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# Experience

## ISTANBUL | Correspondent | The World, PRX AND GBH

* December 2021 – PRESENT
* Correspondent for The World, an hour-long, nationally broadcast daily news show distributed by GBH and PRX. Reporting focus includes migration, climate change and social justice in Turkey and the region. International deployments have included Lebanon, Romania, and Kazakhstan.
* Pitch, report, and provide enterprise features, digital builds and on-the-ground commentary several times each month. Stay on top of regional breaking news to provide guidance for the newsroom.
* Use new and diverse ways to connect with our audience, including first-person videos on social media.
* Was one of the first foreign reporters on the ground after the February earthquakes in southern Turkey and northern Syria. Led The World’s daily coverage of the disaster’s aftermath, and documented the region’s recovery through a series of follow-up trips.

## ISTANBUL | Self-Employed Journalist | various outlets

* June 2018 – March 2022
* Regular freelance contributor, filing sound-rich features and spot news to National Public Radio, The World, and various podcasts. Writing clients included The Washington Post and the Pacific Standard.
* Temporary fill-in reporter for NPR’s correspondent in Istanbul: provided breaking news, day-turn features, daily advisories, and spots covering Turkey, Iran and the Gulf when the regular correspondent was unavailable.
* Lead reporter for ‘Black Box,’ a full length This American Life episode about an Uighur father in exile, trying to find his missing wife and children through TikTok. Wrote, reported and fact-checked long form podcast episodes for Deutsche Welle, Kerning Cultures and the Jewish Women’s Archive.
* Taught podcasting and data journalism in hands-on workshops to mid-career journalists in Islamabad, Pakistan. Assisted teaching a podcast class for freshmen students at Boston College.

## PAPUA NEW GUINEA | John Alexander Fellow | National Public Radio

* January 2018 – June 2018
* Pitched, reported, and produced an in-depth series, nationally airing on NPR, about gender-based violence and sorcery accusations in the highlands of rural Papua New Guinea. I worked under the direction of Didi Schanche and Larry Kaplow.
* Budgeted and managed logistics, safety protocols and expenses for a 6-week long reporting trip.

## ST. LOUIS, USA | Health & SCIENCE Reporter | St. Louis Public Radio

* July 2014 – December 2017
* Covered public health, health policy, and biomedical research as a daily reporter for St. Louis Public Radio. Focused on the intersections of health outcomes, access, and the impacts of racism in one of the United States’ most divided cities.
* Filed spot news, interviews, in-depth web stories and deeply reported audio features for broadcast channels, podcasts and the website.
* Jumped on breaking news as assigned. Was one of three reporters – and the only woman – on an overnight rotation to maintain daily coverage of Black Lives Matter protests in St. Louis. Developed and maintained deep contacts in the protest movement.
* Contributed pieces to air on the NPR network nationally, both for the breaking news desk and NPR’s Kaiser Health News collaboration, spearheaded by Gisele Greyson.
* Filed public information requests to state and local agencies, and incorporated findings into long-term investigative pieces. Subjects included medical treatment in local jails and state abortion regulations.
* Substitute host for local newscasts.

## DES MOINES, USA | Reporter | Iowa Public Radio | FEB 2013 – JULY 2014

* February 2013 – July 2014
* Covered eastern Iowa as a one-woman reporting bureau in Cedar Rapids for IPR’s statewide news network, and from Des Moines during the legislative session.
* Reported, edited, and voiced daily spot news and bi-monthly features with a focus on politics, energy and the economy. Traversed the state to ensure that small, rural communities were equally heard.
* Contributed to NPR’s newsmagazine shows with reported features from Iowa.

# Additional skills

* Proven experience reporting in disaster zones and during active refugee crises. Reported on health issues and migration in lower income countries, including Papua New Guinea, Uganda, and Lebanon.
* HEFAT training in first aid, situational awareness, and digital security.
* Trauma-informed reporting methods to ensure that participants are approached and interviewed in an ethical manner.
* Advanced skills in audio field recording, editing and production.
* Enterprise and investigative reporting techniques. Comfort and fluency with publicly available databases domestically and abroad.
* Long-form audio writing and podcast production methods.
* Local newscast hosting, using the NPR clock.
* Coursework in U.S. media and business law.

## languages

* Turkish: Working fluency
* French: Basic

## Memberships

* Investigative Reporters & Editors
* Association of Independents in Radio
* Foreign Media Association of Turkey
* Professional American Women of Istanbul

# Education

## Bachelor of arts | Dec. 2012 | Syracuse University | S. I. Newhouse school

* Dual major: Broadcast Journalism & International Relations