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Journalism Entrepreneurship and Teaching

Executive director, [Global Student Square](#), 2015 to present

With 10 participating schools and student editors around the world, GSS is a youth-driven digital platform that helps student journalists around the world connect, collaborate and create stories. See our stories online, @GSSVoices and at Global Student Square on Facebook and Instagram.

[John S. Knight Fellow in Journalism](#), Stanford University — 2014 to 2015

I studied design thinking, social entrepreneurship, global cultures, Islam and Iranian history during my year at Stanford.

Managing director, [Newsroom by the Bay](#) — 2010 to present

I run a summer digital journalism program at Stanford University for 70+ student journalists from the U.S. and overseas, including developing curricula, hiring staff, managing budgets and designing pop-up journalism projects such as “[One Day, One Story](#)” and “[Worlds Apart: Shining a Light on Homelessness](#).”

Program Director, [Student Voice Project](#) — 2011 to 2014

I developed digital journalism curricula, resources, and professional mentor networks to launch and sustain journalism programs at high-poverty schools in east Oakland, Los Angeles, Chicago, and Washington, D.C.

Journalism teacher/adviser, [The Urban School of San Francisco \(2008-2014\)](#) and [Oakland Unified School District \(2004-2008\)](#)

I created newspaper, magazine and digital media programs at Urban and at Oakland Technical High School, and led my students to more than 200 national, regional and local awards, including the NSPA “Pacemaker” (the high school Pulitzer).

Journalism Experience

Staff writer, *San Francisco Chronicle*; **legal editor and national feature writer**, WebMD ; **regional financial correspondent**, UPI, **Washington editor**, Market News Service. **West Coast stringer** for *Newsweek*, *Reuters* and *The International Herald-Tribune*. **Senior editor**, Time Inc. Health. **Associate Editor**, *24 Hours In Cyberspace* (Macmillan).

Awards and Fellowships

John S. Knight Fellow in Journalism, Stanford University, 2014-2015; Dow Jones News Fund Distinguished Adviser, 2012; Journalism Educator of the Year (High School Division), 2012; California Endowment Health Journalism Fellow, 2010-2011.

Education

B.A., English with honors, Northwestern University; Stegner Fellow in Creative Writing/M.A., Stanford University.

Associations

Advisory Board, America’s Wire, Maynard Institute for Journalism Education; California state director, Journalism Education Association; Association of Health Care Journalists; Society of Professional Journalists, Association of Iranian-American Writers.

Publications

My work has been published in *The New York Times*; *San Francisco Chronicle*; *The Oakland Tribune*; *Pacific News Service*; *New California Media*; *AlterNet*; *Health*; *La Prensa*; *CNN.com*; *Newsweek*; *Parenting*; *The International Herald Tribune*; *Salon.com*; *Wired*; *Hippocrates*; *San Francisco Business Times*; *San Francisco Business*; *Stanford Magazine*; *Northwestern Perspective*; *The Legal Professional*; *Chicago Sun-Times*, *Hemispheres*, *WebMD.com*, *Medscape.com*, and in two literary anthologies.

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