

SARAH WHITES-KODITSCHEK

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- An experienced radio journalist who has created and edited content in markets including Philadelphia, Portland (OR), Los Angeles, Little Rock, and Washington, D.C.
- A bilingual newswriter with a demonstrable commitment to a diversity of voices in public-interest journalism
- Graduate and Post-graduate studies in American history, culture, and politics, providing a broad contextual understanding for editing radio stories relating to criminal justice, healthcare, and education in Arkansas
- A proven track record for collaborative editing and mentorship and an ability to strategize coverage and implement strong news standards in radio
- Recipient of a Regional Edward R. Murrow award (2017) and a first place national-level Feature Reporting Award from industry group Public Radio News Directors, Incorporated (2016) and numerous first place awards from the Associated Press for feature reporting, newscast, and breaking news

RADIO JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

Arkansas Public Media, Little Rock, Arkansas

Reporter, 2016 to present

- Report features from around the state on criminal justice, healthcare, education, and politics
- Cover the 2017 Arkansas legislative session
- File pieces for American Public Media's *Marketplace*, National Public Radio, and the British Broadcasting Corporation
- Initiated and co-designed Arkansas Public Media, a regional journalism center funded by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting

KUAR Public Radio, Little Rock, Arkansas

Morning Edition Host and Reporter, 2014 to 2016

- Reported on criminal justice, education, poverty, and politics in Arkansas
- Hosted *Morning Edition*, conduct interviews with experts for air
- Edited stories for air on *Morning Edition*, completed daily website updates, responsible for newsroom planning, story assignments, editing, and mentorship of part-time staff
- Implemented tools for newsroom planning including a visual story-ranking system to plan coverage for local newscasts, initiated a university-funded diversity fellowship

WHYY Public Radio, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Health and Science Reporter, Philadelphia, PA, 2013-2014

- Reported on health and science issues including Affordable Care Act, police-involved shootings, medical marijuana, overdose prevention, and maternity care

Per Diem/Freelance Reporter, Philadelphia, PA, 2011-2012

- Reported radio features for air on WHYY's *Newsworks Tonight* on topics such as gun violence, unemployed college graduates, and innovation in manufacturing
- Reported short stories for daily newscasts

Production Assistant, Philadelphia, PA, 2008-2010

- Researched and pitched comprehensive list of daily news stories
- Conducted interviews, reported on local events, edited stories, archived audio

National Public Radio, Washington, D.C.

Production/Editorial Assistant, Washington, D.C., 2008

- Produced segments, wrote interview scripts, booked guests and studios, pitched story ideas, performed research, sent *Morning Edition* update messages to member stations

Morning Edition Intern, Culver City, CA, 2008

- Performed research and transcriptions for hosts, booked studios, participated in editorial meetings at *Morning Edition*, *Day to Day*, and *News and Notes*

EDUCATION

Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, New York, NY

M.S. in Investigative Journalism, Stabile Investigative Program

Smith College, Northampton, MA

B.A., Major: American Studies, Minor: Spanish

University of Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain (2006, Study Year Abroad)

SUPPORTING EXPERIENCE

Society of Professional Journalists (Arkansas Chapter) • FOI Committee Chair

- Initiated a statewide review of FOI practices
- Organized a public panel on campaign finance reform

C.D. Wright Women Writers Conference, University of Central Arkansas • Board Member

Investigative Reporters and Editors (IRE) • Member, Workshop Attendee

- IRE Data Bootcamp, Columbia, MO, 2017
- IRE Watchdog Workshop, Tulsa, OK, 2017

Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. • Coordinating Producer

- *Recovering Voices* Radio Project, Washington, D.C., 2011-2013
- Helped write proposal for National Endowment for the Humanities funding

National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association • Member

SKILLS

Near-fluent in Spanish

Multimedia: ProTools Software, Hindenburg Journalist, Dalet Digital Media Systems, Sony Sound Forge, Microsoft Office Suite (Word, PowerPoint, Excel), Google Document, Google Spreadsheet

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Lead grant writer on regional journalism center for Corporation for Public Broadcasting grant, 2015; The Nation Institute Investigative Fund grant recipient, 2015; Leeway foundation, Art and Change Grant, 2012; Asian Arts Initiative, Social Practice Lab, 2012; Fulbright Fellowship, Finalist, 2008