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REPORTING FELLOWS

Alphabetical order
Amelia Arvesen
Amelia Arvesen is a journalist based in Flagstaff, Arizona. She previously worked in daily news as a crime and courts reporter in Kansas and Colorado, and she’s now freelancing for publications like Outside, Backpacker, and Men’s Journal. She earned her Bachelor of Science at the William Allen White School of Journalism and Mass Communications at the University of Kansas. You can find her work at ameliaarvesen.com

Cody Blowers
Cody Blowers joined St. George News in 2015. Raised in south San Francisco, she is a 2013 graduate of Colorado Technical University, she earned her BA in criminal justice with a minor in paralegal studies. Through the course of her academic studies she discovered that writing is her true passion and she is committed to providing credible, integrated news coverage.

Rafael Carranza
Rafael covers immigration issues from Phoenix for The Arizona Republic and the USA Today Network. He previously reported on the U.S.-Mexico border in Tucson during the administration of President Donald Trump, covering a range of issues from border wall construction to the restrictions on asylum at the border. Prior to joining The Arizona Republic, he worked as a foreign correspondent in Rome covering the Vatican and the Catholic Church, including the election of Pope Francis, and as a television reporter on the border in Texas’ Rio Grande Valley.
Carina Dominguez

Carina Dominguez is a correspondent for the Indian Country Today Newscast. An enrolled member of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe in Tucson, Arizona, she’s passionate about reporting on environmental issues, social movements, politics and sports. Previously, Carina worked in New York City at CBS Television Network. She was a closed-captioning coordinator with production assistant duties for CBS Sunday Morning and the Evening News Weekend Edition, and worked as a camera operator for live broadcasts. Carina has also been published on CBSNews.com, The Arizona Republic and The Tucson Sentinel. A graduate of the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University, she is a proud mother to her toddler, Talia.

Jeremy Duda

Jeremy Duda is the associate editor at the Arizona Mirror, where he primarily covers state government and politics with an emphasis on election law, redistricting and criminal justice issues. An Arizona native, Duda worked in Hobbs, New Mexico, and Provo, Utah, before returning to Phoenix to cover the state Capitol in 2008.

David Dudley

David is a journalist, educator, and playwright. He’s a staffer at St. George News in Southern Utah. He’s written for the Christian Science Monitor, Zenger News, the Barton Chronicle, North Star Monthly, and The Northland Journal, among others. He has covered various beats, including breaking news, courts and crimes, sports, and arts and entertainment. His writing on theatre appears regularly in American Theatre Magazine, Contemporary Theatre Review (UK), ConJunto (Cuba), and HowlRound.com. David’s play, 800 Days of Solitude, about the ways in which solitary confinement affects juveniles and their families, was awarded the 2018 Christian Moe playwriting prize. He earned a BFA with summa cum laude honors from DePaul University, and holds an MFA in playwriting from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale.
Tim Eigo
Tim Eigo is the editor of *Arizona Attorney Magazine*, an award-winning monthly publication that covers legal news, trends and profiles. Before that, he edited and wrote at a variety of publications, including the *Orange County* (Calif.) *Business Journal*. He earned his undergrad and grad degrees in English, and went to law school at the University of California–Hastings College of Law. He then practiced law in Southern California. For *Arizona Attorney*, he has written on a wide variety of criminal law and other topics, including forensic science, jury reform, overincarceration, and the *Daubert* standard for expert witnesses. He has been privileged to be selected as a John Jay/Guggenheim/Pew Fellow for past conferences in New York and Reno, Nev. He also serves as President of the Arizona chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists.

Felicia Fonseca
Felicia Fonseca is the northern Arizona correspondent for *The Associated Press* and a member of the AP’s Race and Ethnicity team. Much of her coverage focuses on Native American tribes while also keeping tabs on a vast region that includes the Grand Canyon, mining, crime, tourism and wildfires. She joined the AP in 2005 in the Albuquerque, New Mexico, bureau and moved to Flagstaff in 2008 as a solo correspondent.

Alexis Ford
Alexis Ford has worked as a crime reporter at the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* since August 2019. Before that, she covered crime as an intern at the *Arizona Republic*, Congress and the White House as a Washington correspondent for Arizona PBS, and reported on the national repercussions of hate crimes for News21’s 2018 documentary “Hate in America.” She’s loved spending more time with her dog as she’s worked from home over the past year, but is eager to work with colleagues again.
Uriel Garcia

Uriel Garcia is a reporter at *The Arizona Republic*, where he covers policing issues. Before *The Republic*, he worked at the *Santa Fe New Mexican*, where he covered immigration-related issues.

Sean Holstege

Sean Holstege is a freelance reporter with a 35-year career in print news. He was an investigative and enterprise reporter at The Arizona Republic and the Oakland Tribune, and has covered transportation, terrorism, criminal justice, politics, natural disasters, and more. He’s won over 30 national and regional awards, including Sigma Delta Chi, IRE, and Edward R. Murrow awards. He’s been nominated for the Pulitzer Prize five times and a finalist twice. Sean also won a Best Beat Reporter award from the Association of Alternative News Media for his criminal justice reporting. His work has appeared in the *Washington Post*, *NBC*, *Boston Globe*, *Newsweek*, *the Australian*, and others. He now teaches at Arizona State University’s Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication, where he graduated magna summa laude with a master’s degree in journalism.

Paul Ingram

Paul Ingram is a Senior Reporter at [TucsonSentinel.com](http://TucsonSentinel.com), focused on border and immigration issues. An award-winning journalist, Ingram has reported along the Arizona-Mexico for the last decade, and has worked with national and international news outlets, including *Reuters*, *the Associated Press*, *Al Jazeera*, and the magazine *Roads and Kingdoms*. His photos have been published widely, including by *Reuters*, *High Country News*, and *the New York Times*. He was also featured in an Australian documentary on politics in the U.S. called “A Hard Road,” as well as a forthcoming documentary about shootings by law enforcement officers titled “34 Seconds.” In 2020, he won several awards from the Arizona Press Club, including First Place Investigative Reporting and First Place Government Reporting.”
Jessica Kutz
Jessica Kutz is an assistant editor at *High Country News* based in Tucson, Arizona, where she covers environmental and social justice issues for the magazine.

Michael Lyle
Michael Lyle (MJ to some) is a reporter at *Nevada Current*, a nonprofit outlet part of *States Newsroom*, covering a range of topics including homelessness, housing policy and the criminal justice system. Working as a journalist in Las Vegas for 11 years, he started his career at *View Neighborhood News*, the community edition of the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*. During his seven years with the R-J, he won several first place awards from the Nevada Press Association and was named its 2011 Journalist of Merit. He left the paper in 2017 and spent a year as a freelance writer accumulating bylines anywhere from *The Washington Post* to *Desert Companion*. Born and mostly raised in Las Vegas, he graduated from UNLV with a degree in Journalism and Media Studies.

Nikki Roberts
Nikki Roberts is a justice-involved Black queer writer, public speaker, advocate, activist, and consultant who's studied both Mass Communications and Theology on collegiate levels. Nikki served 10 years without parole in Georgia’s state prison system from 2004-2014 and frequently used her lived experiences as well as systemic research to raise awareness on the myriad of issues associated with mass incarceration. Nikki’s passion for storytelling, diversity and inclusivity is the driving force behind Cage Free Communications LLC.
Caitlin Schmidt
Caitlin Schmidt is an investigative reporter at the Arizona Daily Star, covering sports, criminal and social justice. Caitlin has written dozens of stories about the state of Title IX and misconduct by and against athletes at the University of Arizona and has won multiple awards for her work with public records. She’s a Solutions Journalism Network fellow and serves on the boards of the Arizona Press Club and Association for Women in Sports Media.

Colleen Slevin
Colleen is originally from New York City and the daughter of a John Jay graduate who somehow attended classes while working as a police officer. She has lived in Colorado for about 20 years and loves the West. As a reporter for The Associated Press, she covered breaking news, the legislature and, currently, the criminal justice system and legal issues. Lately, she has been following the investigations into the death of Elijah McClain, police reform bills being considered at state legislatures around the country, and has been tracking the spread of COVID-19 in prisons in the Rocky Mountain states.

Dylan Smith
Dylan Smith is the Editor and Publisher of TucsonSentinel.com, a pioneering nonprofit local independent online news organization. He was the founding Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Local Independent Online News Publishers (LION Publishers), organizing a group of publishers of nearly 300 local news websites across the country. He is a member of Investigative Reporters and Editors, the Society of Professional Journalists, and the president of the Arizona Press Club. He's won numerous state and national awards and accolades for breaking news and investigative journalism, including the Sledgehammer Award from the Arizona Press Club, and is a Brechner Reporting Fellow at the Brechner Center for Freedom of Information at the University of Florida, which supports his work pursuing in-depth journalism about government secrecy. An experienced designer and programmer, he served as the only journalist to be an Invited Expert on the World Wide Web Consortium's HTML Working Group, helping write the latest specification for the language that runs the Internet.
Meghan Sullivan

Meghan is a reporter from Alaska, currently writing for *Indian Country Today*, the nation’s largest and oldest Indigenous news publication. She graduated from Stanford University in 2019 with honors in International Relations, during which time she interned at the NBC News Business and Technology Unit in New York, and the NBC News Investigative Unit in San Francisco.

Vida Volkert

Vida Volkert has been covering Native American issues, social issues, the environment and crime for the *Gallup Independent*, a newspaper based in Gallup, New Mexico, since 2010. She is currently developing a series on cold cases involving missing or murdered Native American women and men. She has reported for the *Sheridan Tribune*, a daily newspaper in Sheridan, Wyoming, the *Miami Herald*, and the *Seminole Tribune*, the official newspaper of the Seminole Tribe of Florida. While in college, she created a newsletter about immigration issues and reported on issues involving migrant workers at the oyster farms in the Florida Panhandle, and the orange and tomato fields of Florida and Georgia. Vida has worked for the Immigration and Refugee Program of Catholic Charities in Tallahassee, Florida, assisting immigrant victims of crime. She graduated with a BA in English from Florida State University in 2006.

Jarrette Werk

Jarrette Werk (A’aniiih & Nakoda) is an associate producer at Nevada Public Radio’s *Native Nevada Podcast* and a contributing reporter for the *Desert Companion*. A member of the Native American Journalists Association since 2017, Werk was selected as a 2018-19 NAJA Generation Indigenous Movement Builders Fellow, co-creating “Reclaiming Our Narrative” project, which spotlights young Indigenous leaders from around the world. His work aims at providing an in-depth look at Indigenous communities and helping to shape a narrative often set by persons outside of those communities.
Chandra Whitfield
Chandra Thomas Whitfield is an award-winning multimedia journalist whose work has appeared in *The New York Times, The Washington Post, Essence, Ebony, NBCNews.com* and *The Huffington Post*. She recently completed a Leonard C. Goodman Institute for Investigative Reporting fellowship, during which she hosted and produced *In The Gap*, a podcast about how pay inequity and discrimination impacts the lives – and livelihoods – of Black women in the American workforce. A feature story that she penned for Atlanta Magazine made the Atlanta Press Club’s “Atlanta’s Top 10 Favorite Stories of the Past 50 Years” list. It is also widely credited with contributing to a change in Georgia law and a teen’s early release from a 10-year prison sentence.

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