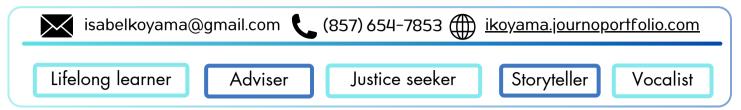


Isabel "Izzy" Koyama, M.A.



EDUCATION

- > Master of Arts, Investigative Journalism | Walter Cronkite School of Journalism & Mass Communication
 - Roy W. Howard Fellowship
- Graduated Dec. 2021
- Cumulative GPA: 3.5

- > Bachelor of Arts, Anthropology | Bates College
 - Graduated Magna Cum Laude with Honors | Minors: Asian Studies, Music
 - Junior Study Abroad Programs: Wheaton College in Bhutan; Bates College in Jamaica
- > Languages: Conversational in Bahasa Indonesia/Malay | Beginner in Japanese

WORK EXPERIENCE

College & Career Coordinator | 12 Plus | Philadelphia, PA

Since July 2024

- Provide CCR counseling to students and track their progress qualitatively using AirTable
- Train and mentor new cohort of Fellows in college/career advising methods and content
- Interface with site team and school staff in planning and executing CCR field trips, events and programs
- Run the PLUS Center whenever site supervisor is out or away

▶ 12 Plus Fellow
Aug. 2023 - June 2024

- Advised more than 200 students at all grade levels on college and career resources/opportunities
- Instilled academic culture by planning, publicizing and leading workshops, field trips, and school events
- Helped seniors meet graduation requirements, apply to postsecondary programs, & obtain financial aid

> Mentor Leader | Pizza Brain Restaurant | Philadelphia, PA

Sept. 2022 - June 2023

- Trained new team members in pizza-making, food prep., cash-handling and opening/closing duties
- Worked up to 11-hour shifts making pizzas to order for restaurant guests
- Acted as a sounding board for fellow employees, raising their ideas and concerns to management

Community Storytelling Reporter | The Burlington County Times | Cherry Hill, NJ

May - Sept. 2022

- Covered local labor and social issues, community events, state laws and commercial development
- Expanded publication's coverage to historically under-reported counties and townships in South Jersey
- Wrote between 1-4 articles per week, both short- and longform, often balancing multiple stories at a time
- Requested public records from state and national sources to corroborate reporting
- Interviewed a wide range of sources, from certified experts to strangers in parking lots

> **Graduate Writing Tutor** | Arizona State University | Remote

Feb - Aug. 2021

- Led structured conversations with graduate and PhD students about how to improve their writing
- Gave constructive feedback to students at all stages of the writing process, for a variety of academic topics

- May Aug. 2021
- Wrote for a local and national digital audience on business, economy, retail development and breaking news
- Collaborated with associated regional papers on a statewide story on summer tourism and worker shortages
- Reported independently on Wisconsin's red hot housing market driving prospective buyers to waive home inspections in the interest of outbidding competitors; a gamble that could cause unwanted, expensive surprises down the line.
- **Education (TEFL) Volunteer** US Peace Corps | West Java, Indonesia

March 2017 - May 2019

- Co-taught English with local teachers at SMAN9 Garut, a public high school in rural West Java, for two years.
- Designed and implemented educational projects like a school-wide English club, a world map mural, pen pal exchanges, conversational workshops and regional "English competitions."
- Led and participated in intersectional workshops on gender, race, and student-centered teaching methods at regional conferences for Peace Corps Volunteers and site partners.
- Staff Coordinator | World Fellowship Center | Chatham, NH

Summer 2016

- Managed onboarding, housing, and work schedules for a summer staff of 35-40 people
- Facilitated weekly all-staff meetings, 1-on-1 staff check-ins and manager meetings
- Planned staff culture events and community-building activities like a trip to the local Drive-in, a secret-Santa style gift exchange, staff photos and inclusive games.

FREELANCE, VOLUNTEER, & CREATIVE WORK

> Member, Justice & Belonging Committee | World Fellowship Center | Remote

Since Oct 2023

- Work to make the World Fellowship Center more welcoming and inclusive to people of diverse experiences
- Help with outreach and soliciting perspectives from current and past staff/volunteers
- Musicianship | Singer with relative pitch, an Alto range, and proficiency in keys, guitar, and the cello
 - Experienced singing for hire in studios, at weddings and funerals.
 - Managed the Pioneer Valley Symphony Youth Orchestra in Greenfield, MA for one year (2019–2020)
 - Choral: Participated in choirs like Unitus Ensemble (since 2021), Philharmonia (2022), and The Boston Children's Chorus (2003–2012)
 - Sang in A Capella groups, solo & duet performances, and Jazz Ensembles
 - Directed *Shrek the Musical* at Bates College in 2016, and accompanied Sarah Ruhl's *Melancholy Play* on solo cello with original compositions in 2015.
 - Performed weekly for guests at the Oceanic Hotel on Star Island during the summer of 2015