

# Samantha Sunne

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## Experience

### **Freelance Journalist**

New Orleans, LA | MAY 2015 — PRESENT

- » Recipient of three national grants and several awards for freelance investigative reporting.
- » Produced data-informed stories for clients including the Washington Post, Reuters, NPR and local outlets.
- » Finalist for the Spotlight Fellowship, which aims to promote impactful journalism like in the Academy Award-winning movie "Spotlight."
- » Invited to share counter-misinformation strategies at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.

### **Head of Communications, Global — Hacks/Hackers**

JANUARY 2016 — PRESENT

- » Direct communication between more than 100 chapters of a global nonprofit that merges journalism and technology.
- » Helped launch new chapters in Russia, Nigeria, Venezuela, Cuba and 9 other countries.
- » Programmed an automatic inventory of journalism job openings around the world to improve diversity efforts.
- » Led a workshop in Cape Town, South Africa, to boost media innovation in African countries.

### **Reporter, New York, NY — Reuters**

AUGUST 2014 — MAY 2015

- » Produced investigative journalism projects with the data and investigations teams of the world's largest news agency.
- » Improved efficiency by automating news reports of oil prices using an internal JavaScript-based text generator.
- » Contributed fact-checking and interviews to a Pulitzer Prize shortlisted story.

## Education

**University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri**

AUGUST 2009 - MAY 2013

*Achieved GPA of 3.8 out of 4.0 and Dean's List all semesters*

## Skills

- » Clearly communicate complex social issues and technology concepts to a variety of audiences.
- » Acquire and analyze data using methods like web scraping and SQL.
- » Facilitate collaborations between partners of different cultural and language backgrounds.

## Honors

### **Creative Diplomacy**

Meeting Russia Program

### **Fulbright Kommission**

Berlin Capital Program

### **Robert F. Kennedy**

**Center** Human Rights Award

### **New Orleans Press**

#### **Club Awards**

Second Place,  
Investigative Reporting

## Languages

English: Fluent  
Spanish: Conversational  
Swedish: Conversational

» *References available upon request.*