

# Kelly Davis

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## Experience

### **Freelance journalist**

**March 2015-present**

I've reported on suicides in San Diego jails, mental illness and incarceration, police accountability and juvenile justice issues for Voice of San Diego, *The San Diego Union-Tribune*, The Intercept and The Crime Report. I'm currently a John Jay/Langeloth health and criminal justice reporting fellow.

### **Associate editor, *San Diego CityBeat***

**2005-March 2015**

I was second-in-command at 50,000-circulation alternative newsweekly. I regularly produced short- and long-form news and investigative pieces, contributed to the paper's news blog, oversaw long-range planning and assisted with editing and proofreading duties.

### **Assistant editor, *San Diego CityBeat***

**2002-2005**

When the owners of the *Ventura County Reporter* (see below) decided to start an alternative weekly in San Diego, I was asked to be part of the staff. I had a major role in creating a newspaper from scratch and solidifying its reputation as a respected publication.

### **Staff writer, *Ventura County Reporter***

**2001-2002**

I regularly wrote long-form news stories and shorter pieces on topics like police use-of-force, homelessness, mental illness, political activism and low-income housing.

## Education

### **Chapman University**

B.A., English Literature, University Honors program, magna cum laude

### **Boston College**

M.A., English Literature, University Fellow, Teaching Fellow

## Select honors and awards

**Association of Alternative Newsmedia:** Awards for healthcare reporting, long-form news and investigative reporting

**National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement:** Contribution to Oversight award for reporting on deaths in San Diego County jails

**San Diego Press Club; Society of Professional Journalists, San Diego Chapter:** Awards for investigative reporting, education coverage, criminal justice reporting, Neil Morgan Community Impact Award and Sol Price Prize for Responsible Journalism

**San Diego Housing Federation:** “Outstanding Journalist” award for reporting on low-income housing

**National Alliance on Mental Illness:** Honor for reporting on homelessness

### **Skills**

**Technical:** Proficient in Adobe Photoshop and InDesign, Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint) and basic HTML. I've helped design and launch three news websites. Expert at mining local, state and federal databases—courts, election filings, licensing entities, etc.—for story ideas, context and stats. I'm an experienced photographer and have shot everything from portraits to protests.

**Traditional:** I approach my subjects with intelligence and sensitivity. I've done jailhouse interviews, sat on sidewalks chatting with homeless folks and won the trust of people who'd turned down interview requests from other media. I also have extensive experience copyediting and proofreading.

**New-fangled:** Extensive use of DocumentCloud and various multimedia programs and apps related to audio and video editing. Experience with tools like BatchGeo, Tableau, Infogr.am and CoverItLive. I regularly use Instagram, Facebook and Twitter (more than 8,500 Twitter followers) to promote my work and find sources and story ideas.