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Ben Williams is the Editorial Director of New York magazine's Website, nymag.com, which he played a central role in relaunching in fall 2006. He has developed many new online features, including the Daily Intelligencer news blog, the Grub Street food blog, and up-to-the minute fashion and politics coverage. At nymag.com, Williams leads an expanding team of editors and continues to come up with new features and ideas for 2007. Before joining the Website in May 2006, he spent two years as senior editor of the twice ASME-nominated "Strategist" section of New York magazine. He was the lead editor during "Strategist" 's launch in 2004 and was responsible for weekly features such as "Look Book" and "Best Bets," in addition to special package issues like "Best of New York."

Prior to joining New York, Williams gained editorial experience at Slate from 2003 to 2004, when he wrote a column reviewing new books, movies, and music. In 1996, Williams became associate/managing editor of Citysearch New York and in 1999 was named the site's New York editor-in-chief. During that his time there, he managed a staff of fourteen and coordinated the "Best of the City" guide for the North Region that included about 3,000 reviews. Williams earned his M.A. in liberal studies with a concentration in journalism at NYU and his B.A. in English and American literature and philosophy at the University of Kent in Canterbury, England. His writing has been published in The Village Voice, Time Out New York, Artforum, Paper, and Urb, and he currently writes a pop music column for New York.