



Jesse Wright was born in Swaziland and grew up in South Africa. During his high school years, he witnessed the end of Apartheid and South Africa's transition to democracy.

Jesse moved to West Virginia in 1996 to attend West Virginia University, where he earned a bachelor's in journalism and met his wife, a West Virginia native, in the process.

He came to *West Virginia Public Broadcasting* from The *Dominion Post* newspaper in Morgantown, where he served as copy desk chief and worked on almost every aspect of the newspaper's editorial production.

Jesse leads the WVPB newsroom as news director and serves as executive producer of [Inside Appalachia](#). He helped start several internal and external editorial collaborations and projects,

including [Appalachia Health News](#), the [Ohio Valley ReSource](#) and [100 Days in Appalachia](#).

Jesse is interested in the effects of government policy on West Virginia citizens' lives.

Based in Morgantown, he has developed a great passion for West Virginia and its unique culture and history.

Jesse lives in the Cheat Lake area of Morgantown, with his wife and three sons.