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Jonathan Stacey Radford

Jonathan Stacey Radford is a multi-platform journalist and trained meteorologist who is passionate about connecting people to information while also providing inspiration that ultimately leads to audience engagement.

This summer, Jonathan will join the team of award-winning journalists at WAGA, FOX 5, in Atlanta – the nation’s seventh largest media market. While his primary duties will be in the station’s weather department, Jonathan plans to make a number of contributions beyond meteorology across many dayparts and platforms in the months and years to come.

Jonathan most recently served as weekday meteorologist, QC Morning co-host, and anchor for WBTV in Charlotte, North Carolina. During his two-year tenure in Charlotte, he earned a regional Emmy award for his on-air coverage of Hurricane Dorian, and an Associated Press award for his educational science series, J-Stace the Science Ace. He joined WBTV from WJXT in Jacksonville, Florida where he worked as a meteorologist and environmental reporter. Jonathan has also held on-air positions in Bowling Green, KY, Bristol, VA and Huntsville, AL. Jonathan was born in East Alabama and spent most of his childhood years in Middle and East Tennessee.

He's an honors graduate of Middle Tennessee State University where he completed his degree in electronic media communications. Jonathan also earned his theological studies graduate degree from Vanderbilt University. He also received additional training in meteorology at Mississippi State University. As an undergraduate, Jonathan was selected for and completed a fellowship with NBC News in New York City. He interned at WTVF-TV and WKRN-TV in Nashville. After graduation, Jonathan started his career as an associate producer at WSMV-TV. As a licensed Christian minister, Jonathan has honed his inspirational and intellectual thinking and speaking skills on pulpits and in congregations over the past decade. His passions for justice and liberation are the foundations of his biblical hermeneutics, and therefore inform his homiletics. Jonathan is a proud member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated, the National Association of Black Journalists, and National Weather Association. Jonathan attributes his professional, ministerial, and personal successes, first to the Divine, and secondly to his beloved parents. He is the son of the late Dr. Angela Radford Lewis.