

Molly Samuel

SUMMARY

Environment editor and reporter with 15 years of experience in public media with expertise in audio storytelling, and honored with awards for reporting, use of sound and writing. Member of NPR's Energy and Environment team. Skilled in reporting and editing sound-rich enterprise features and breaking news, as well as developing series and multimedia projects with a commitment to collaboration and public service. Committed mentor with long experience training staff, interns and students. Frequent guest lecturer at local colleges and universities and public science events.

EXPERIENCE

WABE Atlanta, Georgia

Environment Editor, November 2021 to present

- Assign and edit environment stories to air on WABE and for syndication in Georgia newspapers as part of a partnership with Grist
- Oversee WABE's multiplatform coverage of the environment
- Report daily news and features 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
- Hire, train and mentor interns and new reporters; fill in as editor and news anchor

Senior Environment Reporter, May 2021 to November 2021

Environment Reporter, November 2014 to April 2021

KQED Science San Francisco, California

Reporter/Producer January 2012 to November 2014

- Reported daily news and features on science in the Bay Area 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 Radio News

Atlanta Press Club Awards, 2022

- For reporting on wildfire risk

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