

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

Virginia Spencer Davis Fellow

High Country News | July 2023-Present

- Reporting on rural communities, agriculture, conservation, water, energy and labor in the West
- Writing reportage, analysis, investigations, essays, Q&As and features for online and print

Freelance Writer

2014-Present

- Journalist and essayist focused on environmental 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*, *Pacific Standard*, *High Country News*, *Salt Lake City Weekly* and more

Co-Founder / Creative Director / Podcast Producer

Of Salt and Sand | January 2022-Present

- Creating storytelling projects about economic transition and climate crisis across Utah
- Producing a podcast focused on underrepresented voices connected to the Great Salt Lake

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
- Created the "Voices Rising" project, elevating emerging writers
- Edited the chapbook *Breathing Stories: Utah Voices for Clean Air*

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 Western water
- 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 organizers as part of a project involving over 30 hosts across Utah led by Black community members

Advisory Board Member

Uplift Climate | November 2014-December 2020

- Served on the advisory board for a youth-led climate justice organization that planned educational climate justice convergences for young people across the Southwest

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 climate justice organizers, journalists and storytellers

Grants & Awards

- Taft Nicholson Artist Residency Award | September 2018
- Lael Rides Alaska Award | April 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 & Training

- Field reporting
- Cultural competency
- Ethical storytelling
- Writing and research
- Facilitation
- Public speaking
- Software proficiency, including word processing and Adobe design suite