

Jennifer Karchmer

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FREEDOM OF THE PRESS REPORTING

- Volunteer Correspondent**, Reporters Without Borders, USA 2010-current
Monitor, protect, and research press freedom and reporter safety
- Founder, Host, Editor & Producer**, [The Transparency Report](#), by Jennifer Karchmer 2010-current
Webinar via Google Hangouts, press freedom, conflict reporters, journalist safety
- Editor, Limpopo, South Africa** 2015
Served as [guest editor](#) at The Limpopo Mirror and Zoutpansberger newspapers
- Reporter, Reykjavik, Iceland** 2012
Produced award-winning [research](#) on the Icelandic Modern Media Initiative (IMMI)
- Reporter, Vancouver, Canada, 2010 Winter Olympics** 2010
Produced award-winning reporting and research, "[Host City Homelessness](#)"
- Editor-in-Chief/Columnist**, Whatcom Watch, Bellingham, WA 2010-2014
Wrote award-winning [column](#) covering freedom of the press and First Amendment

EDUCATION

- Master of Arts**, Plattsburgh State University, Plattsburgh, NY Cum Laude, GPA 3.70/4
Bachelor of Science, Journalism, Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY
TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language), The Language House, Montpellier, France
The Washington Program for Journalism, American University, Washington, DC

LANGUAGES

- English**, native language
French, niveau B2, l'Université Montpellier 3-Paul Valéry, France

INDEPENDENT JOURNALISM HISTORY

- Editor in Chief**, Whatcom Watch, Bellingham, WA 2009-2011
Correspondent, The Bellingham Herald (McClatchy), Bellingham, WA 2008-2009
Correspondent, CitiesGoGreen.com, Bellingham, WA 2008-2009
Proofreader/Editor, Community Co-op Newsletter, Bellingham, WA 2006-2008
Reporter, Strictly Business Magazine, Plattsburgh, NY 2005-2006

MAINSTREAM JOURNALISM HISTORY

- Business Reporter**, Poughkeepsie Journal (Gannett), Poughkeepsie, NY 2001-2004
Financial Reporter, CNNMoney.com (AOL-Time Warner), New York City 2000-2001
Senior Reporter, The Bond Buyer, New York City 1999-2000
Staff Writer, The Associated Press, Albany, NY 1995-1996
Reporter, WPTR-Radio 96.7 FM/810 AM, Albany, NY 1993-1994
Reporter, WGY-Radio 810 AM, Schenectady, NY 1992-1993
Reporter, WRWD-Radio 107.3 FM, Highland, NY 1990-1992

VOLUNTEER SERVICE TO JOURNALISM

Judge , Society of Professional Journalists, Mark of Excellence Awards	2011-present
Judge , Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi (SDX) Awards	2011-present
Judge , Newspaper Association of America Foundation's Pacemaker Awards	2010
Faculty Advisor , Fairhaven Free Press , Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA	2009-2011
Writing Mentor , 826 Seattle, Seattle, WA	2010
Journalism Instructor , Canoe Island French Camp, Canoe Island, WA	2009-2010

PUBLIC RELATIONS

PR Assistant , Bike to Work & School Day, Bellingham, WA	2007-2008
Publicity Chair , Womenscare Shelter, Bellingham, WA	2007-2009
Editor, Internal Communications , CH Energy Group, Inc., Poughkeepsie, NY	2002-2004

UNIVERSITY TEACHING

Senior Instructor , Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA	2006-2014
Instructor , Clinton Community College, Plattsburgh, NY	2005-2006

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

SPJ Scripps Leadership Institute Scholarship , Bellevue, WA	2015
SPJ Terry Harper Memorial Scholarship , Orlando, FL	2015
SPJ First Place , Arts Reporting & Criticism, "Take A Look At Iceland"	2013
Website of the Week (October 8-14), Writer's Digest, Best Freelance Writer website	2012
SPJ Third Place , Arts Reporting & Criticism, "To Tweet or Not to Tweet"	2011
Washington State Press Assoc., First Place , Social issues, "Host City Homelessness"	2010
Washington State Press Assoc., First Place , Illustration/photography, "Host City Homelessness"	2010
Washington State Press Assoc., Second Place , Social issues, "Host City Homelessness"	2010
Faculty Fellow , \$1,500 research grant, WWU, Bellingham, WA	2008
Employee of the Year , Outdoor Center, WWU, Bellingham, WA	2007
Graduate Assistant , Plattsburgh State University, Plattsburgh, NY	2006

PRESENTATIONS

Lecturer, WWU, Bellingham, WA , "Iceland: Land of the Free (Press)?"	2012
Guest Lecturer, Journalism Dept., University of Iceland , Reykjavik, Iceland	2012
Writer, presenter & group facilitator , WWU, Bellingham, WA	2008
Co-writer & co-presenter Festival of Scholarship, WWU, Bellingham, WA	2008
Finalist , Mt. Baker Theatre Monologue Contest, Bellingham, WA	2008
Writer & presenter (First Place) , Toastmasters A-1 Division, Poughkeepsie, NY	2004

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP & VOLUNTEER

Team Ecuador alternate , Rotary International District 5050, Group Study Exchange	2008-2009
Board of Directors , Womenscare Shelter, Bellingham, WA	2007-2009
The Mountaineers , Seattle, WA	2007-2008
Peer Reviewer , Multimedia Educational Resource for Learning and Online Teaching	2006-2007

CERTIFICATIONS

Mountain Oriented-First Aid (MOFA) , Mt. Baker, WA Chapter, American Red Cross	2008
Low Ropes Course Facilitator , WWU, Bellingham, WA	2007
League Cycling Instructor , League of American Bicyclists (LCI#1679), Wash., DC	2007

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Editorial Freelancers Association	2016
National Association of Memoir Writers	2016
Reporters Without Borders-USA & Reporters Sans Frontières (Paris)	2010-current
Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ), Western Washington Pro Chapter	2009-current

PERSONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

10-Day Silent Meditation Retreats

Dhamma Dharā Vipassana Meditation Center, Shelburne Falls, MA	Nov. 9-20, 2016
Oregon Vipassana Center, Cedar Ridge Retreat, Vernonia, OR (volunteer)	Dec. 22-25, 2011
Northwest Vipassana Center, Onalaska, WA	March 16-27, 2011
Mountaineer, Mount Baker, WA, climbed to summit (10,778 ft./3285m)	2008
Competent Toastmaster (CTM), Toastmasters International, Rhinebeck, NY	2004
Graduate, Outward Bound, 8-day rock climbing/backpacking course, Asheville, NC	2003
Fundraiser & Runner, London Marathon (London, England), Leukemia Society of America	1997

COMPUTER & SOCIAL MEDIA

MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Publisher, Twitter, LinkedIn, Facebook, PageMaker, Photoshop, Weebly website design, Mac & PC proficient

TRAVEL

France, Iceland, Scotland, England, Malta, South Africa, Egypt, Morocco