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Final report

On July 2017, I attended Summer Investigative Reporting Course at Columbia University. For me, the most useful and interesting lectures were the ones by Tracy Weber, Michael Forsythe, Steve Coll, Judith Matloff and Blake Morrison. I liked the way they used examples from their own work, and I got great pieces of practical advice.

The data lessons were sometimes too technical for me; I would've liked to hear more about how different tools can be linked with journalistic storytelling. However, it was useful to learn what kind of tools exist and what can be done with them.

Overall, I enjoyed my time at Columbia University. I learned new skills and made friends from other participants. Also, the course strengthened my belief in investigative journalism in general.