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## EXPERIENCE

### **Freelance Reporter/Writer** Phoenix, Arizona – May 2017 to Present

Report and write articles and investigative pieces on crime, extremism, politics, immigration and other subjects for various outlets, including the *Phoenix New Times*, *Phoenix Magazine*, *Sierra Magazine*, *Jacobin* and others.

### **Editor/Reporter, *Front Page Confidential* (FPC)** Phoenix, Arizona – August 2017 to November 2023

Reported, wrote and published [FrontPageConfidential.com](http://FrontPageConfidential.com) (FPC), a site that provided news, commentary and historical perspectives on all matters related to free speech and the First Amendment, with an emphasis on the Lacey/Larkin case.

Maintained FPC's WordPress site. Built audiences and engaged with followers on Facebook and Twitter. Promoted site content across all platforms, including Mailchimp. Interacted with journalists writing about the case. Prepped individuals for interviews. Helped place news stories.

### **Investigative Reporter/Online Editor, Southern Poverty Law Center** Montgomery, Alabama – May 2017 to August 2017

Investigated and wrote long and short-form articles for the SPLC's HateWatch blog and its *Intelligence Report* magazine.

Edited HateWatch articles for publication and posted them using Drupal. Provided live coverage of events using Twitter and Periscope.

### **Columnist/Investigative Reporter, *Phoenix New Times*** Phoenix, Arizona – 2003 to 2017

Wrote a weekly political and news column for *Phoenix New Times*, part of the Voice Media Group chain of alternative weeklies.

Reported and wrote six feature-length cover stories per year on Arizona politics, local corruption, crime, immigration and social justice. Wrote 4-5 news items per week for the paper's website.

### **Major Awards**

- Society of Professional Journalists, New America Award
- Best of the West, Immigration and Minority Affairs Reporting
- Western Publishing Association, Maggie Award, Best Series
- Association of Alternative Newsweeklies, First Place, Individual Blog
- Arizona Press Club, First Place, Statewide Opinion Blog

### **Additional Bylines**

*Los Angeles Times*, *Salon.com*, *Entertainment Today*, *New Times L.A.*, *WYWS*, *LA Reader*

## SKILLS

- CMS programs, Constant Contact, social media, AP style, Chicago style, Mailchimp, TikTok, B2B Content
- MS Office: Word, PowerPoint, SharePoint
- Editing the work of others for publication
- Writing knowledgeably about many subjects, including art, politics, social movements, immigration and crime
- Researching public records
- Developing and interviewing sources

## EDUCATION

**University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**  
Bachelor of Arts in English, Phi Beta Kappa