

# 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 -- such as Matter of Opinion, and an upcoming show slated for January 2024.

Pitching, interviewing and producing "Opinion Shorts" for the New York Times website and audio app.

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.

### **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

**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

**2018 PhotoDiversity Film Festival**

- The Forgotten Neighborhood: Palestinians in Chicago; an inter-generational documentary on anti-Muslim discrimination

## **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

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

**Upcoming mentor** for the School of New York Times (January 2024)

## **LANGUAGES**

Advanced: English, Hindi

Intermediate: Telugu, Urdu

Beginner: French