

KIRSTIN GARRISS

Political Journalist | National Correspondent | Multimedia Storyteller

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JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

Independent Journalist & Host of "Here's the Deal with KG"

April 2025-Present

- Creator and host of Substack and TikTok series that simplifies big-picture national headlines into smart, digestible online explainers for audiences nationwide
- Substack posts average 175-220 clicks, and TikTok videos average 700-900 views
- Freelance reporter for national publications, including *The Guardian*, producing deeply reported enterprise stories on politics, equity, and policy

CMG Washington News Bureau - DC Correspondent

August 2021-November 2024

- Delivered daily live shots and Q&A segments, distilling federal policy into clear, audience-first storytelling
- Conceptualized enterprise stories with real people, experts, lawmakers & federal agency officials for 12+ local TV/radio stations
- Built strong sourcing with lawmakers, agencies, and congressional staff to secure high-profile interviews
- Expanded the Bureau's digital strategy with daily web articles and social pushes
- Specialty beats: federal transportation, healthcare policy, racial equity, consumer protection

WHBQ FOX13 Memphis - Investigative Reporter, Fill-in Anchor

October 2018-July 2021

- Led A-block investigations driven by FOIA and public records, exposing systemic issues in crime, politics, and public institutions
- Served as weekend morning and evening anchor, delivering breaking and enterprise coverage
- Covered race relations and community-police relations with impact-driven storytelling

Spectrum News, Charlotte, NC - Government Reporter

January 2016-October 2018

- Lead city/county government reporter covering Charlotte City Council and Mecklenburg County
- Provided in-depth 2016 election coverage, including NC/SC primaries and both national party conventions
- Produced daily digital-first political content and live coverage across platforms

WDVM (formerly WHAG-TV) Hagerstown, MD - News Reporter

July 2013-January 2016

- Developed enterprise stories across the MD-PA-WV tri-state region.
- Covered the Maryland General Assembly and Governor Larry Hogan's inauguration and first term.

AWARDS

2021 Regional Murrow Award Winner
2021 National Gracie Award Winner
2021 NABJ Salute to Excellence Award Winner
2023 Paul Miller Washington Reporting Fellow

EDUCATION

University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill, MAY 2011

B.A. in Journalism and Mass Communication

REFERENCES

Available upon request