

Vishakha Darbha

Audio-Visual Journalist

EXPERIENCE

The New York Times, New York, NY — Audio Producer

AUGUST 2020 - PRESENT

Pilot new shows for New York Times Opinion audio -- most recently, The Opinions and Matter of Opinion.

Pitching, reporting, interviewing and producing The Opinions for the New York Times, on all platforms.

Researched, interviewed, booked guests, wrote scripts and worked closely with the host of shows like The Argument, with Jane Coaston, Sway with Kara Swisher, and the Modern Love Podcast.

Produced projects for the NYT Opinion video team and the Special Projects team.

Written for NYT Opinion's daily newsletter, Opinion Today, and The Point, NYT Opinion's blog.

The Atlantic, Washington D.C. — Associate Producer

AUGUST 2018 - MAY 2020

Researched, wrote, reported, filmed, edited, animated and produced original videos on subjects The Atlantic covers, including politics, science and culture.

Shaped and managed the original series, The Atlantic Argument, from pitch to publishing.

Produced, edited, and created graphics for The Idea File video series. Animated art for website features and articles, and their corresponding Instagram stories and posts.

Mother Jones, New York, NY — Senior video and digital fellow

AUGUST 2017 - JULY 2018

Reported, produced, filmed, edited and animated explainer videos and social clips for Mother Jones' YouTube, Instagram and Facebook channels.

Curated posts and designed graphics for Mother Jones' Instagram page. Covered breaking news, including Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, North Korea, DACA Protests, post Charlottesville protests in New York, The March for our Lives rallies, and an exclusive interview with Hillary Clinton.

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SKILLS

Software-

Advanced: Pro Tools, Premiere Pro

Intermediate: After Effects, Photoshop, Audition, Illustrator

Beginner: Lightroom, InDesign

HIGHLIGHTS

AAJA Excellence Award recipient for the category commentary/op-ed/perspective

New York Press Club Award for best unscripted podcast -- The Opinions

Co-director for AAJA Video

A 2021 AAJA Voices Mentor

South Asian Avant-Garde (SAAG) Anthology, Creative Director: A pop-up literary anthology created by a collective of South Asian writers, editors, academics, activists, translators, playwrights, journalists, visual artists and designers.

Spoke at the AAJA 2019 Conference on a panel about diversifying video skills

Spoke on a panel to students at **Columbia University** during a Climate+Justice class

Ellie 2018 Nomination - Mother Jones Social Media Team

Ellie 2018 Nomination - Grist's Umbra 21-Day Apathy Detox Project

Grist.org, Seattle, WA — *Video fellow*

FEBRUARY 2017 - JULY 2017

Reported, animated, filmed, edited and produced web videos, explainers and short documentaries on environmental justice, climate change, and sustainability for Grist's Webby nominated video team.

Created Grist's first video cover story, a mini documentary & explainer on Detroit's water crisis.

Reported and wrote two profiles for "Grist 50," Grist's annual collaboration of individuals taking extraordinary initiative in the field of environmentalism.

Vox.com, Washington, D.C. — *Video intern*

SEPTEMBER 2016 - DECEMBER 2016

Worked with the Managing Producer for Facebook Video to provide creative input, research and collaborate throughout the production process for social media videos.

Responsible for pitching, writing scripts, shooting and editing videos; produced explainers, mini-documentaries, short social clips; collaborated on videos to learn and produce motion graphics for Vox's Youtube channel.

EDUCATION

Northwestern University, Chicago, IL — *Master of Science in Journalism*

SEPTEMBER 2015 - DECEMBER 2016

Specialization: Videography, Feature Writing

Lady Shri Ram College, Delhi University, New Delhi, IND — *Bachelor of Arts in History*

JULY 2011 - MAY 2015

National University of Singapore, Singapore — *Study Abroad Scholarship Program*

JULY 2013 - MAY 2014

Courses: Geopolitics, Sociology, Gender Studies

2018 PhotoDiversity Film Festival - The Forgotten Neighborhood: Palestinians in Chicago; an inter-generational documentary on anti-Muslim discrimination and Palestinian activism in Chicago.

2017 Folio Eddie & Ozzie Award - Grist's Umbra 21-Day Apathy Detox Project

PROJECTS

You've Got it Made: A reported 4-episode limited series podcast that traces the history of the Indian diaspora in the U.S. Available on iTunes, Stitcher, and Google Play.

Mentor on Media Mentors Program

Mentor and Speaker for the School of New York Times (Winter + Spring 2024)

LANGUAGES

Advanced: English, Hindi

Intermediate: Telugu, Urdu

Beginner: French