

Julia Métraux

Disability Reporter

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Reporter passionate about highlighting the experiences of disabled and chronically ill people through news stories and features

Employment

Disability Reporter, *Mother Jones* August 2024–Present

- Reports news stories and features about topics that impact disabled and chronically ill people, particularly as they intersect with politics and the environment

Editorial Fellow, *Mother Jones* June 2023–July 2024

- Fact-checked stories for Mother Jones magazine and helped manage the cross-publication Climate Desk partnership
- Built up disability beat reporting at Mother Jones, which led to promotion to senior fellow in June 2024

Freelance Reporter, *Independent* May 2020–July 2024

- Pitched and reported stories for Business Insider, Everyday Health, Poynter, California Health Report, Stat News, JSTOR Daily, Verywell Health, Allure, and other publications

News Reporter, *Contra Costa Pulse* September 2021–May 2023

- Covered and wrote recap articles covering biweekly city council and school board meetings
 - Engaged in conversations with editors on best practices to continue covering public health issues
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Education

Master of Journalism, *University of California, Berkeley* August 2021–May 2023

- Recipient of Berkeley Journalism Fellowship and NBCUniversal Tony Coehlo Media Scholarship
- Founder of an affinity group for disabled journalists

Bachelor of Arts in Global Studies, *The New School* August 2018–May 2020

- Member of Tau Sigma National Honor Society, a transfer honor society
 - Completed internships for and was then hired for work at Narratively and The Mighty
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Reporting Fellowships

Journalists in Aging Fellow, *Gerontological Society of America and the Journalists Network on Generations* September 2025–May 2026

- Selected for a fellowship to attend the annual GSA meeting as well as report on an article on aging volunteering, as well as a project on aging with complex disabilities and chronic illnesses.

Health Fellow, *Journalism and Women Symposium* January 2025–August 2025

- Selected for a reporting fellowship to report two articles on the intersection of reproductive health and disability: one on forced sterilization and another on how disabled pregnant people are treated

HEAL Fellow, *Solutions Journalism Network* October 2023–October 2024

- Selected for a year-long fellowship to cover how online communities can be vital for young chronically ill and disabled people's mental health
- Published three articles on this subject, as well as [creating a guide](#) on how other journalists can report on this topic

Covering Rare Diseases Fellow, *National Press Foundation*

November 2023–February 2024

- Participated in a week-long virtual training, and reported two stories for Mother Jones on loopholes in orphan drug policy and funding for sickle cell care in California