

Isaac Simonelli

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Investigative Journalist + Data Journalist + Photojournalist

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Investigative Journalist — Arizona Center for Investigative Reporting (Roy W. Howard Fellow)

July 2022 - August 2023

- Developed and executed complex, data-driven investigations into domestic extremism movements.
- Provided multi-media support for colleagues' investigations.

Freelance Journalist

July 2017 - July 2022

- Monthly contributor to Alaska Business Magazine.
- Featured in Climbing Magazine (story [here](#)), ADV Moto Magazine, and Moto Spirit Magazine.

Editor — Kodiak Daily Mirror (Helen E. Snedden Foundation)

October 2018 - August 2019

- Oversaw editorial policy and content management for a daily newspaper, website and social media sites with a strong focus on increasing community engagement.
- Copy editing, story development, and page design for daily paper.
- Production of six to eight supplement publications annually.
- Hands-on with professional development and training of reporters.

Copy-Editor — Fairbanks Daily News-Miner (Helen E. Snedden Foundation)

November 2017 - October 2018

- Copy-editing with a focus on news content. Role included daily newspaper design production.

Founder — Dice Travels

May 2016 - May 2017

- Multi-media travel project. The premise of the project was to allow die rolls to determine the majority of decisions faced while motorbiking throughout the world on a limited budget

SKILLS

R Programming; Narrative Writing; Open Source Intelligence Techniques; Drone Piloting; Photography; Photo Editing; Videography; Copy Editing; Story Development; Record Requests; In-depth Reporting; AP Style; Project Management; Team leadership

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

First Place for EPPY Awards' "Best Collegiate Investigation" and "Best Video on a College Website." Finalist for "Best Feature Story"

Finalist for 3M Truth in Science Online Journalism Awards

First Place for "Data Visualization" and Finalist for "Best Use of Multimedia" by the Society of Professional Journalists

First Place for "Best Reporting on Health or Science" at 2019 Alaska Press Club Awards

First Place for "Best Long Feature" at 2018 Alaska Press Club Awards

PROJECTS

Anti-Corruption Panelist
Represented English-language media outlets for the Thailand Office of the Auditor General's

for a year.

- Documented the journey with daily blog entries; photojournalism pieces; and drone videos.
- Managed website and all social media outlets.

Editor-In-Chief; Managing Editor; Sub-Editor — Phuket Gazette, Thailand

October, 2011 - May, 2016

- Started in a design and copy-editing capacity but quickly developed as strong editor and leader, resulting in multiple promotions and increased responsibility.
- Oversaw editorial policy and content management for the newspaper, website, and social media sites.
- Day-to-day development of online and print products, while producing and editing content, as well as designing pages.
- Hired, supervised, and mentored reporters and editors. Stories about promotions: [here](#) and [here](#).
- Wrote a twice-monthly column on the scuba diving industry.
- Wrote numerous opinion, lifestyle, business, and news stories.

anti-corruption panel.

Print Redesign

Led the redesign of the Gazette print copy as we changed from a tabloid to a compact in order to improve distribution six-fold. Directed a change in content by refocusing on the local community. Story [here](#).

Asia News Network Tsunami 10th Anniversary Publication

Organized Phuket-based content for the joint Asia News Network - Phuket Gazette publication. Roughly 40% of content in print publication was sourced from the Gazette.

EDUCATION

Arizona State University, Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication, M.A. Investigative Journalism

August, 2020 - December, 2021

- Part of the Howard Center of Investigative Journalism's 2021 fall project "[Gaslit](#)." Conducted complex data analysis with R, filed public information requests, completed a thorough literature review, and reported out promising lines of inquiry in the field. Additionally, worked as a photojournalist, as well as drone videographer for a mini-documentary.
- Photojournalist and photo editor for the Howard Center of Investigative Journalism's 2021 summer project: "[Little Victims Everywhere](#)."

Federal Aviation Administration, Part 107 Small Unmanned Aircraft System Certification

September, 2021 - Present

- Certification allows for the operation of small drones for commercial and media purposes.

Indiana University, B.A. Underwater Archaeology and Anthropology

July, 2005 - April, 2010

- Completed a double major in Underwater Archaeology and Anthropology, with a focus in museum studies.
- Minor in Creative Writing.

