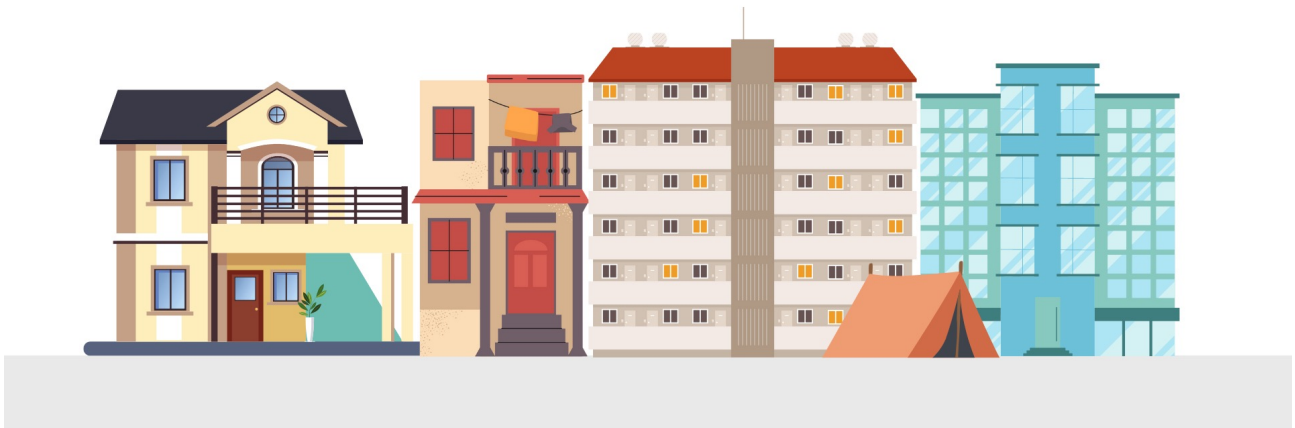


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As a boomer, spouse, grandmother, and former caregiver to parents and in-laws, she understands the issues she writes about. (Sally spent one month living in her mother's senior living community while her mother was in the hospital and rehab.)

This is her second Age Boom Academy fellowship; her first was 20 years ago. She has also received fellowships from the Gerontological Society of America and the Association of Health Care Journalists.

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He and a colleague broke the story surrounding a federal investigation of alleged commercial mortgage fraud at Rochester-based Morgan Communities, involving falsified loan documents for apartment projects in multiple states. He was also one of two reporters who worked on the paper's nationally award-winning four-part series, "The High Cost of Being Poor," and has received other statewide awards.

Prior to joining the *News* in January 2004, Jonathan spent six and a half years covering banking, credit cards, and insurance for *The News Journal* in Wilmington, DE. He began his career as a community banking reporter and deputy community banking editor for *The American Banker*, a daily trade newspaper, from July 1994 to August 1997.

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Her work appears in AARP.org, *USA Today*, Forbes.com, *Environments for Aging*, *Real Simple*, *Beautiful Kitchens & Baths*, *Realtor*, *This Old House*, *Professional Builder*, *Construction Dive*, Trulia, and Zillow, among other places.

Stacey also is co-author of [Hiking the Catskills](#) and has won a Neal Award for specialized journalism and several awards from the American Society of Business Publications Editors. She is a board member and the treasurer of the [American Society of Journalists and Authors](#).

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In 2012, she created [*The Broad Experience*](#), her podcast on women and the workplace, which was one of the first podcasts to take a lens to this topic. *The Guardian*, *Economist*, and *Financial Times* have all praised the show. Ashley produced and hosted the podcast alongside other podcast work for brands, nonprofits, and foundations, including [*Tight Knit*](#), an eight-part series on family caregivers. She has taught radio storytelling at Columbia Journalism School and podcasting at Stonybrook University.

In 2023, after a decade of work on *The Broad Experience*, Ashley retired the podcast and pivoted to focus on stories about older adults – a group that's always been a big part of her life. So far, her pieces have been featured on *Marketplace*, *NPR*, and *Next Avenue*.

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In 2022, she was selected for “AARP’s Living Longer: The New Age for Aging” journalism fellowship. That same year, she participated in the Journalists in Aging Fellows Program hosted by The Gerontological Society of America and the Journalists Network on Generations.

Annmarie spent a year at Harvard on a Nieman journalism fellowship studying the intersection of the legal system and mental illness. She has taught Journalism at the University of New Hampshire and writing at the Nackey S. Loeb School of Communications. Annmarie earned a degree in Journalism from the University of New Hampshire, has presented seminars on the Right-to-Know law, and is an officer in the New Hampshire Press Association.

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