

Katie Watkins

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REPORTING

Houston Public Media | *Environmental Reporter* | Houston, Texas | March 2020 – November 2023

- Reported original news stories and in-depth features for radio and web on environmental issues, including climate change, environmental injustice, renewable energy and breaking news
- Contributed to statewide and national environmental coverage by pitching and reporting stories for NPR, Marketplace, Science Friday and Here & Now
- Spoke as an environmental expert on local, state and national radio programs, podcasts and panels
- Reported and produced long-term enterprise projects, including Fire Triangle, an award-winning investigative podcast on chemical disasters in Texas

Digital News Producer | October 2018 - March 2020

- Reported and edited stories for the website and managed the production of digital elements such as illustrations, interactive maps, the daily newsletter and native social videos
- Provided trainings to staff on digital best practices
- Shared news content on social media and developed social strategy

Freelance Writer | January 2017 – October 2018

- Pitched and wrote science, environmental, culture and travel stories for various publications, including National Geographic, U.S. News & World Report, UPI, Planet Forward, WBEZ and Afar

Monocle | *Resident Journalist* | London, UK | September 2017 – December 2017

- Researched content and booked guests for daily radio news shows and podcasts
- Fact-checked articles for the magazine and travel guidebook series
- Reported original stories for the magazine, winter newspapers and guidebooks

ArchDaily | *Editor, Social Media & News Content* | Santiago, Chile | June 2014 – June 2016

- Developed growth strategy and managed Facebook (~1.5 million fans) and Twitter accounts (280k followers)
- Wrote articles on architecture and design (3-4 per week), managed news interns and edited stories
- Translated content from sister sites (Portuguese/Spanish to English)

Business News Americas | *Reporter* | Santiago, Chile | August 2012 – June 2014

- Wrote 5-7 daily news stories on energy, infrastructure and water & waste in Latin America for an international business news website

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

Awards:

- 2023 Regional Murrow Award for News Documentary, "Below the Waterlines"
- 2022 Regional Murrow Award for News Series, "Fire Triangle"

Fellowships:

- 2022 RIAS Berlin Commission
- 2021 Institute for Journalism & Natural Resources' Gulf Coast Climate + Ocean Workshop

EDUCATION

Northwestern University | 2016-2017
M.S. Journalism
Medill School of Journalism

University of Pennsylvania | 2008-2012
B.A. Communication & Public Service
Hispanic Studies Minor
Magna Cum Laude

SKILLS

Languages: Native English, Fluent Spanish
Computer: Adobe Audition & Photoshop, Wordpress, Google Analytics, Excel, Canva