

kellywestphotography

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QUALIFICATIONS

Highly motivated, enterprising visual communicator with strong journalistic ethics. Excellent people skills and collaborative abilities. Proficient knowledge of all aspects of visual storytelling, with experience as a photographer, editor, audio engineer, and multimedia producer. Advanced skills in **Final Cut, Photoshop, Soundslides, Audacity**, Mac and PC operating systems. Working knowledge of **Flash, ProTools, and InDesign**.

EDUCATION/AWARDS

2010 **News21 fellowship** recipient [Carnegie-Knight funded multimedia journalism initiative]
2008-present University of Texas-Austin, **Master's of Journalism** [specializing in multimedia]
1997-2001 University of Texas-Austin, **Bachelor's of Journalism** [Headliners Scholarship recipient]
2004 **Platypus Workshop** [program for still photographers converting to video]
2004, 2006 **Barbara Jordan Media Award** recipient [statewide award for excellence in communicating about people with disabilities]

EMPLOYMENT

October 2003-Present, Staff Photographer, Austin American-Statesman

Cover wide range of subject matter for all sections of 185,000 circulation daily, coordinate with designers and editors to make decisions about photos in paper or online, produce online slideshows and videos for website, collaborate with editors, reporters, and designers to determine how best to illustrate and present ideas visually to readership, schedule projects and assignments for self and other photographers, interact with the public as a representative of the media

June 2002-present, Freelance Photographer, Austin, Texas

Independent Contractor hired by various editorial publications, commercial and private clients, including: New York Times, Dallas Morning News, Fort Worth Star-Telegram, USA Today, Associated Press, Red Bull; market and promote business through advertising, website, and professional contacts

January-October 2003, Staff Photographer, Associated Press, Austin bureau

Photographed 2003 Texas State legislative session and special sessions, researched and documented important local stories for statewide publication, covered UIL high school state championships and other daily news on deadline

August 2001-June 2002, Photo Intern, Cedar Rapids Gazette

Photographed for all sections of 73,000 circulation daily, enterprised photo ideas, especially in the monthly Neighbors section profiling small, nearby towns in multiple photo packages