

Kala Hunter

Environmental Journalist

Environmental science freelance journalist with the goal to tell climate change adaptation and solution stories as well as indigenous science and food sovereignty. A diverse background in urban forestry and environmental construction helped building a foundation in reporting on planetary health and colonialism, capitalism, and climate change.

EDUCATION

Northwestern University, Chicago, Ill. — *Master of Science in Journalism (MSJ) with an emphasis in Health, Science, and Environmental Reporting*
Expected graduation June 2023

- Tree Equity in Chicago [Under the Urban Canopy](#) in Chicago Health Magazine
- [Video Journalism](#) Chicago Water Fountains combat lead issue with constant water flow

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

EXPERIENCE

[Freelance Journalist](#), San Francisco and Chicago

March 2021 - present

A reporter for news clients on topics including:

- San Francisco's municipal composting program, *Noe Valley Voice*
- Healthy food options in previously Redlined parts of the Bay Area, *Sentient Media*
- Leatherback turtles' response to fishing lines in Cape Cod, *Mongabay*

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 over 50 blog posts and [case studies](#). Managed and posted on company Meta and LinkedIn.

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

February 2018 - February 2019

Investigated building materials' toxicity levels for 2.5 million square foot [Google campus construction](#). Met needs of Living Building Challenge material petal compliance.

Amec Foster Wheeler, Durango, Colo. and Boulder City, Nev. — *Environmental Manager, Assistant Project Manager*

September 2015 - November 2016

Safeguarded environmental permits and endangered species as a construction compliance officer for the general contractor on a 665-acre (95 MW) [Solar plant](#).

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SKILLS

- Content strategy
- Fact-checking
- Meta admin
- LinkedIn admin
- Instagram Reels
- Research and analysis
- Strategic planning
- Editing
- Public relations
- [Acting](#) (national Indeed commercial)
- Interviewing
- Photo editing
- WordPress
- Wix website
- Microsoft Office O365
- G-Suite
- IT management

LANGUAGES

Brazilian Portuguese (Advanced)
Spanish (Intermediate)

