JILL AMENT

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**EDUCATION**

**University of Texas at Austin, M.A. in Journalism and Media**

*School of Journalism and Media – Moody College of Communication*

Expected Graduation Date: May 2025 GPA: 3.89

# Texas State University, B.A. in Mass Communication - Electronic Media

*School of Journalism and Mass Communication* GPA: 3.46

May 2012

**EXPERIENCE**

**Texas State University,** San Marcos, TX August 2022-Current

*Lecturer of Practice*

* Teach courses on writing for video and radio news and advertising.
* Teach courses on print and digital journalism writing.
* Advise and train students working at the Texas State college radio station to produce award-winning news and web content.

**Texas Standard – KUT 90.5,** Austin, TX May 2017-August 2022

*Producer/Reporter*

* Produced, wrote and edited award-winning, audio rich radio news features with a strong focus on environmental, public policy and social issues for the Austin NPR affiliate at the University of Texas at Austin.
* Produced live and taped Q&A segments and roundtables with guests related to topics on top Texas news stories, public policy issues and Texas history.
* Assisted with and contributed to the production of award-winning, special programming including election night coverage and audio documentary specials.

**Spectrum News 1**, Austin, TX April 2015- May 2017

*Political Producer/General News Producer*

* Produced for Spectrum’s live and taped evening newscasts.
* Spearheaded live, wall-to-wall coverage of breaking news events.
* Lead producer for the station’s nightly political program, “Capital Tonight,” which focuses on news surrounding state policy, politics and the Texas legislature.
* Coordinated special on and off-site, live programs during 2016 presidential election cycle.

**KCEN-TV**, Waco, TX April 2014-March 2015

*Producer/Web Producer*

* Coordinated web and social media news coverage for station.
* Wrote for and updated station web page throughout the day with various stories.
* Produced daily, live morning news program and went on to produce 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. newscasts.

**KWBU 103.3 FM**, Waco, TX Mar. 2014 – Dec. 2014

*Part-Time Host and Reporter*

* Hosted and produced local radio newscasts for the NPR affiliate at Baylor University.
* Produced local news radio news stories for air and online.
* Wrote for the station’s website, which also included incorporating photography.

**AWARDS/HONORS**

2023-2024 Bess Whitehead Scott Scribes Scholar, Headliners Foundation *(Texas State University)*

2022 Ann Arnold Scholarship Recipient, Texas Broadcasters Education Fund *(Texas State University)*

2022 Public Media Journalists Association (*Texas Standard/Reporter*) – Second Place, Use of Sound

2021 National Press Foundation Fellow (*Texas Standard*)

2021 Texas Headliners Foundation (*Texas Standard/Contributing Producer*) – Gold, Showcase Awards for Enterprise and Innovation in Journalism

2021 Regional Edward R. Murrow Award (*Texas Standard/Contributing Reporter) –* First Place, News Documentary Category

2020 National Headliner Award (*Texas Standard/Reporter)* – First Place, Radio News Series

2020 Texas Associated Press Broadcasters Awards (*Texas Standard/Reporter*) – First Place, News Series

2020 Public Media Journalists Association (*Texas Standard/Reporter*) – First Place, News Feature

2020 Public Media Journalists Association (*Texas Standard/Reporter*) – Second Place, Writing

2020 Public Media Journalists Association (*Texas Standard/Producer*) – Second Place, Interview

2019 Regional Edward R. Murrow Award (*Texas Standard/Reporter*) – Excellence in Sound

2017 Lone Star Emmy Award, Nominee (*Capital Tonight/Producer)–* Best Political Show

**SKILLS**

Video and audio production, news and digital writing, multimedia storytelling, online/social media engagement, Adobe Creative Suite, Microsoft Suite, travel planning and budgeting, public relations/marketing