

Kala Hunter

Climate & Environmental
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Journalist 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 freelancing 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 of 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:* Southern Patagonia, Chile worked with glacial geologists for one month to understand glacial behavior as it relates to past and present climate change. Produced a feature story and [documentary](#). Yucatan, MX. Covered the controversial [Maya Train project](#) and its environmental impact.
- [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

Ledger Enquirer, McClatchy, Columbus, GA — *Climate Change Reporter*

June 2023 - PRESENT

Covering the impact of climate change on Georgians. Accountability, solutions and countering misinformation while highlighting progress toward solving climate change and related issues.

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)