

OLIVIA RICHARD

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Education: ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

Awards & Achievements

2023
Ambies -- *Winner: Scamfluencers*

2022
New York Radio Festival -- *Gold Medal: Narrative/Documentary Podcast*

2020
Online Journalism Award -- *Gather Award: Engaged Journalism*

2019
The WEBBY Awards-- *Honoree*

Online Journalism Award -- *Large Newsroom -- Finalist*

2018
BEST OF PHOENIX® -- Best Morning Radio Show: *The Show* on KJZZ -- *Winner*

2017
Rocky Mountain Student Emmy -- *Multiple Nominations*

Scripps Roy W. Howard Fellowship -- *Winner* (Placement: Japan)

BEA Festival of Media Arts (Radio Feature) -- *Best of Festival* (Sports Feature) -- *1st Place*

SPJ Regional Mark of Excellence (Radio Sports Feature) -- *1st Place*

BioTech Science Reporting (News Spot) -- *1st Place*

2016
William R. Hearst Competition (Radio) -- *Finalist*

SPJ Regional Mark of Excellence Radio In-Depth Reporting -- *Finalist*

BEA Festival of Media Arts (Investigative Radio Feature) -- *Honorable Mention*

Experience

Producer, Ongoing Series | *Wondery, CA/NY* | Oct. 2022 - Present

- Work with writers and editors to establish framing, structure, and tone for multi-episode season arcs
- Edit and provide detailed feedback on outlines, scripts, and sonically immersive mixes
- Direct recording sessions with hosts and manage editorial pipeline and production calendar
- *Podcasts:* Scamfluencers, Against the Odds, Even the Rich and Whose Amazing Life?

Freelance Podcast Producer | *Rebel Girls, NY + CA* | Aug. 2021 - Sept 2023

- Produces award-winning internationally streamed children's educational podcasts that reaches hundreds-of-thousands of children around the globe, achieving 800,000+ monthly downloads
- Manages a team of third-party writers, voice-over artists and sound designers to produce highly immersive stories about multicultural women/ womxn from around the globe with intention of amplifying the achievements of diverse individuals through storytelling that is culturally accurate, authentic and inclusive.
- *Special Features:* Isabella Springmuhl, Marsha P. Johnson, Ntozake Shange, Taylor Swift, Margarete Steiff

Podcast Producer | *NBC News + MSNBC, NY* | Jul. 2021 - Dec. 2022

- Works to increase production efficiency by managing and coordinating series and project storylines, while working to shape and guide the tone and direction of major episodes ensuring diverse, accurate and creative storytelling – drives project research, interviews and editing efforts during series production
- *Podcasts:* In Their Court (NBC News), American Radical (MSNBC), Into America (MSNBC), Making Space with Hoda Kotb (TODAY)

Reporter & Producer | *KPCC 89.3 + NPR National, CA* | Jun. 2019 - Jul. 2021

- Investigated the human impact of COVID-19 on communities while documenting the pandemic's toll on statewide healthcare systems – as hospitals face unprecedented decisions like rationing patient care, front-line worker burnout, PPE shortages, and shrinking ICU bed capacities
- Assisted in 'SPECIAL COVERAGE REPORTING': Anti Asian Hate Protests, Jan. 6 Insurrection (2021), Death of RBG, Breonna Taylor verdict and protests, George Floyd Protests, Presidential election (2020), Referendum on L.A. Criminal Justice system, CA wildfire coverage, Vaccine equity and access
- Worked to help establish the stations first ever diversity and inclusion reporting guidelines and served on the newsroom's DEI Taskforce
- Covered Black Lives Matter rallies, protests against police brutality and calls for reform following the death of George Floyd in Los Angeles (2020)
- Covered affordable housing and gentrification in Charlotte, NC -- exposed illegal practices such as: forced evictions, discriminatory rent pricing and the widespread no-notice landlord search and entry

Borderlands Reporter | *Arizona PBS* | Aug. 2017 - May 2018

- Led ground coverage in Puerto Rico following Hurricane Maria -- investigated the disaster's impact on elderly and [medically vulnerable](#) families in remote and debris restricted areas
- Created a [documentary](#) film following Puerto Rico's journey through recovery six months after Maria
- Covered immigration and issues of disparity within US/Mexico border communities
- Reported on issues impacting Arizona's 21 federally recognized Indigenous Tribal Lands and communities -- particularly Navajo and Havasupi

Investigative Reporting Intern | *KNBC, Los Angeles* | Jun. 2015 - Aug. 2017

- Exposed lax and ineffective enforcement of parking tickets across Los Angeles creating a city deficit of \$21 million -- the reporting resulted in a county-wide policy change and implementation of a smart boot pilot
- Investigated misuse and abuse of handicap placards across Los Angeles using data and public records
- Investigated scam properties and the dark-side of home-sharing companies like Airbnb, whose failure to regulate and verify the legitimacy of properties resulted in hundreds of victims reserving non-existent or completely exaggerated properties
- Assisted in 'SPECIAL COVERAGE REPORTING': O.J. Simpson hearing (2017), Pulse nightclub massacre (2016), Munich shopping mall attack (2016), Presidential election (2016), Rio Olympics (2016), Special Olympics (2015)