

Susanna Granieri

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Education

Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, New York

May 2022

Master of Science, focus on investigative and data reporting. *Master's thesis:* the use of AI technology on prison phone call recordings and its impact on constitutional privacy rights, familial relationships, and coded biases.

- Covered crisis pregnancy centers' close collaboration with the Archdiocese of New York. Earned academic honors in Reporting. Implemented investigative techniques and reporting strategies regarding school bus delays in NYC and coded a heat map using Python 3. Reported on bail issues in St. Louis City, Missouri and its impact on pretrial detention. Wrote about anti-propagandists who use online programs and Telegram bots to curb disinformation in Russia surrounding the war in Ukraine. Used API processes to complete the project. Received academic honors in Information Warfare Reporting.

University of New York, New Paltz

May 2021

Bachelor of Arts 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.

Journalism Experience

Reporter/Researcher, First Amendment Watch, New York, N.Y., Aug. 2022 - Present

Reports 2-3 pieces per week for the publication at the NYU Arthur L. Carter Journalism Institute. Articles include lawsuits regarding academic freedom, conspiracy theorist Alex Jones and social media censorship, among others.

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](#), incorporating police protocol and substantial caveats.

Contributing Writer, The Southern Ulster Times, Highland/Plattekill, N.Y., Dec. 2019 – May 2021

Designated Highland High School sports reporter pre-pandemic, writing 2-5 stories per week covering boys' and girls' sports. Shifted to pandemic coverage in March 2020 and reported on canceled sports, supermarket COVID protocols and gym reopenings in the Mid-Hudson region. Went on to cover weekly board meetings for the Town of Plattekill.

The New Paltz Oracle, New York, 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, compiled 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 — field hockey, baseball, softball, basketball, volleyball, to name a few — and would assign other articles to two copy editors, while also designing the section using Adobe InDesign.
- *Arts & Entertainment Copy Editor (Jan. 2019 – May 2019):* Reported 2-3 stories per week and copy 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-19s impact on New York state prisons. Edited and published peer articles and designed a staff page for over 20 students.

Skills: FOIA, NYC databases, Python 3, Excel, QGIS

References

- Nushin Rashidian, Adjunct Faculty, Columbia Journalism School, nr2343@columbia.edu, (347) 687-3841
- Michael Keller, Adjunct Faculty, Columbia Journalism School, mhkeller@nytimes.com, (212) 556-7148
- Sally Stapleton, Managing Editor, First Amendment Watch, ses9694@nyu.edu, (646) 246-7370