

# KENDAL BLUST

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## EDUCATION

**Master of Arts, Journalism, University of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.** 08/14 – 12/16  
First Zenger Fellow for academic achievement; chosen by faculty as top journalism school reporter in 2016; GPA: 4.0

**Bachelor of Arts, English, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, *Cum Laude*** 08/05 – 08/10  
Minors: International Development and Spanish

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Assistant Professor of Practice

**University of Arizona School of Journalism, Tucson, Ariz.** 08/23 – Present

- Courses taught: JOUR 105, JOUR 306, JOUR 435
- Work closely with students to improve their reporting and writing skills and to prepare them for success in the journalism industry
- Collaborate with faculty and staff on important school issues including: reestablishing the school's news service (Arizona Sonora News), serving on hiring committees, drafting a strategic plan and other duties

### Language Arts/Social Studies Teacher

**Academy of Math and Science, Tucson, Ariz.** 08/12 – 05/14

- Educated 4th grade students in reading, writing, grammar, history and computer skills
- Communicated with faculty, administrators and parents to assist students, maintain records and build community

### English Teacher

**Spanish Ministry of Education/Instituto Ramiro de Maeztu, Madrid, Spain** 09/11 – 06/12

- Taught literature, grammar, writing, conversation, culture and current affairs to 400+ teenage students at a public Spanish high school
- Developed lesson plans and collaborated with other teachers to build appropriate curriculum for each student group

## JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

**Freelancer, local, national and international broadcasters (NPR, The World, BBC)** Ongoing

- Produce freelance spot and feature radio stories from southern Arizona and northern Mexico for U.S. and international audiences
- Participate in news broadcasts and on-air debriefs to provide discuss reporting on relevant news stories and provide deeper analysis
- Report and write print and digital news stories on Arizona and Sonora, Mexico

**Senior Field Correspondent, KJZZ's Fronteras Desk, Hermosillo, Sonora** 06/18 – 08/23

- Reported and produced radio news reports, enterprise features and investigations on binational business and trade, immigration, education, social movements and the environment
- Prepared on-air debriefs with KJZZ's The Show to provide deeper analysis of daily and feature news coverage

**Reporter, Nogales International, Nogales, Ariz.** 05/16 – 06/18

- Covered breaking news, enterprise and investigative stories on immigration, border policies, business, education, arts and local government
- Photography and video; copyediting in English and Spanish and assisting with online content management and social media

**Border/Immigration Desk Apprentice, The Arizona Daily Star, Tucson, Ariz.** 01/16 – 05/16

- Reported on U.S.-Mexico border policies, immigration, cross-border collaboration and education

## SELECTED AWARDS

2022 Regional Murrow Awards: [Investigative Reporting](#)

2022 Arizona Press Club: 1st place, Nina Mason Pulliam [Environmental Journalism](#)

2021 Public Media Journalists Association Awards: 2nd place, [Enterprise Reporting](#) (shared with co-author Murphy Woodhouse)

2021 Regional Murrow Awards: [Hard News](#) coverage

2020 Murrow: [Kaleidoscope Award](#) for diversity in news coverage and regional [News Series](#) award (shared with the KJZZ Fronteras Desk reporting team)

2018 Arizona Newspapers Association: 1st place, [sustained coverage](#); 2nd place, [investigative reporting](#)

2018 Arizona Press Club: 1st place, community [social issues](#), [government](#) and [education](#) reporting and [short-from writing](#)

2017 Arizona News Association: 1st place, [best feature story and feature photograph](#), [sports story](#) and [multimedia storytelling](#)

2017 Arizona Press Club: 2nd place, community [health reporting](#); 3rd place, community [immigration](#) and [human interest](#) reporting

2016 Western Publishing Association MAGGIE Award, [best student article](#)

## **PROFESSIONAL SKILLS**

Spanish fluency; DSLR video and photography; Adobe Audition, Photoshop, InDesign, Final Cut Pro X, Excel; public records acquisition (U.S. and Mexico); basic data analysis and visualization, including creating maps and graphics

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Investigative Reporters and Editors, National Association of Hispanic Journalists, Red de Periodismo del Mar (Ocean Reporting Network), Red Sonora de Periodistas (Network of Sonoran Journalists), Society of Environmental Journalists