

ALLISON ELISABETH GROSS

EDUCATION

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EXPERIENCE

Freelance Journalist / Detroit / Jan 2014 – Present

-Write articles for publications such as *Jacobin*, *Slate*, *VICE News*, *Noisey*, *GOOD*, the *Atlantic*, *FiveThirtyEight*, the *Detroit News* and the *Michigan Citizen*.

Investigative Reporter – Detroit Metro Times / Detroit / Sept 2015 – Sept 2016

-Write and report 1-2 cover story features each month on topics such as education, labor, housing, reproductive rights and criminal justice, while also blogging for the paper's website.
- Nov. 2015 article "[Out from Under](#)" selected by the Association of Alternative Newsmedia as the 1st place feature story (circ. +45,000)

Editorial Fellow – Mother Jones / San Francisco + DC / Dec 2014 – Aug 2015

-Pitch and write stories on criminal justice and education for the website and magazine.
-Curate online content, stage stories, write headlines, create graphics in Photoshop for website.
-Extensively fact-checking for both the magazine and the website.

Co-Founder - DetroitCharterData.org / Detroit / Jan 2014 – Present

-Build a UX-friendly website to act as a charter school document database and Freedom of Information Act generator to empower families and educators in Detroit.
-Spearhead successful grant applications for funding from the Awesome Foundation and the Sunlight Foundation.

Associate Editor – Education Dive / Remote / Mar 2014 – Jun 2015

-Post five education briefs and analysis online every morning by 9 am EST.
-Write two feature stories each week on education news and trends.

Research Assistant - Wayne State University School of Education / Detroit / Aug 2013 – Mar 2014

-Investigate funding and relationships between school systems and philanthropies in Detroit.
-Research and write articles on Detroit school funding based on documents gathered through FOIAs, interviews and public 990s.

5TH grade Teacher/Teach for America Corps Member - Plymouth Educational Center / Detroit Summer 2010 – Summer 2013

-Create a "Be the Change" curriculum, which partnered students with local entrepreneurs and artists to work on positive projects in the city of Detroit, such as a park beautification initiative.

News Intern - WDET, 101.9 FM / Detroit / Summer 2012– Fall 2012

-Pitch and report briefs on Michigan and Detroit news.
-Interview, record and edit sound bytes for the radio.
-Select and prep radio interview guests for the Craig Fahle Show.

Investigative Journalist - Medill Innocence Project / Chicago / Fall 2009 – Summer 2010

-Investigate a double homicide in a former Chicago Public Housing development for a pending wrongful conviction.
-Interview sources in correctional facilities and neighborhoods across the Midwest; obtain a confession altering the case's direction.

Reporter/Editorial Intern – PEOPLE Magazine / New York + Los Angeles / Winter 2009 – Fall 2009

-Write short stories for People.com and book reviews for PEOPLE magazine.

Northwestern University's
Medill School of Journalism
June 2010, Evanston, IL
-BS in Journalism and Political
Science

University of Michigan
June 2013, Ann Arbor, MI
-Teaching Certification
Program

ADDITIONAL PROJECTS

Co-Founder,
Strategy & Development
Advisor AskBigQuestions.com
Fall 2008 – Present

-Co-founded an organization to cultivate civil society by providing open forums for students and professors to discuss "life's big questions."
-Built a development strategy to nationally expand the program, securing a \$1.5 million grant to grow the initiative to 20 college campuses across the US.
-Created marketing, development and internal operation strategies.

Graphic Designer/
Detroit Future Schools Teacher
Allied Media Projects

Fall 2012 – Present, Detroit, MI
-Collaborated with a local video artist to create a media-based curriculum for 5th graders.
-Conceptualized and planned two professional developments for students, teachers and stakeholders to share media projects and network.
-Taught 5th graders how to use InDesign, video cameras, Tumblr and Twitter in order to shift from consumers to producers of media.

PROFICIENT IN

Microsoft Office, Adobe Creative Suite, All social networking platforms, LexisNexis, SlideShare, Final Cut Pro, Avid, Citizen Audit, Accurant.