japanese minors

Université Libre de Bruxelles – Brussels, Belgium | Work/study summer 2025

University of Sophia – Tokyo, Japan | Study abroad spring/summer 2024

Clayton High School | 2022, GPA 4.09. ACT 36.

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WEBSITE

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SKILLS

Full-stack web development
Graphic design
Data visualization
Data-driven reporting
Writing and editing
Team management

TECHNOLOGIES

HTML/CSS
Angular & React
JavaScript & Node.js
R (Data analysis)
SQL
Python
Adobe Photoshop, Indesign

LANGUAGES

Conversational Japanese
and French

HONORS & AWARDS

2023

- Fourth Place, overall, among 100+ teams in TigerHacks coding contest

2022

- First Place, TigerHacks, beginner division
- Walter Williams Scholar, M.U. Journalism School
- Missouri Boys State

2021

- Mayor's Award, Mayor's Youth Advisory Council

2019

- Sports Story of the Year: National Scholastic Press Association
- Eagle Scout