

Molly Samuel

SUMMARY

Environment reporter with almost 15 years of experience in public media, including as a producer, writer, editor, and news anchor, having won honors for reporting, use of sound, and radio writing. Founding member of a national energy and environment reporting initiative with National Public Radio. Skilled in reporting sound-rich enterprise features and breaking news, as well as developing series and multimedia projects. Committed mentor with experience training staff, interns, and students.

EXPERIENCE

WABE (NPR Affiliate), Atlanta, Georgia

Senior Environment Reporter, May 2021 to Present

Environment Reporter, November 2014 to April 2021

- Report daily news and features about energy, water, climate change, environmental justice, agriculture, endangered species, and land use, using creative approaches to incorporate sound and strong characters to tell compelling stories
- Participate as member of NPR's Energy and Environment team, a national collaborative reporting initiative
- Train and mentor interns and new reporters; fill in as editor and news anchor

KQED Science (NPR Affiliate), San Francisco, California

Reporter/Producer January 2012 to November 2014

- Reported daily news and features on science in the Bay Area, covering environment, climate change, water, energy, environmental justice, biodiversity and policy for KQED Public Radio's local radio news and for the statewide show, The California Report
- Edited and wrote articles for KQED Science online, edited KQED Science homepage, conceived interactive online features, managed @KQEDscience on Twitter and Instagram
- Hired and trained interns

Independent Journalist, San Francisco, California

Freelance Reporter and Producer June 2007 to January 2012

- On-Call Producer at KQED Public Radio: Produced and directed The California Report and reported and produced local morning newscasts
- Freelance Reporter for The California Report, High Country News, KALW News, KQED News, NPR.

VOLUNTEER

Next Generation Radio, 2016-present

Mentor college students in a week-long public media reporting boot camp, guiding them from choosing a story through completing a multimedia package. Active participant in the national Next Generation Radio network, providing support and mentorship to current and former mentees.

Vox Teen Communications, 2015-present

Mentor Atlanta teens on reporting and editing stories. Worked with teens to launch a Vox podcast, teaching them audio recording and editing and how to plan a season of episodes. The teens I taught now teach their peers the same skills. Received the 2017 "Volunteer Superhero" award.

AFFILIATIONS

Society of Environmental Journalists

Volunteer in mentorship program

Atlanta Press Club

Serve on APC's intern committee

EDUCATION

B.A., Ancient Greek
Oberlin College
May 2004

FELLOWSHIPS AND RESIDENCIES

Metcalf Institute, 2019
National Center for Atmospheric Research, 2013
National Evolutionary Synthesis Center, 2011
Middlebury Fellowships in Environmental Journalism, 2009

HONORS

Best Feature Reporting

RTNDA Region 13 Edward R. Murrow Award, 2021

- For a story about the history and future of an Atlanta site where convict laborers were forced to work

Best Writing

RTNDA Region 13 Edward R. Murrow Award, 2021

- For a story about an area in Atlanta that is becoming a public park, instead of a landfill

Best Feature Reporting

Southeastern Society of Professional Journalists Green Eyeshade Awards, 2018

- For a story about sea level rise on Tybee Island, Georgia

Best Use of Sound

Georgia Associated Press Awards, 2018

-For a story about the sounds of a reef off Georgia's coast

Best Writing

Public Radio News Directors Incorporated, 2016

- A national honor for a story about stargazing in the Okefenokee Swamp

Best Specialized Reporting

Georgia Associated Press Awards, 2016

- For a story about a town fighting a plan to bring coal ash to its municipal landfill

Best Reporter

Georgia Associated Press Awards, 2015

- For environment reporting in Atlanta

Best Multiplatform Reporting on a Single Story

Georgia Associated Press Awards, 2015

- For a story about hip-hop in Atlanta

Excellence in Radio Reporting

Atlanta Press Club Awards, 2015

- For ongoing coverage of coal ash

Excellence in Radio Reporting

California Journalism Awards, 2014

- For enterprise reporting on crude-by-rail in California

Best Explanatory Journalism

Northern California Society of Professional Journalists, 2012

- For "Water and Power," a series produced by a KQED team on the water-energy nexus in California