

JESSICA L. HUSEMAN

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EDUCATION

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, New York, NY

MS in Journalism expected May 2015

Honors: Toni Stabile Fellowship in Investigative Journalism

Activities: -Queens Criminal Court Beat Reporter
-Women in Media

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY, Dallas, TX

B.A., received December 2011

Majors: Journalism, Political Science

Honors: -Belo Scholarship for Journalism
-Lina B. Davis Award from Fort Worth Society of Professional Journalists

Activities: -SMU Daily Campus – Editor-in-Chief
-2011 Dallas Mayoral Debate Steering

EXPERIENCE

Freelance Journalist | New York, NY

August 2012 - Present

Niche coverage issues including education, urban government, business and housing finance. Work has appeared in The Dallas Morning News, Mic.com's policy section, Origination News, The Daily Banter and The Texas LawBook.

Politically Inclined | New York, NY

January 2010 - Present

Owner/Editor

Operate an editorial team including a second editor and six regularly contributing writers. Began as a college project, but has expanded and is now syndicated by a number of online publications and community newspapers.

Uncommon Schools – North Star Academy High School | Newark, New Jersey

August 2012 – June 2014

Speech & Debate Director

Created and directed a speech and debate program for 50 actively competing students, making the team the largest in Newark and one of the largest in New Jersey. Wrote curricula for four years of debate instruction that will be in use for the next several years.

HousingWire Magazine | Dallas, TX

January 2012 – August 2012

National Real Estate Reporter

Wrote magazine articles, blogs and shot video covering the national real estate market. Originally hired to run the publication's "ReWired" blog on housing, promoted to real estate reporter after two months.

Dallas Business Journal | Dallas, TX

July 2011 – October 2011

Staff Writer/Online Editor

Managed "Leads" section covering hirings, firings, lawsuits and awards. Wrote weekly articles on local small business with creative business plans or management models. Assisted editorial team with in-depth research for data-focused publications.

White Rock Lake Weekly | Dallas, TX

May 2010 – September 2011

Online Editor

Designed and operated website and managed all social media. Began as a copy editor, but was promoted to online editor soon after being hired. Continued copy editing on publication nights, and covered local political news stories.

CBS | Dallas, TX

June 2011

Online Editorial Intern

Assisted in managing the news section of CBS-DFW's website. Wrote original articles and converted broadcast pieces to web.

The Dallas Morning News | Dallas, TX

January 2011 – May 2011

Staff Writer/Online Editor

Covered breaking news for metro section, largely focusing on crime in South Dallas. Contributed feature stories on area business and politics. Two feature stories featured on the metro section cover.

The Daily Campus | Dallas, TX

June 2009 – December 2011

Various Positions including Editor-In-Chief

As editor-in-chief, revamped coverage area and publication days to create the most-read paper in SMU's history. As politics editor, partnered with CBS Dallas to host televised mayoral debate for the city of Dallas and served on the questioning panel.