

KRISTEN HWANG

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KEY SKILLS

Technical

- Data analysis and statistics using R, SAS, Excel, ArcGIS online and Pro, and QGIS
- Data visualization using Adobe Illustrator and InDesign
- Video production and editing using Adobe PremierePro, AfterEffects and Audition

Equipment

- Proficient using Cannon and Nikon DSLRs, Sony x70, and Cannon C100

EDUCATION

UC Berkeley | expected 2021

Master's of Public Health,
Environmental Health Science

Master's of Journalism, Documentary
Film

Arizona State University | 2015

summa cum laude

BA Journalism, Print

BA Earth and Environmental Science

AWARDS

Edward R. Murrow | 2017

Online news documentary

California Newspaper Publishers Association | 2015 & 2016

Two first place education and one
second place investigative award

Arizona Press Club | 2015

First place community government,
second place environmental science

Rocky Mountain Emmy | 2015

Student Emmy for public service
documentary

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Reporter | New York Times - UC Berkeley Covid-19 project | March - May 2020

- Collected and analyzed testing, case, and fatality data for the New York Times-UC Berkeley statewide reporting initiative on Covid-19's impact in California communities
- Reported on California's failure to initiate adequate testing, long-term impacts on the state's health care delivery and the vaccine arms race

Freelance Reporter (print & video) | August 2018 - present | Bay Area

- Health and environment reporter for the Bay Area writing about childhood lead paint toxicity, air quality, and Asian American Pacific Islander health disparities
- Produced videos on the long-term health impacts of the Camp Fire, the environmental impact of marijuana cultivation, flooding in Sonoma County, and air quality in the East Bay
- Published in CalMatters, East Bay Times, KCRB (PBS), Oakland North and Richmond Confidential

Graduate Student Researcher | Office of Environmental Health Hazard

Assessment | April 2019 - present

- Research link between fracking, groundwater contamination and environmental justice in the San Joaquin Valley
- Analyzed water quality of community water systems for the statewide CalEnviroScreen tool with a focus on lead contamination using a combination of R, SAS, QGIS and ArcGIS Pro
- Developed criteria for contaminant selection in the CalEnviroScreen water quality indicator based on chemical toxicity, distribution and health effects
- Produced explanatory videos for the Proposition 65 implementation team

Education Reporter (multimedia) | 2015 - 2017 | The Desert Sun

- Produced daily and long form content related to early childhood, K12, and higher education
- Authored award-winning stories on increasing rates of teen suicide, teacher turnover, the impact of parent deportation on child mental health, technology in the classroom and school nutrition standards
- Directed and produced an online documentary on Proposition 47 and criminal justice reform in California, which won an Edward R. Murrow for online news documentary
- integrated traditional print reporting with data visualization, photography and documentary film to maximize story impact and engagement

Congressional Reporter | 2015 | Cronkite News, Arizona State University

- Reported on federal policies impacting Arizona including immigration, water, tribal rights, and same-sex marriage
- Interviewed congressional leaders, researchers and federal workers to produce daily news articles for Arizona's only Capitol wire service
- Traveled between Arizona and Washington, D.C. to produce a multimedia package on the decades-long delay of federally mandated repatriation of sacred Native American objects and remains

Reynolds Fellow | 2014 | News 21

- Investigated gun rights and gun control in America for national print and video publications including USA TODAY and NBC
- Compiled a first-ever database of state gun laws, including where and when gun owners could conceal carry weapons
- Authored and produced a long form narrative and video analyzing the success of California's gun control laws as a model for other states; reported on the Isla Vista shooting of 2014

Dow Jones News Fund Fellow | 2013 | The Huntsville Times

- Participated in the DJNF multimedia training bootcamp at Arizona State University
- Covered breaking news, criminal justice, education, science, and business as a general assignment reporter