

SAMANTHA STAHL

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ABOUT

Culture reporter with deep Los Angeles roots and four years experience writing arts, features, news, and opinion for local publications. Skilled in inventive angles, editorial duties, source diplomacy, and deadline adherence.

EXPERIENCE

Staff Reporter – Arts, Features, Breaking News

June 2024 - March 2025

Times Media Group – The Argonaut, LA Downtown News, Pasadena Weekly, Arroyo Monthly, LOS ANGELES, CA

- Pitched, reported, and wrote art reviews, features, guides and breaking news for LA print and digital publications
- Cultivated sources and elicited strong interviews from members of the public, public officials, electeds, and others
- Managed concurrent stories across publications while adhering to strict deadline pressure, including quick-turn stories

Radio & Audio Production

Intermittent Residencies Jan 2023 - Present

*bed crumb show**, LOS ANGELES, CA | *KSCU*, SANTA CLARA, CA | *KTDE*, ANNAPOLIS, CA

- Currently produce on-air ambient literary reading hour for independent, freeform radio platform
- Wrote, hosted, and produced multiple weekly radio shows; supported senior staff with production, scheduling
- Mixed and edited audio for broadcast using studio audio equipment; basic Ableton skills

Consultant

March 2025 - Present

Mecoy Communications, LOS ANGELES, CA

- Strategize and execute communications for nonprofit, municipal, and corporate clients
- Develop content including newsletters, press releases, social media copy, and strategy documents
- Advise municipal clients during high-pressure, around-the-clock crisis scenarios

Operations & Publications Manager

October 2023 - May 2024

Starcross Monastic Community/Family Confraternity, ANNAPOLIS, CA

- Created, designed, and managed three weekly newsletters to subscriber list of 2,000+; analyzed performance data
- Head of Publication Committee; edited and coordinated weekly essays from contributors across disciplines
- Developed communications, strategic marketing, and development plans; involved in all aspects of content creation

Editor-in-Chief

April 2022 - June 2023

The Santa Clara University Newspaper, SANTA CLARA, CA

- Published weekly online editions with accompanying newsletter and three quarterly print newspapers
- Edited and fact-checked 10+ articles per week, oversaw \$50,000 budget, conducted weekly meetings
- Managed and trained 20+ employees; dispatched reporters, photographers, and editors; contracted freelancers

Opinion Editor & Columnist

June 2020 - June 2022

The Santa Clara, SANTA CLARA, CA

- Edited weekly opinion pieces for content, style, clarity, and grammar for publication of section
- Managed opinion writers and 20+ freelancers to cultivate writing skills and enable a spectrum of perspectives
- Pitched, researched, and wrote weekly opinion column

EDUCATION

Santa Clara University

Bachelor of Arts in Communication / Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies (June 2023); *Magna cum laude*
- Minor in Sustainability / Concentration in Environmental Humanities

Awards: Justin T. McCarthy Award for Journalism (2023), Chartered Student Organization of the Year (2023), Edward Shipsey, S.J. Journalism Prize (2021), First Place in Critical Thinking and Writing Contest (2021)