

I'm a journalist who has used database skills and public records requests to reveal rising police and fire overtime costs. A former cops reporter, I uncovered murder plots and fraud by Armenian organized crime gangs. As an online editor, I helped raise the profile of two news websites by driving record traffic and winning awards for breaking news, multimedia, and social media.

Experience

Thomson Reuters

Freelance Reporter — July 2011-Present

Writing spot news, covering court cases, entertainment stories and enterprising new trends in Los Angeles for a national audience.

San Fernando Valley Business Journal

Contributing Reporter — July 2011-Present

Writing about new business trends and profiles.

Southern California Public Radio

Online Managing Editor — Aug. 2009-July 2011

Directed the website's first six projects to win online awards. Directed the coverage of the November 2010 state and national elections, which broke site traffic records.

Dailynews.com

Online Editor — Oct. 2008-Aug. 2009

Produced an L.A. city firefighter overtime salary database that broke website traffic records. Drew record traffic to a multimedia series about survivors of the Sayre Fire.

Dailynews.com

Senior Web Reporter — May 2007-Oct. 2008

Launched many of the biggest projects during a record-breaking year of Web traffic. Led the coverage of the killing of a Los Angeles police officer and major brush fires.

Los Angeles Daily News

Staff Writer — Oct. 1999-May 2007

Exposed Russian and Armenian organized crime figures running health insurance scams and murder plots. Uncovered stories about firefighter hazing incidents.

Los Angeles Times

Reporter — 1998-1999

Contributed to an award-winning series about a Disneyland ride accident that left a man dead and his wife paralyzed after they were hit by a metal boat cleat.

Education

California State University, Fullerton

Bachelor's degree, communications.

Honors

Southern California Journalism Award — 2011

Second place, Best Facebook Presence by an Organization.

Southern California Journalism Award — 2010

First place, Online, "Pumps Under Pressure: A story of risk and reliability after Katrina."

Southern California Journalism Award — 2010

First place, Best Blog, "Station Fire Coverage."

Digital Leadership Summit for Public Radio Stations — 2009

Fellowship for public radio stations adapting in the digital age.

Southern California Journalism Award — 2009

Second place, Online News, "Coverage of Brush Fires," dailynews.com.

California Newspaper Publisher's Association — 2008

Second place, Best Website, dailynews.com.

Knight Digital Media Center Fellow — 2008

Selected for database training at the University of California, Berkeley.

U.S. State Department Speaker and Specialist Program — 2007

Recruited to speak to journalists in Colombia about crime reporting.

U.S. State Department Speaker and Specialist Program — 2006

Recruited to lead a workshop for Albanian reporters on crime reporting.

Technical Skills

Microsoft Excel and Access, computer-assisted reporting, HTML, Caspio, blogging, SEO, social media, WordPress, content management systems, Web layout, digital video and still cameras, Final Cut, Adobe Photoshop, project management, Google Analytics, Omniture, Brightcove.