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Austin, TX

Creative, self-motivated hyperlocal Austin journalist with experience in writing for an in-print publication of 2.5 million readership, with broadcast and podcast training, seeking to leverage skills and 7+ years industry experience for high quality journalism.

**SKILLS** Coverstories with infographics and data, live reporting with updates, investigative reporting, self-generated daily Web stories, features and profiles, camp guides, photography for articles, sound story, fact check, copy-edit, longform, proficient in Twitter/Instagram, to-do lists, opening/closings/renovations announcements.

**BEATS** Transport, commissioners court, energy, power, legislature, City of Austin, local government, elections, Asian, Austin, South Asian, festivals, Black lives, non-profits, entertainment, lifestyle, outdoors

**RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

**Community Impact Newspaper—**Jun. 2022-Feb. 2023

**Texas Observer/NPR NextGenRadio—**Jun. 2021 - investigative workshop

**Austin Monitor—**Spring 2021 intern - education, boards and commissions, city council, AISD

**Texas Parks and Wildlife Magazine—**Fall 2021 intern –articles, fact-check, copy/edit, images

**Reporting Texas—**Aug.2020-May. 2021 - articles about geothermal energy, cricket, falconry, Texas Book Festival.

**Community Impact/Westlake—**Fall 2021 - business profiles

**Austin-American Statesman—**multiple published features

**The Austin Chronicle—**feature writing about the arts and book authors

**Austin South Asian—**community news since 2015

**Austonia—**freelance feature

**Tribeza magazine**—freelance features

**Edible Austin**—Freelance feature

**AEJMC**—Oral History Project - copy/edit, transcribe, metadata 2021-2022

**Podcast** A UT Austin Drag Production – [*Darkness: The year of midnight murders—an unsolved true crime of 1885.*](https://open.spotify.com/show/2NB2HT09wMWO7LbaXIEtJN)

**Sound Story** 1. Melissa Lucio 2. [Steve Rivas Sonic ID (**published by KUT)**](https://twitter.com/StevenRivas) 3. Austin Re-blend 4. A mayor who won by five votes 5. Security in religious institutions – available upon request

**Video Production** [*Solar vs. Pedernales Electric Co-op –* Adobe Premiere](https://studio.youtube.com/video/ebGz8ywTGi4/edit) -Fall 2021

**Photography** Texas Parks and Wildlife Magazine, Community Impact

**LEADERSHIP**

2016 - 2020 Community Advisory Board Austin PBS

2014 - Present Co-founder [Austin Arts and Drama Initiative](https://www.aadiatx.org/)  • 2012 - 2018 Citizens Foundation USA – active organizing and fundraising

**HONORS**

2021 - Top five journalist in Texas Observer / NPR NextGen investigative workshop

2019 - Honoree special contribution to South Asian arts – Agni Foundation for the Arts

2018 - Elected top 5 journalist/reporter in Austin in Austin American Statesman survey

**EDUCATION**

2020 - 2022 Graduate School of Journalism and media – Professional Track – UT Austin

Moody College of Communication

2008 - 2010 MA – International Relations – University of Karachi, Pakistan

2020 - Knight Center Investigative Journalism Workshop

**COUNTRIES TRAVELED**

Argentina, Belgium, France, Italy, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Netherlands, Pakistan, Qatar, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, West Indies

**PORTFOLIO**

**Cover stories**

Jan. 2023 [183 North construction project to bring lane closures, increased construction activity and bridge widening work in 2023](https://editions.communityimpact.com/view/935857190/)

Nov. 2022 [Second rate hike ahead for Austin Energy customers on Jan. 1](https://editions.communityimpact.com/view/660745125/)

Oct. 2022 [Local restaurants facing challenges amid inflation](https://editions.communityimpact.com/view/866366095/)

Sep. 2022 [Austin’s second downtown](https://editions.communityimpact.com/view/1030124310/)

**Articles:** A few examples

Transport beat by organizations: [CTRMA](https://communityimpact.com/austin/northwest-austin/government/2023/01/25/ctrma-projects-across-austin-on-track-for-completion-for-183-north-mopac/), [Project Connect](https://communityimpact.com/austin/northwest-austin/transportation/2022/12/01/2-years-into-project-connect-report-shows-metrorail-red-line-on-track/), [Cap Metro](https://communityimpact.com/austin/northwest-austin/transportation/2022/11/21/electric-buses-to-have-access-to-overhead-chargers-at-capital-metros-south-operation-bus-yard/), [CAMPO](https://communityimpact.com/austin/northwest-austin/transportation/2022/11/16/texas-am-transportation-institute-report-shows-traffic-fatalities-are-up-in-texas/), [I-35](https://communityimpact.com/austin/northwest-austin/transportation/2022/06/22/diverging-diamond-opens-on-i-35-at-parmer-lane/)

[Williamson County Commissioners Court](https://communityimpact.com/austin/georgetown/government/2022/09/27/williamson-county-moves-ahead-with-road-connecting-us-183-to-sunset-ridge-drive/)

[Restaurant profiles](https://communityimpact.com/austin/northwest-austin/dining/2022/12/20/austin-based-chain-p-terrys-burger-stand-grows-throughout-central-texas/)

[Business Profiles](https://communityimpact.com/austin/northwest-austin/business/2022/10/25/local-shop-archery-country-provides-equipment-services-ahead-of-hunting-season/)

**Community Impact Newspaper**

Full List (180+): <https://communityimpact.com/author/641/sumaiya-malik/>

**Texas Parks and Wildlife Magazine –**Fall 2021 *- articles, photography, fact check, first round of edits*

**Texas Observer/NPR NextGenRadio** – *Investigative workshop*

• Jun. 2021: [As power grid fails again, Texans are still recovering from the winter storm](https://www.texasobserver.org/as-the-power-grid-waivers-again-texans-are-still-recovering-from-the-winter-storm/)

**Austin Monitor** – *Local watchdog publication*  Jan. 2021-Jun. 2021

• Jun. 2021: [TreeFolks’ carbon credit program](https://www.austinmonitor.com/stories/2021/06/treefolks-carbon-credit-program-taking-root/)

• May 2021: [City - permit fees](https://www.austinmonitor.com/?s=city+permit+fees)

• May 2021: [History Center - formal partnership with the city](https://www.austinmonitor.com/?s=History+Center+-+formal+partnership+with+the+city++)

• Apr. 2021: [Innovative design for Williamson Creek Greenway](https://www.austinmonitor.com/stories/2021/04/collaborative-process-yields-innovative-design-for-williamson-creek-greenway/)

• Apr. 2021: [Environmental Commission - heritage trees](https://www.austinmonitor.com/?s=Environmental+Commission+-+heritage+trees++)

• Mar. 2021: [Austin Animal Center - microchipping](https://www.austinmonitor.com/?s=Austin+Animal+Center+-+microchipping++)

• Mar. 2021: [Shelter animal distress calls during “snowmageddon](https://www.austinmonitor.com/?s=Shelter+animal+distress+calls+during+%E2%80%9Csnowmageddon)”

• Mar. 2021[: Animal Advisory Commission - bull hook loophole](https://www.austinmonitor.com/stories/2021/03/animal-advisory-commission-recommends-adopting-ordinance-to-close-bull-hook-loophole/)

• Mar. 2021: C[ity efforts to educate seniors - property tax](https://www.austinmonitor.com/stories/2021/03/citys-efforts-to-educate-seniors-about-reducing-property-tax-delayed/)

• Feb. 2021: [Conservation - “Lights Out” to protect birds.](https://www.austinmonitor.com/stories/2021/02/conservation-groups-promote-dark-skies-to-protect-migrating-birds/)

• Feb. 2021: [Austin ISD board postpones vote on real estate consulting services.](https://www.austinmonitor.com/stories/2021/02/austin-isd-board-of-trustees-postpones-vote-on-real-estate-consulting-services/)

• Feb. 2021: [Austin ISD board of trustees - real estate consulting services](https://www.austinmonitor.com/stories/2021/02/austin-isd-board-of-trustees-postpones-vote-on-real-estate-consulting-services/)

• Jan. 2021: Reimagining public safety – police

• Jan. 2021: [Ann Kitchen: Build better solutions](https://www.austinmonitor.com/stories/2021/01/ann-kitchen-building-better-solutions/)

• Jan. 2021: Natasha Harper Madison: Building a more equitable city

• Jan. 2021: [Delia Garza is on the move](https://www.austinmonitor.com/stories/2021/01/delia-garza-standing-on-the-shoulders-of-others/)

**Reporting Texas** – *UT Austin School of Journalism Official Blog* Sep. 2020–May 2022

• Apr. 2021: [South Texas geothermal energy project ready to provide power](https://www.reportingtexas.com/south-texas-geothermal-energy-project-ready-to-provide-power-that-never-stops/)

• Feb. 2021: [Black Texans reflect on racial justice after a singularly difficult year](https://www.reportingtexas.com/black-texans-reflect-on-racial-justice-after-a-singularly-difficult-year/)

• Dec. 2020: [Election Day Austin - short lines at the polls](https://www.reportingtexas.com/updates-central-texas-voters-cast-ballots-during-pandemic/)

• Oct. 2020: [Texas Book Festival - Mexican writer Temoris Grecko](https://www.reportingtexas.com/mexican-writer-temoris-grecko-on-journalists-risking-their-lives/)

• Spring 2021: Twitter and Facebook for RT

**Austin-American Statesman** – *Special Contributor/freelancer* Oct. 2015-2019

• Feb. 4, 2021: [Falconry in Texas](https://www.statesman.com/story/sports/recreation/2021/02/04/texas-falconers-enjoy-time-working-with-birds-of-prey/4365188001/)

• July 30, 2020: Austin food scene - Eid al-Adha holiday

• April 10, 2019: Elizabeth Avellan of Spy Kids – non-profit

• June 6, 2018: [Bunco Night in Ramadan](https://www.statesman.com/story/news/2018/06/06/for-these-friends-bunco-night-doesnt-stop-for-ramadan-it-evolves/10012892007/)

• June 4, 2018: [Austin Art Hall of Fame inductee](https://www.statesman.com/story/news/2018/06/04/austin-arts-hall-of-fame-inductee-gives-microphone-to-hidden-voices/10073426007/)

• April 2018: Oliver Rajamani’s Flamenco India

• 2017: [SXSW, Big Sick show influence of South Asia](https://www.statesman.com/story/news/2017/07/31/sxsw-big-sick-show-influence-of-south-asia-on-the-arts-in-austin/9988613007/)

• 2015: [Thankful for the road that gives us some life lessons](https://www.statesman.com/story/news/2016/09/04/malik-thankful-for-the-road-that-gives-us-some-lessons-in-life/10043047007/)

**Austonia** – *Locally owned online publication, created to serve Austin* Nov.2020 • Political organization all-time high in Austin’s Asian American community

**The Austin Chronicle** - Special *Contributor / Freelancer* Jan. 2015–2020

• May 8, 2020: [Live Flower Arranging Workshops](https://www.austinchronicle.com/arts/2020-05-08/live-flower-arranging-workshops-make-business-bloom-for-house-of-margot-blair/)

• June 28, 2019: Respect Mother Earth

• November 2018: [”Other forms of life” at Contemporary Austin](https://www.austinchronicle.com/arts/2018-09-14/other-forms-of-life-at-the-contemporary-austin/)

• April 2018: [Mayors Book Club](https://www.austinchronicle.com/daily/arts/2018-04-16/mohsin-hamid-speaks-to-mayors-book-club/)

• April 2018: [Review: Flamenco India](https://www.austinchronicle.com/daily/arts/2018-05-09/review-flamenco-india/)

**Tribeza** - *Special Contributor/Freelancer* Nov. 2015–2019

• February 5, 2019: [Making Space – local artist profile](https://tribeza.com/austin-artist-nadia-waheed-develops-international-following/)

• January 10, 2019: [Women’s March through Music](https://tribeza.com/honoring-womens-march-through-music/)

• November 2018 - Multiple Identities in Huma Bhabha’s Art

**Austin South Asian** – *Monthly Columnist*  2015–2021

*A monthly print and online publication that covers the South Asian community.*

• Opinion columnist and community news

• At least 4 published articles every month all available online through issuu.com

**Edible Austin** - *Special Contributor*

• [Home Growers give back](https://edibleaustin.com/home-garden/gardening/home-growers-give-back/)