

# Maïna Durafour

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Award-winning journalist and multimedia storyteller with experience in print, web and audiovisual reporting. Bilingual in French-English with a strong focus on culture, arts and community stories. CT SPJ Excellence in Journalism award recipient and Phi Beta Kappa honoree.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### The Belmont Voice, Freelance Reporter

Apr. 2026 - now

Belmont, MA

- Contributed to the launch of a bi-monthly cultural events calendar newsletter covering Belmont surroundings and communities
- Reported and published 1 feature article on a local cultural event

### Freelance Video Editor

Feb. 2026 - now

Boston, MA

- Produced and edited 2 short-videos for cultural organizations like the [French-American Chamber of Commerce](#) and [the French Library](#)
- Managed full production workflow independently: filming, editing and client delivery

### The Recorder, Freelance Reporter

Dec. 2024 - now

Bedford, NY

- Published 4 features stories on local cultural and community events with live coverage, interviews, and photographs under tight deadlines

### The Chronicle, Staff Reporter

Jan. 2025 – Jul. 2025

Willimantic, CT

- Published 200+ articles in 6 months across breaking news, community events, local government and arts for three towns
- Originated and sustained a [weekly series](#) spotlighting local artists
- Maintained a pace of 3+ stories per day, consistently meeting daily print and web deadlines

### The Hartford Courant, Freelance Reporter

Nov. 2024 – Jan. 2025

Hartford, CT

- Pitched and published 4 feature stories for one of New England's largest daily newspaper, including UConn campus coverage

### The New Britain Herald, Freelance Reporter

Aug. 2024 – Jan. 2025

New Britain, CT

- Reported and published 60 local feature stories over 5 months, covering cultural and political events
- Conducted on-site interviews with elected officials and community figures; provided photographs for publication

## SIDE PROJECTS

### Podcast: [“Pensées d’une lectrice”](#)

Launched Apr. 2026

- Founded and produce a weekly podcast in French, combining reading journal entries and in-depth literary analysis
- Handles all production independently: recording (Zoom Podcast Kit), editing (Final Cut Pro), cover art and social visuals (Canva) and audience growth via LinkedIn and Instagram

## SKILLS & TOOLS

**Video & Photo:** Adobe Premiere Pro, After Effects, Photoshop, Lightroom Classic, Final Cut Pro, CapCut

**Web & Content:** WordPress, Canva, Audiogram, Infogram

**Journalism:** AP Style, newswriting for print / web / TV, photography, interviewing, live coverage

**Languages:** French (native), English (fluent), Italian (intermediate), Spanish (beginner)

## EDUCATION

### B.A in Journalism | University of Connecticut

Phi Beta Kappa — Liberal Arts & Sciences Honors Society

CT SPJ Excellence in Journalism Award — 1st Place, Business Division A (Large category)