

Kamala Kelkar | Journalist

3033 Ruth St. #1B • Philadelphia, PA • 19134 • (213) 444 8551

kamalakelkar@gmail.com • www.kamalakelkar.com • www.twitter.com/kkelkar • www.linkedin.com/in/kkelkar

Spotlight PA | Co-deputy editor

P.A., OCTOBER 2020 – PRESENT

Co-managed team of 10 reporters through 2020 presidential election, configuring internal production setup, defining accountability journalism.

PBS NewsHour Weekend | Head of digital + Investigative reporter

N.Y., APRIL 2015 – AUGUST 2019

Ran digital for one year, reported on injustices often within the prison system, religion, race, public health and more for two years. Spoke on Eric H. Holder Initiative for Civil and Political Rights panel regarding the Electoral College system. Named ‘influencer’ by the Vera Institute.

WAM!NYC | Board member

N.Y., JANUARY 2016 – JANUARY 2018

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

Work included a long read for the Guardian on neurologists using unreliable brain scans to testify in capital cases about a defendant’s morality, an interactive on isolation in Delhi’s biggest slum for PRI and more.

Alaska Dispatch News | Arctic Fellow

ANCHORAGE, JULY 2015 – OCTOBER 2015

Wrote about cultural and environmental arctic issues, such as lack of federal save polar bears or walrus 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, 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, 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, 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 for education reporting.

Bay City News | Reporter

SAN FRANCISCO, 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 AND FELLOWSHIPS -----

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.

John Jay/Guggenheim Justice Fellow sponsored for a two-day symposium in New York in 2018.

Education Writer’s Association sponsored to attend two-day conference in Georgia in 2018.

Deutsche Welle Akademie two-week climate change training fellowship in Chennai in July 2013.

San Francisco State University, Bachelor of Science in Journalism degree in May 2007.