

Kala Hunter

Environmental Journalist

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Reporter fascinated by the relationship between humans and the natural world. I'm captivated by resilience, regeneration, and revolution. I have two years of experience as a journalist doing freelance in San Francisco and Chicago reporting in the Medill Newsroom on soil health and food systems, indigenous justice, plant science, glacial climate systems, and change-makers. I have three years experience in marketing and case study writing. My goal is to tell intersectional climate adaptation and solution stories that educate, inspire, and serve humanity.

EDUCATION

Northwestern University, Chicago — *Master of Science in Journalism, focus in Health, Science and Environment, June 2023*

- Embedded Reporting: Lived aboard a ship to access the remote shores of Southern Patagonia, Chile with glacial geologists for one month. Produced a feature story and video of their fieldwork at the edge of glaciers to understand retreat during the last ice age.
- Embedded reporting on controversial Maya Train project in Yucatan, MX.
- Produced an [enterprise science story](#) about the potential of mushroom mycelium, a zero-waste alternative to Styrofoam.
- [Investigated](#) the treatment and integration of Venezuelan asylum seekers bussed from Texas to Chicago in the fall of 2022.

Fort Lewis College, Durango, Colo. & Semester abroad in Brazil— *Bachelor of Arts Environmental Studies, Minor in History, May 2015.*

EXPERIENCE

Freelance Journalist, San Francisco and Chicago

March 2021 - PRESENT

Published stories about healthy food access in low-income areas of Chicago, urban forest tree equity in Chicago, endangered leatherback turtles in Cape Cod, composting in San Francisco, and legacies of redlining in the Bay Area. More [here](#).

DeepRoot Green Infrastructure, San Francisco — *Marketing Manager*

May 2019 - May 2022

Strategized and executed storytelling for urban forestry soil product, Silva Cell. Curated and wrote blog posts and [case studies](#). Managed and posted all social media.

Google, Sunnyvale, Calif. — *Healthy Building Material Researcher*

February 2018 - February 2019

Investigated building materials' toxicity for a 2.5 million square foot [Google campus construction project](#) to meet rigorous environmental building Challenge material petal compliance.

SKILLS

- Content strategy
- Meta admin
- LinkedIn admin
- Fact-checking
- [Video](#) journalism
- [Audio](#) journalism
- Research
- Marketing strategy
- [Acting](#) (Indeed commercial)
- Photo editing
- WordPress
- Wix website
- Microsoft Office 365
- G-Suite
- News writing
- Investigative writing
- Science writing
- Embedded reporting
- HTML & CSS
- Data reporting
- FOIA requests

LANGUAGES

- Brazilian Portuguese (Advanced)
- Spanish (Intermediate)