

# JARED DOWNING

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## JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

### Freelance work | January 2014 - PRESENT

- Published in *Slate*, *VICE News*, *Nieman Reports*, *Saveur*, *Asian Geographic*, *Roads & Kingdoms*, *OpenDemocracy*, and others
- Notable clips explore Myanmar's exiled and outlaw journalists, an NGO turf war at a squatter village on a Thai garbage dump, and urban blight in Birmingham, Alabama.

### Managing editor and podcast producer, Climate & Capital Media | New York | March 2020 - June 2021

- Managed the editorial team at a digital platform covering the intersection of business and climate change
- Reported on global climate policy, the fossil fuel industry, and the emerging climate economy
- Created and hosted *The Climate & Capital Podcast*, featuring news, commentary, and interviews with key figures

### Editorial adviser for Myanmar, Hirondelle Foundation | Yangon, Myanmar | August 2019 - January 2020

- Managed the Myanmar office of a Swiss organization that supports newsrooms in the global South
- Oversaw production for *Doh Athan*, a podcast that documents human rights abuses in Myanmar
- Coverage included violence against women, indigenous land theft, environmental destruction, and human trafficking

### Senior reporter, Frontier Myanmar | Yangon, Myanmar | July 2015 - July 2019

- Pitched and reported regular features for the leading English-language news magazine in the nation of Myanmar.
- Covered a variety of topics including politics, business, migrants and refugees, press freedom, arts and culture, and history
- Notable stories cover ethnic minorities sneaking across the border to receive medical care, women with disabilities who fall prey to sexual assault, Myanmar's surprisingly charitable biker gangs, and a scandal around the lost tomb of a Thai king

## FELLOWSHIPS AND INTERSHIPS

### Podcast fellow, Health Affairs | Remote | June 2021 - December 2021

Produced "*The Earth Disease*," a podcast series about climate change and healthcare for the nation's leading health policy journal. On-site reporting ranged from a clinic in wildfire-prone California to a Boston hospital reducing its carbon footprint.

### Reporting intern, AL.com and The Birmingham News | Birmingham, Alabama | May 2013 - December 2013

Covered local news, elections, crime, and culture for print and web

### Staff writer, The Crimson White | The University of Alabama | January 2010 - August 2012

Provided features arts reviews for the student newspaper. DJ'd for the campus radio station.

## EDUCATION

### COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY Graduate School of Journalism | M.A. in political journalism | New York | May 2022

Master's project is an 8,000-word investigative feature on how the global timber industry uses Jim Crow-era systems to exploit poor, black communities in Alabama.

Coursework includes feature stories on grassroots resistance against Myanmar's military regime, the marketing failures of the climate movement, and why nutrition science can't seem to agree on what we should eat.

### THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA School of Arts and Science | Bachelor of Arts | Tuscaloosa, AL | May 2013

Philosophy major, English minor. Wrote features, travel columns, and theater reviews for the student newspaper.

## SKILLS

Audio production • Voice narration • Podcast publishing • Digital photography and photo editing • Digital illustration and cartooning • HTML and CSS • SEO • WordPress • Adobe Photoshop, Audition, and Premiere • Pizza baking

## REFERENCES

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