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## Serdar Tumgoren

Lecturer  
Communication

### Bio

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#### BIO

Serdar Tumgoren teaches data journalism in the Stanford Graduate Journalism Program and is an associate director for Big Local News, a project at Stanford that fosters collaborative data journalism and provides tools and platforms to help local newsrooms extend their reach.

Prior to joining Stanford in 2018, Serdar worked at The Associated Press, The Washington Post and Congressional Quarterly, with a focus on political and election-related data and Web applications.

A graduate of Georgetown University, Serdar began his career as a local government reporter in California, Connecticut, and New Jersey.

He is passionate about open source tools and platforms that help journalists uncover data-driven stories. He co-founded the OpenElections project, a volunteer effort to gather and standardize U.S. election data, and created datakit, a customizable tool to help journalists simplify and standardize their data analysis workflows.

#### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Lecturer, Communication

### Teaching

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#### COURSES

##### 2025-26

- Building News Applications: COMM 177T, COMM 277T (Win)
- Exploring Computational Journalism: COMM 281, CS 206 (Win)
- Journalism Thesis: COMM 289P (Spr)
- News Frontiers: COMM 177A, COMM 277A (Spr)
- Public Affairs Data Journalism I: COMM 273D (Aut)
- Public Affairs Data Journalism II: COMM 274D (Win)

##### 2024-25

- Advanced Data Journalism: COMM 177A, COMM 277A (Spr)
- Building News Applications: COMM 177T, COMM 277T (Win)
- Exploring Computational Journalism: COMM 281, CS 206 (Win)

- Journalism Thesis: COMM 289P (Spr)
- Public Affairs Data Journalism I: COMM 273D (Aut)
- Public Affairs Data Journalism II: COMM 274D (Win)

#### 2023-24

- Advanced Data Journalism: COMM 177A, COMM 277A (Spr)
- Building News Applications: COMM 177T, COMM 277T (Win)
- Exploring Computational Journalism: COMM 281, CS 206 (Win)
- Journalism Thesis: COMM 289P (Win, Spr)
- Public Affairs Data Journalism I: COMM 273D (Aut)
- Public Affairs Data Journalism II: COMM 274D (Win)

#### 2022-23

- Building News Applications: COMM 177T, COMM 277T (Spr)
- Exploring Computational Journalism: COMM 281, CS 206 (Win)
- Journalism Thesis: COMM 289P (Win, Spr)
- Programming in Journalism: COMM 177P, COMM 277P (Win)
- Public Affairs Data Journalism I: COMM 273D (Aut)

## Publications

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### PUBLICATIONS

- **Tracking the Newsworthiness of Public Documents**  
Spangher, A., Ferrara, E., Ben Welsh, Peng, N., Tumgoren, S., May, J.  
edited by Ku, L. W., Martins, A., Srikumar  
ASSOC COMPUTATIONAL LINGUISTICS-ACL.2024: 14150-14168