

## AUSTIN FAST

## **AUDIO JOURNALIST**

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# **EDUCATION**

ARIZONA STATE (2020) MA: INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM **Outstanding Graduate Student** 

MIAMI UNIVERSITY (2010)

**BA: JOURNALISM** 

**BA: INTERNATIONAL STUDIES** 

Summa cum laude Minor in Italian Studies

TRANSOM AUDIO STORY WORKSHOP (2019)

# QUALIFICATIONS

Accomplished reporter with 15 years of experience telling stories in radio, television, digital and print, looking 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/Python/Excel
- · Adobe Creative Cloud · Final Cut Pro/iMovie
- Audacity/Hindenburg
  HTML/various
  CMS
  AP Style

# PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE

#### DATA ANALYSIS & INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING

- · Pitched and reported data-driven investigations for NPR. partnering with national and regional correspondents to emphasize national news' impact upon local audiences.
- ·Used R and Python to clean and analyze data sets obtained through web scraping, APIs and public records requests at NPR.
- ·Conceptualized and calculated 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.
- · Led a 40-member team as editor-in-chief of Miami University's student newspaper after three years as a beat reporter.

#### AUDIO REPORTING & ON-AIR HOSTING

- Pitched and reported local and state news at KJZZ in Phoenix.
- •Reported and produced Three Little Words, a five-part Tampa Bay Times podcast on a Florida family's secret struggle with HIV.
- ·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.
- · Reported breaking news and features as fisheries beat reporter at KDLG Public Radio in Alaska. Hosted and produced a daily radio show on the world's largest wild salmon fishery.
- ·Won Cincinnati SPJ's Best Health/Medical Story (2018) with a radio piece exploring the stigma of HIV and homosexuality in the city's African-American community.

## CAREER TIMELINE

## FEATURES REPORTER

KosovaLive360 Pristina, Kosovo Summer 2009

### COPY EDITOR: Center for Investigative Reporting Berkeley, California

Summer 2010







## KDLG Public Radio Tampa Bay Times KJZZ Public Radio

Dillingham, Alaska St. Petersburg, Fla. Phoenix, Arizona 2018

#### FISHERIES REPORTER AUDIO PRODUCER

Summer 2020

REPORTER

2020-2021

#### REPORTER/PRODUCER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

WMUB Public Radio The Miami Student Oxford, Ohio Oxford, Ohio 2008-2009 2007-2010



Skopje, Macedonia 2010-2015



**WEB EDITOR** WCPO-TV Cincinnati, Ohio 2016-2018

### FACILITIES MANAGER 🔁 Kroger Digital HQ Cincinnati, Ohio

2018-2019



