

Ruth Liao

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EXPERIENCE

ICIS (Independent Commodity Information Service) Energy, Seattle, Wash., editor, LNG Americas

September 2011 - present

- Oversee editorial content for the Americas bureau of a global commodity analysis firm specializing in the liquefied natural gas (LNG) market, covering project infrastructure development, regulatory changes, market fundamentals, commodity price news and analysis. Manage a regional team remotely reporting to London.
- Contribute to forecasting product models and work closely with editorial and analytical teams on a breaking-news basis. Improve methodology on price assessments for the Americas, as well as lead market engagement and business development opportunities with client and editorial meetings, collaborating with sales and marketing when possible.
- Engaged in international global energy business development, presenting in front of energy companies, regulators and trade associations, as well as appearing in public webinars, corporate training courses and speaking at energy conferences.
- Editorial coverage includes corporate reporting of major international oil companies, federal energy policy, regulatory rulemaking and global spot market trade development. Analysis includes supply-demand dynamics using import and export data, and monitoring production capacity. Also track and assess short-term pricing as well as report on LNG shipping dynamics.
- Reported on a portfolio of petrochemical commodity markets that spanned US chlor-alkalis to maleic anhydride from November 2010 until September 2011. Coverage included commodity barge disruptions on the Mississippi River due to near flooded conditions, attending US environmental regulatory hearings and corporate producer news.

Statesman Journal, Salem, Ore. social services reporter

September 2006 — November 2010

- Covered health and family issues for the Mid-Willamette Valley, reporting on nonprofit services, medical care and economy-driven stories, including ongoing coverage of the shortage of primary physicians, the abuse of children from methamphetamine-addicted parents, as well as foster parent training. Long-term project series include pointing out the drastic disparity in teen pregnancies in the region and job-seekers running out of unemployment benefits.
- Reported on night-side breaking news from September 2006 to March 2009 as a night police reporter covering public safety and courts. Adept in creating breaking news videos, photographs and delivering content through Twitter and blogging, including a runaway cow rounded up in a neighborhood.

The Arizona Republic, Phoenix, Ariz. summer intern, Eugene C. Pulliam program

June 2006 – August 2006

- Wrote enterprise and spot news for the downtown metro desk, including breaking news coverage of serial killers thought to be responsible for 14 murders and 60 attacks, urban development encroaching on Southwest ranch traditions and seasonal dust storms known as haboobs.

ACTIVITIES AND HONORS

Journalism Center on Children and Families, fellowship recipient, September 2009

- Fellowship on early childcare led to a local enterprise project called “Raising a Community” on school readiness showing what Mid-Willamette Valley children lack when they enter kindergarten.

Best of Gannett, national award recipient, 2009

- Secured third place for the category community leadership, on the “Raising a Community: School Readiness” project.

Society of Professional Journalists, award recipient

- First place, Pacific Northwest region, 2009, special issues reporting, on the “Raising a Community: School Readiness” project

Asian American Journalists Association, member

May 2002-present

- Volunteer co-chair of Mentor Match, a national mentor pairing program within AAJA.
- Volunteer director of a college mentoring program called Voices, which provides career development and leadership training to a group of selected students and matches them with mentors.
- Previous chapter leader of the Texas state chapter and Portland chapter.

EDUCATION

The University of Texas at Austin, Bachelor of Journalism, 2006