

Katelyn Best

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Summary

One-of-a-kind writer with five years of professional reporting and editing experience. Deadline-driven, attuned to both detail and the big picture, and deeply committed to accuracy and journalistic integrity. Multitalented and widely read, with exceptional writing skills, a knack for spotting factual errors, and a unique aptitude for quickly immersing myself in new subjects.

Related Experience

GP Strategies | Technical Editor: March 2019–present

Developer of workforce training products

- Edit training courses for seven different corporate clients with an eye to mechanics, brevity, readability, and brand and quality standards.
- Quickly learn the basics of industry-specific concepts to ensure factual as well as grammatical accuracy.
- Communicate and collaborate with the content development team.
- Stay organized, juggling multiple projects on tight deadlines.

Rose City Review and Stumptown Footy | Editor: March 2017–present

Portland-based soccer news and analysis sites; I co-founded Rose City Review

- Report and write news, features, and gameday coverage around the Portland Thorns soccer team.
- Oversee the editorial process, ensuring articles are accurate, engaging, and readable.
- Manage a team of six contributors and editors, developing and assigning stories.
- Develop and maintain relationships with freelancers to fill content and photo needs.
- Manage a budget for *Rose City Review*, using money raised on Patreon to pay regular contributors and freelancers.
- At *Stumptown Footy*, wrote and published news hits in a timely manner.

Self-employed | Freelance Reporter, Editor, and Fact Checker: January 2016–present

- Built a reputation as one of the sharpest and most trustworthy voices in women's soccer media through quality reporting, excellent writing, and extensive knowledge of the space.
- Pitch, report, research, and write stories for *FourFourTwo*, *SB Nation*, *The Toast*, *Portland Monthly*, *Bleacher Report*, and other publications.
- Perform freelance line and copy editing for several publications, including *Equalizer Soccer*.
- Edited the soccer portion of *The IX*, a newsletter that includes news briefs from women's sports, in summer 2018.
- Hosted and appeared as a guest on several podcasts, including *The Equalizer Podcast* and *Red Smoke Radio*.

***Portland Monthly Magazine* | Editorial Intern: September 2015–January 2016**

Local news and general interest magazine

- Fact checked approximately 10 print articles per week (working half time) on a wide range of topics, including news, wellness, fitness, science, history, and the arts.
- Stayed engaged with the editorial process, attending editorial and headline meetings and reading final proofs.
- Pitched and wrote articles for two formats, the website and the print magazine.

Skills

- Style guides: AP Stylebook, Chicago Manual of Style, APA, custom
- Writing and editing: researching, fact checking, interviewing, writing, copy editing, line editing, technical editing, proofreading, QA
- Social media platforms: Twitter
- Content management systems: Wordpress, Ghost, Chorus
- Languages: Spanish, French, some Portuguese

Education

Reed College | Portland, OR | Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics: May 2013

Senior thesis: *Counterevidence to the Language Bioprogram Hypothesis from Nicaraguan Sign Language*

Student job: habitat remediation in the “Canyon,” an on-campus wildlife preserve