

OLIVIA RICHARD

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Education: ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

Awards & Achievements

- 2023
Ambies-- *Best Entertainment Podcast* ("Scamfluencers") – Winner
WEBBY Awards-- *Best Podcast Writing* – Winner
- 2022
New York Radio Festival-- *Narrative/Documentary Podcast* ("American Radical") – *Gold Medal*
WEBBY Awards-- *People's Voice: Kids + Family Podcast* – Winner
Common Sense Media-- *Outstanding Family Entertainment*
- 2020
Online Journalism Award -- *Gather Award: Engaged Journalism*
- 2019
WEBBY Awards-- *Documentary* – Honoree
- 2018
BEST OF PHOENIX® -- Best Morning Radio Show: *The Show* on KJZZ
- 2017
Rocky Mountain Student Emmys -- *Multiple Nominations*
- 2016
Scripps Roy W. Howard Fellowship -- *Winner* (Placement: Japan)
BEA Festival of Media Arts (*Radio Feature*) – Best of Festival (*Sports Feature*) – 1st Place
BioTech Science Reporting -- *Best News Spot – 1st Place*
- 2015
Emma Bowen Award for Courage in Reporting

Experience

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

- Collaborate with writers and editors to define framing, structure, and tone for multi-episode season narratives, ensuring cohesiveness and compelling storytelling.
- Critically assess and enhance outlines, scripts, and audio mixes, providing detailed feedback to achieve sonically rich and engaging content.
- Oversee recording sessions with hosts, and adeptly manage the editorial pipeline and production schedule to maintain project timelines and quality standards.
- Led award-winning shows: "[Scamfluencers](#)", "[Against the Odds](#)", "[Even the Rich](#)", and "[Whose Amazing Life](#)".

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

- Directed the production of an [award-winning children's educational podcast](#), securing 800,000+ monthly downloads and global audience reach.
- Directs a dynamic team of external writers, voice actors, and sound designers to create deeply engaging stories that celebrate multicultural women/womxn, aiming to elevate diverse narratives through culturally precise, authentic, and inclusive storytelling.
- *Special Features:* Isabella Springmuhl, Marsha P. Johnson, Ntozake Shange, Taylor Swift, Margarete Steiff

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

- Enhanced production efficiency through strategic management and coordination of series and project storylines, guiding the tone and direction of key episodes to ensure diverse, precise, and innovative storytelling
- Led project research, conducts critical interviews, and oversees editing processes during series production
- *Notable Podcast Contributions:* "[In Their Court](#)" (NBC News), "[American Radical](#)" (MSNBC), "[Into America](#)" (MSNBC), and "[Making Space with Hoda Kotb](#)" (TODAY).

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

- Investigated COVID-19's impact on healthcare, revealing critical system strains from care rationing to PPE deficits.
- Contributed to major coverage on civil unrest and political events, including the Jan. 6 Insurrection, racial justice protests, and pivotal election cycles -- SPECIAL COVERAGE REPORTING: Anti Asian Hate Protests, Jan. 6 Insurrection, Death of RBG, Breonna Taylor verdict and protests, George Floyd Protests, Presidential election, Referendum on L.A. Criminal Justice system, CA wildfire coverage, Vaccine equity and access
- Championed the station's inaugural diversity and inclusion standards, reinforcing DEI values in journalism
- Reported on Black Lives Matter activism and police reform demands in Los Angeles following George Floyd's death.
- Investigated Charlotte's housing crisis, spotlighting illegal eviction practices and the urgent need for equitable housing policies.

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

- Orchestrated comprehensive on-site reporting in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico, conducting in-depth investigative reporting into the profound effects on the elderly and [medically vulnerable](#) populations within isolated and debris-laden areas
- Produced a compelling [documentary](#) that chronicled Puerto Rico's more than six-month post-Maria recovery efforts, capturing critical insights into the resilience and challenges of affected communities
- Investigated U.S.-Mexico border immigration and socioeconomic issues, spotlighting critical cross-border dynamics
- Spearheaded in-depth reporting across Arizona's Indigenous Tribal Lands, spotlighting key Navajo and Havasupai community narratives

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

- Uncovered systemic inefficiencies in Los Angeles' parking enforcement, catalyzing a municipal overhaul that mitigated a \$21 million budget shortfall and led to the adoption of an innovative smart boot program
- Conducted in-depth analysis of the misuse of disabled parking permits, leveraging data analytics and public records to spotlight regulatory gaps
- Spearheaded a pivotal exposé on fraudulent listings within home-sharing platforms such as Airbnb, directly influencing industry-wide discussions on consumer protection measures and verification processes
- SPECIAL COVERAGE REPORTING: Olympics, Special Olympics, Presidential election, Pulse nightclub massacre