

# **Marie Shanahan**

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Professor Shanahan is an expert in the intersection of journalism and digital communication technology, online news and digital discourse.

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## **Biography**

Professor Shanahan studies trends in digital discourse, online news commenting, social media, online reputation, news literacy and local news engagement. She has been a reporter, online producer and digital news editor for more than 20 years. As a journalism instructor, Shanahan helps students gain proficiency in digital news gathering and production. Her courses deliver a practical and theoretical foundation in interactive communications, multimedia reporting, online storytelling and data visualization. Shanahan's interest in the possibilities of interactive media led her away from an early career as a print newspaper reporter to the digital side of news. Her first academic book, "Journalism, Online Comments and the Future of Public Discourse," was published by Routledge in 2017. She also provides digital storytelling and audience engagement training to non-profit news organizations in Connecticut.

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## **Areas of Expertise**

News Literacy, Digital Discourse, Journalism, Local news, Media, Multimedia Reporting, Online Storytelling, Online Comments

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## **Education**

**Quinnipiac University**

M.S. Interactive Communications

**University of Connecticut**

B.A. Journalism and History

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