

Colin Dabkowski

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EXPERIENCE

2020-PRESENT Alden High School, Alden, N.Y.

English Teacher

Teach College English 12, multimedia production and creative writing. Lead school's student-run news organization and serve as advisor to the theater club, creative writing club, and gender-sexuality alliance. I also direct the fall plays at the school and coordinate student coverage of school events.

2007-2019 The Buffalo News, Buffalo, N.Y.

Arts Critic (2007-2018)

Produced robust coverage of Western New York culture and its connection to the lives of readers via breaking news, reviews, enterprise stories, columns, videos, digital presentations and social media engagement.

Digital Editor (2018-2019)

Curated Buffalonews.com, edited stories across sections, produced a range of digital interactives, built The News' social media channels and coached newsroom staff in digital presentation, SEO, analytics and social media.

2005-2006 McSweeney's, San Francisco, Calif.

Managing Editor, Voice of Witness

Led a yearlong effort to edit, publish and promote "Surviving Justice," an award-winning book of oral histories and journalism about wrongful convictions and the first volume in McSweeney's long-running Voice of Witness series. Contributed reporting and interviews to "Voices From the Storm," about the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans.

EDUCATION

2022 SUNY Buffalo State College, Buffalo, N.Y.

M.S., English Education 7-12

2000-2004 Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y.

B.S., Magazine Journalism, S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications

B.S., Spanish Languages and Literatures, College of Arts and Sciences

SKILLS

LANGUAGES

Proficient in Spanish

SOFTWARE

Proficient in Final Cut Pro, Adobe InDesign, Adobe Photoshop, Microsoft Excel, Adobe After Effects

ANALYTICS/SOCIAL

Parse.ly, Google Analytics, Metrics for News, Chartbeat, Echobox

AWARDS / HONORS

2019

Fellow, SUNY Buffalo State Social Justice Fellowship: Sophia's Legacy

2019

Bard Cappella Award for Applied Literacy, SUNY Buffalo State College

2015

Contributed to Pulitzer-nominated coverage of Buffalo's 2014 lake effect snowstorm

2017

Dr. C. Douglas Whelan Academic Wall of Fame and Achievement Award, Starpoint High School

2009

Fellow, USC Annenberg/NEA Arts Journalism Institute in Theater and Musical Theater

2005

Prevention for a Safer Society Award from the National Council on Crime and Delinquency for "Surviving Justice"

2008

Associated Press 1st place award in arts and entertainment writing for "Creative Healing"

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Managing Editor, "Surviving Justice: America's Wrongfully Convicted and Exonerated," McSweeney's, San Francisco/Verso, New York, 2005.

Contributing Interviewer, "Voices from the Storm: The People of New Orleans on Hurricane Katrina and its Aftermath," McSweeney's, San Francisco, 2006.

FREELANCE

Art New England, CityLab (The Atlantic Monthly), Tri-Parish Times (Houma, La.), Offbeat Magazine (New Orleans), Cornelia (Buffalo), Peach Mag (Buffalo)

ACTIVITIES

2019-PRESENT

Officer, Western New York Network of English Teachers

2009-2017

Guest Speaker, Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership

2013-2019

Vice President, Buffalo Newspaper Guild, CWA Local #31026

2000-2004

Videographer and editor, Syracuse University Video Production Unit and Innovision Productions, a sports-focused CNY production company

2002

Intern, El Pais, Madrid