

MITCH TOBIN

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EDUCATION

University of California at Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

M.A. in Political Science, May 1997

Honors: Winner, Ira and Georgia Abraham University Fellowship (1996-1998)

Yale University, New Haven, CT

B.A. in Ethics, Politics and Economics, May 1992, with distinction

Honors: *Summa Cum Laude*, *Phi Beta Kappa*, highest G.P.A. in residential college

EXPERIENCE

EcoWest.org, Denver, CO: Editor

Creator of a website that tracks environmental trends in the American West. Researched key issues, analyzed data, synthesized findings, built site in WordPress, created visualizations in Tableau and continue to create new content covering land use, water, biodiversity, wildfires, climate change, and politics. (4/12 to present)

California Environmental Associates, San Francisco, CA: Communications Director

Provide policy analysis, strategic planning, program evaluation and communications expertise to leading foundations and environmental groups. Clients include: David and Lucile Packard Foundation, William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, Walton Family Foundation, and ClimateWorks Foundation. (4/07 to present)

ClimateWorks Foundation, San Francisco, CA: Communications Officer

Assisted with writing, editing, presentations, and communications strategy. Developed materials for executive team, board of directors, external partners, funders, and the public. Co-wrote final report for "Design to Win," the research effort that led funders to commit \$1 billion to the foundation. (5/08 to 12/09)

Alicia Patterson Foundation, Washington, DC: Fellow

Won a grant from American journalism's oldest writing fellowship to support research on endangered species of the American Southwest. This work culminated in my first book, *Endangered: Biodiversity on the Brink*, which was published by Fulcrum in 2010 and won a gold medal in the Independent Publisher Book Awards. (3/06 to 9/06)

Arizona Daily Star, Tucson, AZ: Staff Writer

Environment writer for four years, specializing in water, wildlife, and wildfires. Also developed a new beat, Southern Arizona Reporter, which focused on the border, outlying communities, database reporting, and enterprise packages for Sunday paper. Named *Star's* Employee of the Year in 2002. (2/01 to 3/06)

Pima Community College, Tucson, AZ: Adjunct Instructor

Taught course on newspaper publishing and served as faculty adviser to student newspaper. Designed and taught a workshop on science and nature writing. (8/04 to 12/04 and 10/05)

Tucson Citizen, Tucson, AZ: Staff Writer

Covered two beats: Tucson city hall and science/research at the University of Arizona. Named *Citizen's* Reporter of the Year in 2000. (10/99 to 2/01)

Napa Valley Register, Napa, CA: Staff Writer

County and environment reporter. Beat included: Board of Supervisors, local congressional district, land-use issues, and \$1 billion flood control project. (7/98 to 9/99)

SPECIAL SKILLS

- Conversant in Spanish (volunteer English teacher in Ecuador from 9/94 to 4/95)
- Proficient with a variety of database, mapping, statistical, data visualization, web design, and digital imaging programs, including Excel, Tableau, ArcGIS, Google Earth, WordPress, Photoshop, Lightroom, and Premiere Pro.

SELECTED JOURNALISM AWARDS AND HONORS

2012

Media Fellow, The Bill Lane Center for the American West at Stanford University

2011

Gold medal in Environment/Ecology/Nature category from Independent Publisher Book Awards, for *Endangered*

2007

UNLV University Forum Lecture on the Endangered Species Act

Zion Field Institute Lecture on endangered species of the Southwest

2006

Winner, Six-Month Fellowship, Alicia Patterson Foundation

2005

Outdoor Writer of the Year, Arizona Game and Fish Department

Winner, Summer Media Fellowship, Environmental Law Center, Vermont Law School

1st place, Environmental Reporting, Arizona Associated Press Managing Editors, for “Thirsty Cities” series

2nd place, Environmental Reporting, Arizona Press Club, for “Thirsty Cities” series

Participant, Scripps Howard Institute on the Environment, University of Colorado School of Journalism

2004

Finalist, John B. Oakes Award for Distinguished Environmental Journalism, for “Arizona’s Endangered Species”

2nd place, Environmental Reporting, Arizona Associated Press Managing Editors, for “Arizona’s Endangered Species”

2003

Nominated for Pulitzer Prize in Local News Coverage for reporting on Aspen Fire

Environmental Journalism Fellowship at National Tropical Botanical Gardens, Kauai, Hawaii

Arizona Press Club

1st place, Online Breaking News, for coverage of Aspen Fire

3rd place, Environmental Reporting, for “Dwindling Snowmelt”

Arizona Associated Press Managing Editors Association

2nd place, Environmental Reporting, for “Dwindling Snowmelt”

3rd place, Enterprise Reporting, for special section on Aspen Fire

2002

Arizona Daily Star Employee of the Year

Nominated for Pulitzer Prize in Local News Coverage for reporting on wildfires and University of Arizona shootings

Best of the West, Walter Cronkite School of Journalism, Arizona State University

3rd place, Environment and Natural Resources Reporting, for coverage of Arizona wildfires

Arizona Associated Press Managing Editors Association

1st place, Environmental Reporting, for “Our Perilous Public Lands” series

Honorable Mention, Beat Reporting, for coverage of wildfires

Arizona Press Club

2nd place, Environmental Reporting, for “Our Perilous Public Lands” series

3rd place, Explanatory Reporting, for “Endangered Species or Land Grab?”

3rd place, Beat Reporting, for coverage of wildlife issues

2001

2nd place and Honorable Mention, Environmental Reporting, Arizona Associated Press Managing Editors

2nd place, Environmental Reporting, Arizona Press Club

2000

Tucson Citizen Employee of the Year