

# AMRITPAL KAUR SANDHU-LONGORIA

## INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER

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Investigative Reporter producing high-impact, people-centered stories to hold institutions accountable. Also a Licensed Vocational Nurse with experience working in California nursing homes, San Quentin State Prison, hospice, and a hospital in Kenya. Fully fluent in Hindi and Punjabi with writing capability.

## JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

### Investigative Reporter, Self-employed

Oct. 2023 – Present

*Sacramento, CA*

- ❖ Investigated [hate incidents on K-12 campuses against AAPI children](#), in light of rising anti-Asian hate sentiment following the pandemic. Story published by Center for Public Integrity.

### Investigative Reporter – Consumer Watchdog, USA TODAY May 2022 – Oct. 2023

*Sacramento, CA*

- ❖ Pitched, reported and wrote high-impact investigations examining consumer issues – corporate responsibility after a [Charter repairman murdered a woman](#), the lending industry’s predatory tactics that trap people into [short-term high interest loans](#), and an investigation into [malfunctioning Samsung refrigerators](#) which was accompanied by a database measuring complaints. Published work generated high readership, page views, engagement, and earned new subscriptions.

### Regional Investigative Reporter, USA TODAY Network Oct. 2020 – May 2022

*Charlottesville, VA*

- ❖ Provided high-impact regional investigative reporting for 7 newspapers located in North Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia.
- ❖ The award-winning [investigative series “Locked Away”](#) examined North Carolina’s abusive practices in children’s residential psychiatric homes and was [cited in a class action federal lawsuit](#) against the state in 2022.

### Freelance Reporter, MedTech Dive/Industry Dive

Feb. 2020 – March 2020

*Washington, D.C.*

- ❖ Reported on regulations and developments in the growing medical technology and device industry.

**Oversight Policy Fellow, House Committee on Education and Labor,**

**American Political Science Association**

**Nov. 2018 – Aug. 2019**

*Washington, D.C.*

- ❖ Investigated complaints related to higher education – the fall of for-profit colleges and analyzed the accreditation agencies associated with the failing colleges. Also researched lobbyists and whistleblower complaints for oversight staff.

**Reporter, Record Searchlight, USA TODAY Network July 2015 – Sept. 2018**

*Redding, CA*

- ❖ Provided vital coverage for local readers and national USA TODAY readers about the 2017 California wine country fires, Oroville Dam Crisis, and 2018 Carr Fire in Shasta County.
- ❖ [Debunked a fake news article](#) written by Breitbart News that blamed the California wine country fires on an unsheltered Latino man who had a detainer lodged against him by Immigration and Customs Enforcement.
- ❖ Broke national story about [two aviation school students from China who were allegedly kidnapped](#) by their instructor to be forcibly deported. The exclusive interview included audio of an assault recorded by the victim.

**Communication Fellow, Action for Community Development, Global Health Corps Fellowship**

**July 2013 – Aug. 2014**

*Kasese, Uganda*

- ❖ Documented work of program managers in remote parts of Kasese region – outreach with sex workers about safe sex practices, food distribution to families living with HIV/AIDS, and trainings for hospitals and village health workers about best health care practices.

## **NURSING EXPERIENCE**

- ❖ **Kitengela Health Centre, Kitengela, Kenya, Aug. 2011 – Oct. 2011**
- ❖ **Crossroads Home Care & Hospice, San Francisco, CA, Sept. 2008 - Dec. 2010**
- ❖ **Silverado Senior Living, Belmont, CA, Oct. 2007- Sept. 2008**
- ❖ **San Quentin State Prison, San Quentin, CA, Feb. 2006 - March 2007**
- ❖ **Generations Healthcare, Canoga Park, CA, Dec. 2004 - Dec. 2005**

## **EDUCATION**

**SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY – Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, 2011**

**CONCORDE CAREER COLLEGE – Diploma in Vocational Nursing, 2004**