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## ***PBS NewsHour Weekend | Investigative Digital Reporter***

N.Y., APRIL 2015 – PRESENT

Report enterprising articles on issues of social injustice often related to the prison system, religion or race. Spoke about the Electoral College system on a panel hosted by the Eric H. Holder Initiative for Civil and Political Rights at Columbia University in January after my voting rights coverage.

## ***WAM!NYC | Board member***

N.Y., JANUARY 2016 – PRESENT

New York board member of Women, Action and the Media!, a grassroots nonprofit that supports women in journalism with resources, an annual conference, panels and other events.

## ***Guardian, PRI's The World, Al Jazeera | Freelancer***

ASIA, N.Y., SEPTEMBER 2013 – AUGUST 2015

Published a long read for the Guardian on how unreliable brain scans of defendants influence juries deliberating about their death sentence, a multimedia on isolation in Delhi's biggest slum for PRI's The World and much more.

## ***Alaska Dispatch News | Arctic Fellow***

ANCHORAGE, JULY 2015 – OCTOBER 2015

Wrote about cultural and environmental Arctic issues, such as the federal government's inability to save polar bears or walruses from oil spills and the first native women to harpoon whales during the annual hunt.

## ***Indian Express | Senior Correspondent***

DELHI, DECEMBER 2012 – SEPTEMBER 2013

Leading environmental reporter for one of India's largest papers. Covered a national court on issues relating to pollution and public health, often exposing corrupt government officials.

## ***The Daily | SF Bay Area Correspondent***

OAKLAND, CALIF. AUGUST 2011 – AUGUST 2012

One of two staff reporters on the West Coast for News Corporation's now defunct iPad-exclusive app. Covered breaking news including Occupy Oakland and a shooting rampage.

## ***KQED Radio | News Intern***

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. AUGUST 2011 – JANUARY 2012

Produced cuts and scripts for breaking news stories that aired during hourly news segments on the Bay Area's NPR affiliate. Transcribed interviews and wrote for the news blog.

## ***San Francisco Examiner | Reporter***

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. AUGUST 2009 – AUGUST 2011

Worked a succession of beats including land-use, public resources, education and the environment, filing daily. Won John Swett award for media excellence by revealing SF school district lost millions of dollars in federal reimbursements because parents were not completing free lunch applications.

## ***Bay City News | Reporter***

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. AUGUST 2007 – AUGUST 2009

Wrote up to seven stories a day for this news wire service that covers the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area. Listened to police scanners, monitored court hearings and made beat calls to law enforcement agencies. Also edited and managed the newsroom during the swing shift.

## **EDUCATION** -----

***Columbia University, Master of Arts, Journalism, Science Concentration*** Degree in May 2015. C.V. Starr, Robert Wood Johnson scholarships. Classes on data, investigative journalism, photography, science in courts, neuroscience, bioethics.

***Deutshce Welle Akadamie*** Two week climate change training fellowship in Chennai, July 2013.

***San Francisco State University, Bachelor of Science in Journalism*** Degree in May 2007. Wrote for and edited the school newspaper, the Golden Gate Xpress.