

# LILY ALTAVENA

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Education reporter  
The Arizona Republic  
June 2017 - Present

- Cover education statewide, delving into how policy, funding and more impacts 1.1 million K-12 students in more than 200 school districts and 500 charters
- Published an in-depth project on teacher sexual misconduct in August 2019, exposing loopholes in state law that allow abusers to stay in the classroom
- In previous roles, spearheaded a project on a record year for heat-related deaths and covered city politics in Mesa, Arizona's third-largest city

Investigative reporter  
Cronkite News  
Aug 2016 - May 2017

- Senior producer and a lead reporter on "HookedRx: From Prescription to Addiction," a 30-minute documentary on prescription opioid abuse in Arizona
- Led several in-depth projects including an involved analysis of education finance data

Ethics and Excellence Fellow  
News21  
January 2016 - Aug 2016

- Played a key role in an in-depth reporting project on voting rights involving multimedia elements and data
- Individual story on state takeovers of school districts was a national finalist and regional winner in the SPJ Mark of Excellence awards

Teaching Assistant  
Arizona State University  
Aug 2015 - 2017

- Assisted at the National Center on Disability and Journalism.
- Modified a Wordpress theme to redesign ncdj.org into a mobile-first responsive site

Producer  
Tribune Broadcasting  
March 2014 - May 2015

- Line produced a nationally syndicated morning news show 5 days a week (airing in Dallas, Houston, Philadelphia, D.C., and Portland)
- Organized and wrote a two-hour long show
- During broadcast, maintained order, cued anchors, and kept the show on-time

Production assistant  
MSNBC  
June 2013 - Feb 2014

- Collaborated with producers on shows and documentaries: researching, finding archival footage, preparing for shoots, and promoting
- Worked on six MSNBC social media pages-tweeting, creating a social strategy, and making graphics
- Social promotions led to page growth and correlated with higher viewership

Undergraduate internships: The New York Times, NBC News, Village Voice

## SKILLS

Adobe Premiere, Photoshop  
and Audition  
Data journalism including  
basic SQL  
Avid Interplay, iNews, ENPS  
DSLR photography and video  
WordPress, HTML, CSS

## EDUCATION

### **M.A., Journalism**

Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication  
Arizona State University  
GPA: 4.0, Outstanding graduate student

### **B.A., Journalism and metropolitan studies**

New York University