



AUSTIN FAST

AUDIO JOURNALIST

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Phoenix, Arizona

QUALIFICATIONS

Accomplished reporter with a decade of experience telling stories in radio, television, digital and print, looking to combine his skills in data analysis, investigative journalism and audio storytelling to create a better-informed community.

Returned Peace Corps Volunteer who learns quickly, works well solo or with a team and perseveres under pressure.

Additional skills include:

- R/Excel
- Adobe Creative Cloud
- Final Cut Pro/iMovie
- Audacity/Hindenburg
- Core Publisher/HTML
- AP Style

PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE

DATA ANALYSIS & INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING

- Used R to join disparate datasets and calculate a vulnerability index as principal data reporter for the Howard Center's nationally published investigation into COVID-19's effect on the homeless.
- Wrote investigative reports and applied strong attention to detail to edit and fact check articles as the Dow Jones News Fund copy editor at the Center for Investigative Reporting.
- Collaborated with reporters and photographers to cover breaking news and integrate multimedia from TV broadcasts for WCPO.com.
- Introduced innovative social media strategies to increase WCPO-TV's online presence and maximize audience engagement.
- Led a 40-member team as editor-in-chief of Miami University's student newspaper after three years as a beat reporter.
- Won three grants to launch high school and college journalism clubs as a Peace Corps Volunteer in eastern Europe.

AUDIO REPORTING & ON-AIR HOSTING

- Hosted, reported and produced the weekly *Coronavirus in Florida* podcast and produced the weekly *WriteLane* podcast for The Tampa Bay Times. Organized and led newsroom trainings to build audio reporting skills among print journalists.
- Produced breaking news and features as fisheries beat reporter at KDLG Public Radio in Dillingham, Alaska. Hosted and produced a daily radio show on the world's largest wild salmon fishery.
- Reported on Arizona's changing politics for Crooked Media's podcast *The Wilderness*, hosted by Jon Favreau.
- Founded and hosted WCPO Lounge Acts, a live video podcast featuring in-studio performances and interviews with musical artists.
- Won Cincinnati SPJ's Best Health/Medical Story (2018) for audio feature tackling stigma surrounding HIV and homosexuality in the city's African American community, reported for WCPO-TV.

EDUCATION

ARIZONA STATE UNIV.
MA: INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM
(DECEMBER 2020)

MIAMI UNIVERSITY (2010)
BA: JOURNALISM
BA: INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
Summa cum laude
Minor in Italian Studies

TRANSOM AUDIO STORY
WORKSHOP (2019)

CAREER TIMELINE

