

Rebecca Byerly

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International journalist, Producer, Adventure athlete

Based in New Delhi, India, reporting across all platforms for major media organizations, including the New York Times, Discover Magazine, National Geographic, and The Christian Science Monitor. Currently producing and directing a documentary film that highlights my passions for the environment, women's empowerment and endurance running.

Education & Fellowships

- Wings World Quest Explorer 2014
- Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting Fellowship, Kashmir, India 2009
- Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship, Delhi, India 2007, 2008
- Bachelor of Arts in International Studies, American University, School of International Service, Peace Corps 2006
- Boren National Security Scholarship, American University in Cairo, Egypt 2004, 2005

Professional experience

DOCUMENTARY FILMMAKER 2008-PRESENT

Independent Film *Women of the Mountain* April 2013 - Present

- Producing and directing a 60-minute documentary film about women who face tremendous challenges
- Documenting the history of the mountains through the voices of the local women who live there, just
- Capturing these women's stories while running 100+ mile races alongside them in Mustang, Nepal
- Scheduled for release in 2015, the film has been selected as the feature documentary for the Trails

PRINT JOURNALIST MAY 2008-PRESENT

New York Times , January 2013-Present

- Published a front-page, 1,400-word feature article about Indian athletes suspended for performance
- Authored a story on how the Maha Kumbh Mela pilgrims are reunited with their families after being
- Reported from the scene of an attack between militants and the Indian army in Srinagar, Kashmir.
- Looked at the uncertain future facing Kashmir after the hanging of a revered Kashmiri separatist's

Discover Magazine , February 2013-Present

- Currently writing a 3,000-word, first-person feature with three web articles and a video that explore

***Conde Nast Traveler* , India, October 2013**

- Chronicled the development of Gulmarg, a far-flung ski resort in Kashmir. The first person feature l

***Christian Science Monitor* October 2011-January 2013**

- Covered breaking news and feature articles across India for readers in more than 130 countries as
- Investigated the conditions of workers in the coalfields of Meghalaya, India. Wrote a feature article
- Interviewed a woman and her daughter who were molested by family members, the article explore
- Captured the stories of four generations of dairy farmers who have been working their land in Plea

***Daily Beast* , January 2011**

- Interviewed young Indians, artists and buyers about the country's booming art landscape.

***National Geographic News* August 2009-Present**

- Explored how a surge in Hindu pilgrims to a holy cave in the Himalayas is affecting the environmen
- Examined how the Delhi government's push to use auto rickshaws instead of cars was not succes
- Completed a two-part series from Kashmir that focused on water related stories for National Geogr

***Al Jazeera* English, March 2009-January 2010**

- Wrote about the challenge Kashmiri farmers face as a result of changing weather patterns.
- Covered adventure sports stories from the Badwater ultra marathon, a 135-mile race through Deat

***Marathon and Beyond*, May-December 2008**

- Chronicled my journey running ultra marathons and traveling across China, Mongolia, Cambodia a

***CNN.com* , May-August 2008**

- Published feature stories for CNN's Olympic home page, including the Great Wall of China marath

VIDEO JOURNALIST MARCH 2009-PRESENT
***Harvard University* , January-February 2013**

- Spent six weeks at the Maha Kumbh Mela, producing, directing and filming videos for Harvard University.

***Global Post* , February 2011-March 2012**

- Produced, directed and filmed the election of the first Tibetan leader to take over the political power of the 14th Dalai Lama.

***Time.com* , January-August 2010**

- Filmed, produced and directed a series of snow skiing and soccer videos from Kashmir to show the beauty of the region.
- One of very few international journalists on the ground in Srinagar, Kashmir, when violence broke out.

***Voice of America* , July 2009-Present**

- Produced, filmed and voiced 12 video stories across India pertaining to politics, the environment and social issues.

***Al Jazeera Sports World* March 2009**

- Produced and directed a five-minute video, on a 127-mile ultra-marathon, through Libya's Acacus Desert.

RADIO JOURNALIST JANUARY 2009-PRESENT
***National Public Radio* , January-July 2010**

- Broadcasted breaking news stories from India. Many of these stories focused on the precautions taken during the 2009 H1N1 pandemic.

***National Geographic Weekend Update* February 2008-Present**

- Frequent guest on the show. Talk about adventures from living with reindeer herders in Mongolia, to exploring the Amazon rainforest.

Other experience

DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE 2006-APRIL 2008
Communications Liaison, New Delhi, India* 2007-2008 *Research Group

- Coordinated relationships between Chintan's slum schools and private schools in New Delhi.
- Worked with various municipalities in Delhi to improve the rights of waste pickers.

Finance Liaison – Aina Media Development Group, Kabul Afghanistan

- Worked with local Afghan and international employees to monitor project funding.
- Evaluated media projects to monitor success.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE 2004 - PRESENT

Committed to education, I have taught at schools in the United States and across the globe

- Lecturer at American University and Missouri University journalism class.
- Taught environmental education to public school children in New Delhi, India.
- Teaching Assistant, Colman McCarthy “Politics of Peace” Wilson High School, Washington, D.C.
- English Tutor to students in Sudan, Palestine, and Egypt.

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