

# RYAN T KOST

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### **The San Francisco Chronicle; San Francisco | Enterprise/Feature Writer | Feb. 2015 - Aug. 2022**

- Covered everything from politics and climate change to technology and the wide-ranging fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic. I was often tasked with capturing the zeitgeist of the region in front-page stories.
- Pieces of note include an in-depth look at how the pandemic divided a rural Bay Area county, an examination of how Southern California conservatives were organizing to take over local school boards and an investigation into how a state environmental tool had cost San Francisco millions in funding for disadvantaged communities.
- Wrote several long-form profiles; subjects included writers Rebecca Solnit and Kay Ryan, prominent UCSF physician Monica Gandhi and an eight-year-old trans child in the midst of social transition.
- Previously worked for the paper's Datebook section where I wrote about visual art, music and queer culture.

### **Portland Bureau of Transportation; Portland, Ore. | Social Media Manager | Nov. 2013 - Jan. 2015**

- Managed website, content management system and social media accounts with focus on Twitter.
- Produced written narrative content, photographs, video and design elements for web.

### **The Oregonian; Portland, Ore. | Politics Reporter | Sept. 2010 - Nov. 2013**

- Covered Oregon State Legislature and Portland City Hall with heavy focus on accountability journalism.
- Authored investigative pieces and longer-form features; built multimedia guide to citizen lobbying.
- Established PolitiFact Oregon, an award-winning site that looked at the accuracy of political statements.

### **The Associated Press; Portland, Ore. | Politics Reporter | Oct. 2008 - Oct. 2009**

- Covered state Legislature; wrote several national features and investigative pieces.

### **The Boston Globe; Boston | Metro Reporting Intern | June - Oct. 2008**

- Wrote breaking news and enterprise stories; traveled to rural Maine to cover a fight over water rights.

## INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### **Al-Neelain University; Khartoum, Sudan | English Professor | Nov. 2009 - July 2010**

- Taught listening and speaking courses to first- and second-year students. Created curriculum and lesson plans.

### **KACE; Khartoum, Sudan | English-Language Coordinator | Dec. 2009 - July 2010**

- Planned and led workshop series for Sudanese journalists; wrote, edited grants for civil society organization.

## SKILL SETS

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**Investigative:** FOI requests, PACER, tax/property records, archival research, internet forensics, data sets, OSINT.

**Multimedia:** Advanced photography, as well as video and audio collection and editing. Trained on Photoshop, InDesign, Final Cut Pro, Figma and Audacity. Have experience with news product prototyping, testing and iterating.

**Languages:** Intermediate French and Spanish.

## EDUCATION

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### **Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism; New York, New York**

#### **Master of Arts: Politics and Social Issues | Degree expected May 2023**

- Coursework at Columbia Law School, Mailman School of Public Health and Journalism School in mental health law, homelessness, drug policy, mass incarceration, corporate malfeasance, socio-political theory, investigative techniques.
- Wrote pieces on international and domestic drug policy, prisoners' rights law, union organizing and elder parole.
- Thesis is a long-form, narrative exploration of the life of a Kentucky civil rights attorney and a little-known legal doctrine that bars prisoners from successfully suing for their constitutional right to adequate medical care.

### **Arizona State University; Tempe, Ariz. | Fall 2003 - Spring 2008**

**Summa Cum Laude** with bachelor degrees in both journalism and French and a Spanish minor. Graduated from Barrett Honors College. Served as editor in chief of student newspaper. Completed internships at *The Oregonian*, *The Arizona Republic* and *The Tampa Bay Tribune*. Studied abroad at Université Catholique de Lille in France.