

Susanna Granieri

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Education

Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, New York, N.Y.

May 2022

Master of Science, focused on investigative and data reporting. *Master's thesis*: Examined AI analysis of prison phone calls and its impact on constitutional privacy, family relationships and algorithmic bias.

- Reported on crisis pregnancy centers' collaboration with the Archdiocese of New York. Built a Python-based heat map analyzing NYC school bus delays using public data. Covered bail reform issues in St. Louis and impacts on pretrial detention. Investigated Russian anti-propaganda networks using APIs and Telegram bots. Received academic honors in Reporting and Information Warfare Reporting courses.

State University of New York, New Paltz, N.Y.

May 2021

Bachelor of Arts, a dual degree in journalism and digital media production. *Magna Cum Laude, Dean's list 2018-2021*

- Capstone project: a long-form article and documentary on the use of solitary confinement in New York state prisons. Worked 40-60 hours per week while maintaining a full academic course load.

Experience

Senior Staff Writer, *First Amendment Watch*, New York, N.Y.

Aug. 2022 – Present

Produces original reporting covering legal disputes involving academic freedom, defamation, protest and social media, among other things. Co-founder and lead researcher of [The SLAPP Back Initiative](#), a first-of-its-kind database tracking alleged strategic lawsuits against public participation filed across the country. Official grantee of the Pulitzer Center and speaker at the Investigative Reporters and Editors NICAR 2026 conference.

Editorial Administrative Assistant, *Religion News Service*, (Part-Time), Remote

Oct. 2024 – Present

Assists the executive management team with organizing meetings, managing internal data spreadsheets and running the organization's fellowship program 20 hours per week. Handles the publishing of wire content, journalism award applications and other nonprofit business needs.

Contributing Writer, *Delaware Currents*, Remote

June 2023 – Nov. 2025

Produced in-depth data-driven investigations for the digital environmental publication focused on the Delaware River. Completed a [data-driven story](#) analyzing the impacts of climate change on the potential of chemical spills. Spent a year analyzing an exclusive U.S. Coast Guard database on where large vessels lose power, propulsion or steering on the Delaware River and produced [a special report](#) on findings.

Immersive Fellow, *Mississippi Center for Investigative Reporting*, Remote

June 2022 – Aug. 2022

Completed a 3,000-word data-driven investigation into faulty forensic science and its impact on death row convictions in Mississippi and nationally.

Being Patient, Remote

2020 – 2021

- *Contributing Writer (Jan. - Aug. 2021)*: Wrote 1-2 stories per week exploring scientific studies and notable newsworthy topics focusing on Alzheimer's, dementia and brain health. Notably kickstarted a "[Diversity and Dementia](#)" series, focusing on people of color and underrepresented groups in the Alzheimer's community.
- *Editorial & Video Intern (May – Aug. 2020)*: Wrote 2-3 stories per week, created graphics for social media channels and edited short, informative YouTube videos. Spent the summer reporting on [wandering adults living with Alzheimer's](#) and their families.

The New Paltz Oracle, New Paltz, N.Y.

2019-2021

- *Managing Editor (Aug. 2020 – May 2021)*: Moved toward the administrative side of the paper and wrote one story per week. Maintained a Slack channel, assigned articles, finalized each article for publication, and implemented the use of SEO data into WordPress, almost tripling readership during the pandemic.
- *Sports Editor (Aug. 2019 – May 2020)*: Wrote 2-3 articles per week on a range of Division III sports and would assign other articles to two copy editors. Designed the section using Adobe InDesign.
- *Arts & Entertainment Copy Editor (Jan. 2019 – May 2019)*: Reported 2-3 stories per week and edited 15-20 stories per week.

Assistant Editor, *The Legislative Gazette*, Albany, N.Y.

Sept. - Dec. 2020

Wrote 5-7 articles a week on politics, policy and legislation in New York state. Notably reported on a Black Lives Matter event in the Hudson Valley, the policy goals of the Muslim community in a post-Trump America, and COVID-19's impact on New York state prisons. Edited and published peer articles and designed a staff page for over 20 students.

Skills: Python 3, FOIA, PACER, Court Records, Excel, Visual Verification, AP Style || **Membership:** *Society of Environmental Journalists* (William Penn Foundation Fellow, April 2024); *Investigative Reporters and Editors* (Mike Levine Journalism Education Fund Fellow, June 2025; NICAR speaker, March 2026); *Religion News Association*