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Biography

John Wihbey is an assistant professor of journalism and media innovation at Northeastern University, where he serves as graduate programs advisor and as a faculty affiliate with the Global Resilience Institute and the NULab for Texts, Maps, and Networks. He is a Dean's Research Fellow in the CAMD Data Storytelling and Exploration Collaborative. His forthcoming book is *The Social Fact: News and Knowledge in a Networked World* (MIT Press, Winter 2019).

Previously, he was a lecturer at Boston University and an assistant director at Harvard's Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and Public Policy, where he helped found and oversee the Journalist's Resource project. He has co-led a project investigating patterns of state-level financial disclosure and government transparency issues, and a project examining foundation funding for the nonprofit news sector. Currently, he is working on research relating to the reinvention of local television for the digital age. An advisory board member of Project Information Literacy, he is also co-researcher on a national study of college students' news consumption habits.

John has published commentaries and articles in media outlets such as the New York Times, Washington Post, Boston Globe, USA Today, Pacific Standard, National Geographic, The Chronicle of Higher Education, Nieman Journalism Lab and Yale Climate Connections. His research has been published in *Journalism Practice*, *Journal of the International Symposium on Online Journalism*, and the *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Climate Science*. His professional media background includes stints as a reporter for the Star-Ledger (N.J.) and as a producer and digital editor for the NPR-syndicated show "On Point," from WBUR-Boston.

He taught at The Roxbury Latin School in Boston after college. He is a graduate, magna cum laude, of Bowdoin College; he studied abroad at Lady Margaret Hall College, Oxford University, and holds master's degrees from the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism and the Bread Loaf School of English at Middlebury College. He lives with his family in Arlington, Mass.

Areas of Expertise

Climate Change and the Environment, Technology, Social and Community, Research Communications, Media and Access to Knowledge

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