




# NINA IGNACZAK


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## AWARDS & RECOGNITION

### Detroit Society of Professional Journalists

- Health Reporting
- Environmental Reporting
- Collaborative Reporting
- Engagement Driven Coverage
- Videography
- Feature Writing

**Michigan League of Conservation Voters 2022 Honoree**

**Finalist, Local Independent Online News (LION) Publishers**

## ABOUT

Nina Ignaczak is an award-winning Detroit-based journalist, media entrepreneur, and documentary filmmaker.

She is the founder, publisher, and editor of Planet Detroit, a digital media startup telling Detroit's environmental stories while building a community of engaged readers who are informed and empowered to take action.

As a freelance journalist, she has contributed to the Detroit Free Press, Bridge Michigan, Outlier Media, BridgeDetroit, Huffington Post, Crains Detroit Business, Model D, Business Insider, Detour Detroit, and Belt Magazine, among others.

Before her journalism career, she worked in urban planning in local government and nonprofit sectors. Nina has a Master of Science in Natural Resource Ecology and a Bachelor of Science in Biology from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

## EXPERIENCE

### **PLANET DETROIT** **2019- current** **FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE EDITOR**

I bootstrapped the launch of Planet Detroit, an award-winning local nonprofit newsroom focused on environmental and public health reporting that centers the voices of marginalized communities.

➤ **EDITORIAL DIRECTOR** **2016-2019**  
**Issue Media Group**

➤ **DIGITAL EDITOR** **2014-2015**  
**WDET, 101.9 FM (Detroit's NPR Station)**

➤ **ASSOCIATE EDITOR** **2013-2014**  
**Seedstock**

➤ **ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER** **1999-2013**  
**Oakland County, Michigan**

## AFFILIATIONS

Poynter Leadership Academy for Women in Media

MEMBER, Society of Environmental Journalists

MEMBER, Local Independent Online News Publishers

MEMBER, Institute for Nonprofit News