

MARIA LUISA TUCKER

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Journalism Experience

The Village Voice, New York, NY

Staff Writer, April 2007 – October 2008

- Generated original story ideas and wrote investigative features on a wide range of subjects including Hillary Clinton's presidential bid, controversial new treatments for depression, white supremacist groups, sex predators in psychiatric hospitals and the criminal justice system
- Covered housing and development for the front of the book *Runnin' Scared* section
- Contributed news items and original photographs to the *Runnin' Scared* blog

AlterNet.org

Staff Writer, November 2005 – June 2006

- Traveled the country writing feature stories about Hurricane Katrina survivors, the 2006 immigration demonstrations, race riots in L.A. prisons, working conditions at Wal-Mart and other issues
- Regularly posted news items on AlterNet's political blog, including original photographs

Columbia Journal of American Studies, New York, NY

Managing Editor, May 2004 – May 2005

- Recruited writers, assigned editors and managed copy flow for the academic journal
- Directed editorial board growth and managed transition to peer-review process
- Directed the redesign of the website, wrote and edited web content
- Directed all special events, including the annual conference, fundraisers and monthly editorial meetings
- Designed cover, assisted in layout and coordinated all art and permissions for the 300-page print journal

Santa Fe Reporter, Santa Fe, NM

Staff Writer, October 2001 – June 2003

- Wrote award-winning investigative cover stories and weekly breaking news stories on politics, courts, crime, prisons and the environment in a deadline-driven work environment
- Contributed to collaborative news packages on a major drought, New Mexico's priest abuse scandal and every local election
- Trained and supervised editorial interns

Freelance

- Contributed feature articles to *Phoenix New Times*, *Austin Monthly Magazine* and several daily newspapers, including *The Press-Enterprise* (Riverside, CA) and *The News-Sentinel* (Fort Wayne, Indiana)
- Fact-checker for *Columbia Journalism Review*, 2003 - 2007

Education

Columbia University

M.A. Liberal Studies - American Studies, focus on ethnicity and politics; 2006

Texas State University

B.A. Mass Communication - Print Journalism, minor in Media Studies; 2000

Awards

1st Place Media Reporting, 2003 Association of Alternative Newsweeklies Award

1st Place Investigative Reporting, 2002 New Mexico Press Association Better Newspapers Contest

2nd Place In-Depth Reporting, 2002 New Mexico Press Association Better Newspapers Contest