

BOBBY CAINA CALVAN

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ONLINE PORTFOLIO
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SKILLS

Computer-assisted reporting
Web-based sleuthing
Public records research
Social media
Blogging
Website design and coding
Audio and video production
Photography

PROFILE

- Multiplatform reporter, storyteller and editor: print, radio, television and digital.
- Experience drawn from major news outlets: Associated Press, National Public Radio, Boston Globe, Sacramento Bee, Virginian-Pilot, Seattle Times and Detroit Free Press.
- Baghdad bureau reporter for McClatchy Newspapers.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Fund for Investigative Journalism: Washington, D.C. (January 2015 - Present)
Project consultant for philanthropic nonprofit that supports freelance investigative journalists. Assisted grant recipients with completing projects. Oversaw training program for foreign journalists. Produce monthly newsletter and maintain website.

Associated Press: Helena, Mont. (January - July 2016)
Politics and Statehouse reporter. Aggressively covered elected officials, government institutions and statewide political candidates, with focus on accountability journalism. Routinely filed public records requests. Shot video and took photographs.

Freelance Journalist: Washington, D.C. (April 2015 - December 2015)

- Center for Investigative Reporting: Focused on military and veterans issues. Broke news on Pentagon's decision banning the University of Phoenix from military facilities and placing the school on probation because of predatory recruiting.
- Al Jazeera America: Contributed three-part series on growing Asian American vote.

Heartland Project: Lincoln, Neb. (March 2014 - March 2015)
Multiplatform reporter and editor for yearlong Ford Foundation program to boost coverage of communities of color and LGBT issues. Produced more than 40 print, radio and television stories in collaboration with newsrooms across Nebraska.

- Contributed stories and photos for newspapers. Collected audio, drafted scripts and voiced stories for radio, including NPR's Morning Edition. Helped produce TV spots.
- Coached reporters and editors on how to be more inclusive in their reporting.
- As journalist-in-residence at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, lectured about news gathering, interviewing and writing, as well as about race and diversity.

Freelance Journalist: Washington, D.C. (February 2013 - February 2014)
Wrote for various publications and news outlets, including Al Jazeera America.

Boston Globe: Washington, D.C. (October 2011 - January 2013)
National political reporter. Covered Congress and served as White House pool reporter. Reported from 13 states during 2012 presidential election.

- Reported on "fiscal cliff," sequestration and deficit-cutting supercommittee.
- Provided insights on presidential campaign, congressional races and workings of Capitol Hill as guest on national radio and television broadcasts.
- Served as California-based freelance correspondent (2002-2005).

International Center for Journalists: Washington, D.C. (2011)
Reporting fellow. Traveled to Laos to report on millions of unexploded bombs that are legacies of war waged four decades ago in Indochina.

Sacramento Bee: Sacramento, Calif. (January 2006 - February 2011)
Health care writer (September 2008 - February 2011). Reported on overhaul of country's health care system and drivers behind rising cost of medicine. Coverage focused on state and federal politics, legislation and policy.

- Covered Iraq war for McClatchy Newspapers (fall 2007) during height of violence.
- Analyzed databases, scientific research and statistical surveys.
- Copy edited (January 2006 - March 2007) stories for style and journalistic integrity.
- Covered 2010 World Series. Wrote about banning chewing tobacco from baseball and social media's role in transforming fan experience.

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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley

B.A. in Legal Studies. Also attended New York University. Worked part-time for El Cerrito Journal.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Asian American Journalists Association

National and local chapter leader.

- Named AAJA Member of the Year in 2012 and 2014.
- Chaired national MediaWatch Committee (2008-2015), AAJA's watchdog project for fair and accurate news coverage of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.
- Served on national board (2007-2013) for Sacramento and Washington, D.C., chapters.
- Completed AAJA's Executive Leadership Program, 2008.
- Cultivated partnerships with community groups, sponsors and news companies.
- Established partnership with Sacramento Bee for internship program.
- Volunteer instructor for JCamp, a weeklong journalism and leadership boot camp for high schoolers.
- Mentor high school and college journalism students, as well as early career journalists.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Foreign languages: basic Spanish; studied French, Latin and Tagalog; and fluent in Ilocano, a major Filipino dialect.
- National Public Radio storytelling boot camp, August 2011.
- Seasoned traveler: frequent trips to Latin America, Southeast Asia and Europe.
- Technophile who keeps abreast of the latest devices, software and technology.
- Innovate coverage using smart phones and tablet applications for researching and filing stories, as well as for audio, video and photography.