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Sarah Jones

**HEFAT Certified- Award Winning All Platform Journalist**

**International Women’s Media Foundation Fellow (IWMF) & International Reporting Project (IRP) Fellow**

**Objective:** To contribute on-air to editorial, newsgathering and on-air reporting needs of planned events and breaking news

**Experience**

**Reporter, NBC Affiliate (WTHR/Channel 13/Eyewitness News) Indianapolis, IN, United States**

On air reporting five days a week in the 13th largest city in America while filming, producing, editing, writing and reporting all material as a one-man-band reporter

2 September 2019 - Present

**Reporter, NBC Affiliate (KWQC/TV6 News) Quad Cities, IA & IL United States**

On-air reporting, leading the evening newscast Monday through Friday; filming, producing, editing, and writing all material as a one-man-band reporter

26 July 2018 to 26 July 2019

**Senior Producer (Reporter), TRT World, Istanbul, Turkey**

 **Skills**

* **Assignment Editing**
* Blogging
* **Digital Photography**
* **DVC Pro Filming**
* **Editing (Film & Audio)**
* Editorial Design/ Layout
* Interview Booking & Producing
* Investigative Reporting
* Managing Online Content
* **Multitasking**
* **Newsgathering**
* **Photo Editing**
* **Podcasting**
* Producing
* **Public Speaking**
* **Reporting (Online, Print, Radio & TV)**
* **Radio Packaging**
* Research Briefs
* **Social Media**
* Stakeouts
* **Strong News Judgment**
* Website Building
* **Works Well Under Pressure**
* **WPM: average 80wpm**
* **Writing: cue, copy, oov/vo, paper treatments, articles & features**

On-air reporting of breaking and on-the-day news while gathering elements for exclusive stories to report later in the week. Pitching, scripting, producing and editing packages on the day. Writing and delivering on-air wall graphics. On occasion segment producing for specials. While focused on TV output the role includes a full range of content delivery platforms including online with an aim to develop cross-platform working practices and ideas wherever possible.

17 June 2015 to 31 July 2017

**Deputy News Editor, Al Jazeera America New York, NY, United States**

Responsible for broadcasting news, producing packages, representing AJI whilst in the field covering stories, assigning and liaising closely with the teams in the field, coordinating recorded and live material brought into the newsroom, briefing the broadcast center coming on air next, acting up on the news desk when required, filling in on the planning desk when required, assisting the news editor in preparing prospects for the day’s stories, assisting news editor with managing the news desk, working closely with the program editors in deciding and driving the days editorial agenda, deputies for the news editors in their absence

5 June 2013 to 31 December 2014

**International Assignment Desk Editor, CNN Atlanta, GA, United States**

Newsgathering, briefing in coming on-air teams, coordinating field logistics on the day

5 July 2010 to 20 May 2013

**Freelance Online Journalist, ITN’s Channel 4 News Website London, England, UK**

Pitch based writer for the Channel 4 News Site

5 May 2011 to 4 June 2013

**Freelance Print and Online Journalist, Gulf News Dubai, United Arab Emirates**

Pitch based writer for largest online news site in the Gulf

5 May 2011 to 4 June 2013

 **Software/Programs:**

* **Adobe Photo Shop**
* Avid
* Burli
* **Corel Paint Shop Pro**
* CSS
* Dalet
* Edius
* Elementary Java Computer Programming
* ENPS
* Excel (database, spreadsheets)
* **Final Cut Pro**
* Fork
* Html
* Gateway
* iDesk
* iNews
* Interplay
* Lexus Nexis
* Mediasource
* **Microsoft Office**
* Mirza
* Mozart
* Newsdesk
* Newstron
* Octopus
* Stratus
* tTunes

**Freelance Online Journalist, Digital Journal Ontario, Canada**

Freelance writer for Digitaljournal.com includes writing original content for both pitched and assigned stories

5 March 2013 to 4 June 2013

**Editor-in-Chief, Public Servants Bearing Witness Chicago, IL, United States**

Launched a monthly publication focused on international under reported news

January 2013 to June 2013

**Intern, Northern Virginia Magazine Chantilly, VA, United States**

Editorial Intern for Online and Print, originating content & still photography

10 January 2011 to 17 March 2011

**Prod/Location Assistant, Brook Lapping Productions Documentary Washington, DC, United States**

Freelance Production Assistant for documentary called “9/11: The Day That Changed The World” aired on September 11th, 2011 on ITV, Smithsonian Channel and others

23 January 2011 to 3 February 2011

**Freelance On-Air Reporter, Sawatel Washington, DC, United States**

Freelance On-Air Foreign Correspondent originating, writing &producing for KTV2 (Kuwait English Language Channel)

August 2010 to September 2010

**Newsgathering Planning Desk, BBC World Service, BBC Arabic London, England, United Kingdom**

Began shadowing, then hired as interview producer, then moved to newsgathering planning desk and Special Interview Producing and contributed as producer, researcher for BBC Extra and Broadcast Assistant 18 September 2009 to 17 January 2010; last interview coordinated aired 11 February 2010 & was the first pan- Arab television interview with AFRICOM

**Membership:**

Chatham House**,** National Press Club**,** Investigative Reporters and Editorsand Chartered Institute for Journalists

**Certification:**

Hostile Environment First Aid Training 2018

 RPS (valid through 2021)

Hostile Environment First Aid Training 2016

 Pangolin Group (valid through 2019)

Foreign Correspondent Certificate 2008;

 TOL, Prague, Czech Republic

**Education:**

MA (Merit), Int Broadcast Journalism, 2009

 City University, London, England

BA, Communications 2008

 Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, IL, USA

**Volunteer Journalist, Producer, Researcher, BBC World Service London, England, United Kingdom**

*World Today, Core Newsgathering, Africa Today, World Have Your Say, HARDtalk*

15 December 2009 to 4 March 2010

**Recruited Intern, “Witness,” Al Jazeera English London, England, United Kingdom**

One of Two Interns Recruited From one of the top two Graduate School for Journalism in the world

29 March 2009 to 12 April 2009

**Volunteer Journalist, Television Trust for the Environment (tve) London, England, United Kingdom**

Volunteer Journalist Building Video Blog

5 October 2008 to 13 October 2009

**Associate Producer, "Someone You Should Know," ABC 7 News Chicago Chicago, IL, United States**

Began as Intern and after two months assumed responsibilities of associate producer for the biweekly human interest feature

22 December 2007 to 22 May 2008