

ALLISON DIKANOVIC

community-engaged journalist

MISSION STATEMENT:

I pursue nuanced, collaborative local news that creates greater access to civic participation, increased agency among constituents and strengthened communal connections.

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EDUCATION:

- CUNY Craig Newmark Graduate School of Journalism | M.A. Social Journalism 2020
- Marquette University | B.A. Journalism and International Affairs

SKILLS:

Software: Avid Pro Tools, Adobe Premiere Pro, Adobe InDesign, Adobe Audition, Microsoft and Google Suites, Canva

Social media: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Slack, Hootsuite, Constant Contact

Multimedia: Marantz audio, C100 video, Canon and Nikon DSLR basic news photography

Other: design thinking, FOIA/FOILs, Lexus Nexus, Pacer, solutions journalism, workshop facilitation, trauma-informed care, principles of youth development

Learning: metrics and outcomes, data journalism, crowdsourced reporting

DISTINCTIONS:

- Regional Edward R. Murrow Award - Milwaukee Neighborhood News Service
- Rev. Andrew J. Thon, S.J. Award for Leadership - Marquette University Student Affairs
- Jack Keating Student Civic Leadership Award - Wisconsin Campus Compact
- Talent Trade Mentee and Travel Grant Recipient - Solutions Journalism Network
- Received scholarship to attend the People Powered Publishing Conference in 2019

PROJECT-BASED WORK:

- Marquette Office of Marketing and Communication: magazine pieces for university publications
- Milwaukee Neighborhood News Service: news stories, features, photo galleries, strategy
- Deanna Singh/Flying Elephant: newsletter, blog posts, social media strategy, book launch marketing/promotion

OPEN NEWSROOM - THE CITY

Graduate student assistant | November 2019-present

Help facilitate community meetings in libraries in three Brooklyn neighborhoods with objective of working toward a more collaborative local news ecosystem. Conduct follow-up interviews with attendees. Report on topics of interest raised by residents. Build relationships to lead to new projects.

MILWAUKEE NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS SERVICE

Staff reporter | September 2018 - August 2019

Reported on Milwaukee's central city neighborhoods, ranging from daily news to longterm special reports. Built a beat in criminal justice, focusing on youth justice and re-entry. Built trusting relationships with local sources and audience. Utilized data and multimedia. Filed records requests. Developed new community engagement initiatives, both live events and digital strategy. Collaborated within a small team. Became familiar with nonprofit news model. Coached interns. Received travel grant from Solutions Journalism Network. Reported three-part solutions-focused series on youth justice reform.

WUWM 89.7 MILWAUKEE'S NPR

Production assistant, Lake Effect | May 2018-August 2019

Wrote and produced web posts to accompany show segments and daily show summaries on the station's CMS, chose art and wrote display text. Edited long-form two-way interviews down to 8-15 minute show segments. Pitched occasional stories, pre-produced, conducted interviews and edited.

CIVICORPS ACADEMY - JESUIT VOLUNTEER CORPS

Program Coordinator | 2017-2018

Post graduate year of service. Provided academic support to 18-26-year-olds in Oakland, CA. Substitute taught. Led research and civic engagement programs.

MARQUETTE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Communications coordinator | 2016-2017

Managed team of student storytellers. Created multimedia features about university community-engaged work. Oversaw editing/publishing process.

YOUTH RISE MKE

Founder/Executive Editor | 2016-2017

Conceptualized idea for local youth-led digital magazine in partnership with local youth leadership organization. Acquired funding. Developed curriculum and taught journalism to high schoolers. Leveraged community partners. Produced website. Piloted and replicated program.

O'BRIEN FELLOWSHIP IN PUBLIC SERVICE JOURNALISM

Research assistant | 2016-2017

Assisted Maria Perez of the Naples Daily News. Conducted legal research reviewing court documents about and created database. Contributed to a project that won a George Polk Award for immigration reporting.

MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL

Reporting intern | 2016

Reported on education and general news for the metro desk. Published stories weekly, including two front page and a feature for the Precious Lives multimedia series and podcast. Live tweeted presidential rallies.

MILWAUKEE NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS SERVICE

Reporting intern | 2015-2016

Reported on central city neighborhoods. Created an award-winning multimedia investigative series on sex trafficking in Milwaukee that is one of the site's most-read to date. Engaged residents in photo and audio projects.

KANE COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

Communications intern | 2016

Utilized data-driven, strategic communication to write for newsletters, social media, web, press releases and awareness campaigns.

BEAUTIFUL GATE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, SOUTH AFRICA

Research intern | 2014

Conducted and transcribed oral history interviews with elderly women about their experiences under Apartheid. Collaborated to write bios for an exhibit.