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## John Swansburg Leaves the New Yorker After Only 2 Months, Returns to Slate

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Early this morning, Slate editor-in-chief and chairman Jacob Weisberg [tweeted](#) that former colleague and culture editor John Swansburg was “back!” A *New Yorker* spokesman confirmed that Mr. Swansburg’s last day was Friday Oct. 28 and that he was returning to Slate—though we’re not sure as *what* yet. The *Observer* is still waiting to hear back from Mr. Weisberg, Mr. Swansburg, and Slate.

Before Slate lost Mr. Swansburg, the site laid off Jack Shafer, Timothy Noah, June Thomas, and Juliet Lapidus. But Mr. Swansburg escaped the layoffs, leaving voluntarily for [newyorker.com](#) where he became the site’s first online culture editor in September, [according to WWD](#). Mr. Swansburg had been with Slate since 2007, and it seems that, after four years, he couldn’t stand being anywhere else (even

the *New Yorker*).

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