

Jordy Yager

Jordy Yager graduated from Charlottesville High School in 1999. He received a Masters in Journalism from Boston University in 2007 and has been working as a full-time professional journalist ever since, interviewing thousands of people in the process. For 6 years he was a Congressional correspondent in Washington D.C. winning several first prize awards for his articles from the Society of Professional Journalism. Since 2014 he has worked as an independent journalist. In 2015 he won first prize for Outstanding Series from the Virginia Association of Broadcasters for his 5-part public radio series on food insecurity and hunger in Central Virginia. In 2016, he won first prize for Outstanding News Series from the Virginia Association of Broadcasters for a 14-part series on refugees in Virginia. In 2016 he won first prize for Investigative Journalism from the Virginia Press Association and first prize for Race Reporting from the Association of Alternative Newsmedia for his 18-month-long story on racial disparities in Charlottesville's criminal justice system. Since 2014, he has also taught a weekly cooking class to 3rd and 4th graders at the Boys and Girls Club in Charlottesville through the PB&J Fund. And since 2016, he has taught a hands-on practicum course on journalism and civil rights at UVA's Brown College. In 2017, he received a Virginia Foundation for the Humanities grant to conduct an Oral History Project with the Jefferson School African American Heritage Center. Currently he is working on a lengthy project to map and investigate the effects of racial covenants in the greater Charlottesville area's neighborhoods and how this contributed to every racial and economic disparity that exists today.