

# Kendra Hurley

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## EXPERIENCE

**Senior Fellow**, 2019 – present

**Senior Editor**, 2013 – 2019

**Associate Editor**, 2008 – 2013

*Center for New York City Affairs at the New School, New York, N.Y.*

Promote groundbreaking work, inspire reform, and deepen public understanding through feature and news stories, reports, editorials, and public forums that illuminate how public policy impacts low-income children and families in New York City. Reporting has generated significant press coverage and led to City Council hearings, government taskforces, and major policy reforms in areas including subsidized child care, homeless services, and child welfare.

**Freelance Writer/Editor/Teacher**, 1997 – present

Contribute to publications including The New York Times, O The Oprah Magazine, USA Today, The Daily News, WNYC's SchoolBook, Chalkbeat, and MotherJones.com. Developed and edited "Do You Have What It Takes?: A Comprehensive Guide to Success After Foster Care," a collection of essays by former foster youth with lesson plans to be used by foster care agencies working with foster youth. Coached and taught writers at Gotham Writer's Workshop, Pratt Institute, and Choate Rosemary Hall's summer writing program.

**Editor-in-Chief**, 2004 – 2006

*Youth Media Reporter (YMR), project of the Open Society Institute, New York, N.Y.*

Launched and ran online journal covering youth media field for educators. Under my leadership, journal picked as one of top 10 websites for educators by What Kids Can Do.

**Co-editor, Represent magazine**, 1999 – 2004

**Associate Editor, Represent magazine**, 1998

*Youth Communication, nonprofit publisher of teen-written magazines, New York, N.Y.*

Co-edited award-winning magazine written by and for teens in foster care and coached teen writers whose stories re-appeared in numerous publications. Oversaw media campaigns to address misrepresentation and underrepresentation of teens in news. Special issue by teens once stigmatized as "crack babies" resulted in spot on National Public Radio; Associated Press article appearing in over 50 newspapers; Daily News commentary; New York Times letter to the editor; Newsday op-ed; and Columbia Journalism Review article detailing issue's impact on the media's use of the term.

## EDUCATION

**Columbia University**, New York, N.Y.

M.F.A., Nonfiction Writing, 1999.

**Wesleyan University**, Middletown, Conn.

B.A. (with highest honors), English Literature, 1993. National Merit Scholarship.

## **HONORS**

**City Limits**, “40 Years, 40 Stories,” story on teen adoption in greatest hits retrospective – 2016

**Association for Educational Publishers**, Finalist for “how-to” on coaching young writers – 2006

**Casey Medals for Meritorious Journalism**, Honorable Mention for reporting on teen adoption – 2005

**PASEsetter Award** recognizing notable NYC after school workers – 2004

Awards for teen-written magazine issues and articles I co-developed:

**Independent Press Association**, Honorable Mention, Best Feature for article on homelessness – 2006

**Association of Educational Publishers**, Finalist for best overall young adult publication – 2005, 2001; Judges’ Award for overall excellence (competition included adult-written publications from Scholastic, National Geographic, and The New York Times) – 2004; Finalist, Golden Lamp Award – 2005

**National Mental Health Association**, Best Mental Health Coverage, national magazines with circ. under 1,000,000 – 2005

**Casey Journalism Center Fellow** — 2002

**Hertog Research Fellow**, Columbia University – 1998

**Writing Division Fellow**, Columbia University – 1997

## **VOLUNTEER**

Provide research, data analysis, writing, and advocacy to help reduce court cases and evictions in 1,200-unit Brooklyn housing cooperative.