

Brooke Larsen

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Education

University of Utah | May 2018

MA in Environmental Humanities

Colorado College | May 2015

BA with distinction in Environmental Policy, minor in Anthropology, certificate in Community Engaged Leadership

Experience

Correspondent

High Country News | July 2024-Present

- Reporting and writing stories on the energy transition, water and industrial development in Utah

Freelance Writer

2016-Present

- Journalist and essayist covering the environment, climate and social issues across the West
- Co-edited the anthology *New World Coming: Frontline Voices on Pandemics, Uprisings, and Climate Crisis*
- Published in *Sierra Magazine*, *High Country News*, *Salt Lake City Weekly* and more

Producer

Stay Salty: Lakefacing Stories | November 2023-Present

- Producing a podcast that explores environmental justice issues as the Great Salt Lake recedes
- Coordinating audience engagement, including an art exhibit, social media and community conversations

Virginia Spencer Davis Fellow

High Country News | July 2023-June 2024

- Reported on water, rural communities, agriculture, conservation and the energy transition in the West
- Wrote reportage, analysis, investigations, essays, Q&As and features for web and print
- Fact checked stories for HCN's print magazine

Community Engagement and Communications Manager

University of Utah Environmental Humanities Program | August 2020-June 2023

- Implemented and coordinated a \$600,000 grant from the Andrew Mellon Foundation for community engaged research on environmental justice issues in the West
- Managed communications and created content for social media, website, newsletter and blog

Environmental Humanities Fellow

Torrey House Press | August 2016-June 2018

- Envisioned, directed and edited writing projects on critical environmental issues across the West

Program Coordinator and Research Fellow

Colorado College State of the Rockies Project | June 2014-May 2016

- Coordinated research related to Western water issues and large landscape conservation
- Organized field research trips with community leaders and experts in Colorado River issues
- Edited, designed and wrote for the *State of the Rockies Bulletin* and *State of the Rockies Report*

Community Leadership

Committee Member

U of U College of Humanities Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee | August 2021-July 2023

- Coordinated with faculty and staff to develop, implement and further DEI initiatives in the College

Conversation Host

Utahn Conversations on Anti-Blackness | May 2020-August 2020

- Facilitated conversations on the impact of anti-Blackness with twelve white environmental justice leaders as part of a project involving over 30 hosts across Utah led by Black community members

Delegate to the UN Climate Conference, COP22

SustainUS | November 2016

- Elevated stories from communities on the frontlines of climate change at the UN Climate Change Conference with a group of 13 young journalists and storytellers

Grants & Awards

- MIT Environmental Solutions Journalism Fellowship | June 2024-December 2024
- Fund for Investigative Journalism | March 2024
- Fund for Environmental Journalism | March 2024
- Utah Humanities Grant | May 2023
- Taft Nicholson Artist Residency Award | September 2018
- Sustainable Campus Initiative Award | December 2017
- High Country News Bell Prize | November 2017
- Environmental Humanities Graduate Program Summer Funding | May 2017
- Rio Mesa Young Scholar Award | May 2017
- Global Change and Sustainability Center Research Award | May 2017
- Global Change and Sustainability Center Travel Award | November 2016
- Environmental Humanities Travel Grant | November 2016
- Community Engaged Leadership Research Grant | January 2015
- Keller Family Venture Grant | June 2013

Skills

- Field reporting
- Cultural competency
- Writing and research
- Software proficiency, including word processing, Google Suite, Canva and Adobe Audition
- Basic Spanish

References

Kate Schimel, News and Investigations Editor, *High Country News*, kateschimel@hcn.org

Nick Bowlin, Contributing Editor, *High Country News*, nickbowlin@hcn.org