**Clara Germani**

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Senior Editing & Writing Professional

Award-winning writer and editor with extensive experience on domestic and international issues, with demonstrated success across both print and digital content. Adept at writing and editing long-form narrative, profiles, features, opeds, and speeches. Recognized for innovative web content creation and traffic-driving SEO. Proven manager of budgets and the recruitment and training of writers. Recognized for excellence in translating complex ideas into understandable and readable content. A team-player who consistently delivers clean copy on deadline. Special skills in copy editing and proofreading.

Selected Highlights

* Led a New England Center for Investigative Reporting project that exposed juror racism and freed a man in 2018 who had been in prison 30 years for a murder he did not commit.
* Led two innovative multimedia projects – one about a Congolese refugee in the US and the other on US military chaplains in war theaters – that won multiple national media awards.
* Created and developed a parenting news vertical for The Christian Science Monitor with innovative SEO and effective recruitment of creative talent and driving traffic to 1.2 million pages views in the first 3 months.
* Developed partnerships and wrote grants to fund travel and writer fees for major projects.
* Strategized and collaborated on a senior management team that moved The Christian Science Monitor from daily print to online daily news, and helped launch a weekly print newsmagazine as projects cover editor.

Journalism Employment

The Christian Science Monitor, Boston, MA

**Senior Editor** 2005-2014, 2020-present

Played various roles as: cover editor for the weekly news magazine's in-depth international and domestic coverage, writing coach, recruitment of a global stable of freelance and staff writers, developer of media partnerships for large projects. Guided several education, immigration, an environment stories that won national awards.

Freelance reporting, editing, consulting 2014-present

Write regularly as contributing writer at the St. Louis American and The Christian Science Monitor; conduct video interviews for college marketing projects and write profiles for college alumni magazine; consulted with PRI-The World researching new story ideas for 2.0 version of the Gates Foundation-funded “Across Women’s Lives” project.

New England Center for Investigative Reporting, WGBH/Boston University, Boston, MA

**Managing Editor** June 2014-Nov. 2015

Managed multiple facets of a growing nonprofit journalism program in partnership with WGBH-News, including: guidance of a major investigation on prenatal genetic testing that won two national medical reporting awards; strategizing social media and marketing; staff recruitment.

The Baltimore Sun, Baltimore, MD

**Moscow Bureau Chief** 1995-1997

Covered a broad range of news and feature stories in Russia and the former Soviet republics, often under extreme circumstances from conflict reporting in Chechnya to expeditionary work in Siberia.

**Assistant National Editor** 1993-1995

Conceived, assigned, and developed daily and Sunday-edition projects from 12 Washington bureau reporters and two traveling national correspondents.

The Christian Science Monitor, Boston, MA

**Opinion Page Editor** 1998-2005

**Latin America Correspondent**  1985-1988

**National Correspondent** 1982-1985

The Orange County Register, Santa Ana, CA 1979-1980

**Police Beat Reporter**

City News Service, Los Angeles, CA 1978

**Federal and County Courts Reporter**

Journalism Teaching

Principia College, Elsah, IL

Full-time Visiting Journalism Instructor and student publication adviser 2019-2020

Webster University, St. Louis, MO Fall 2017

Adjunct Journalism Instructor

Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA Fall 2016

Full-time Visiting Journalism Instructor

Emerson College, Boston, MA 2016, 2006

Adjunct Journalism Instructor

Awards

Won the Dart Society Mimi citation for excellence and sensitivity in editing conflict journalists in Africa and the Middle East

Awarded “best series” by the The Association of Opinion Page Editors for “touching the heart” and “original approach” in shepherding essays by the mother of a US soldier in Iraq.

Honored by colleagues with a Christian Science Monitor Staff Award for collaborating across departments.

Led a team of writers that won an Overseas Press Club citation for an investigation of carbon offset schemes sold to consumers.

Conceived and commissioned a project on Russian Orthodoxy that won The John Templeton European Religious Writer of the Year award.

Education & Training

MA, American Culture Studies, Washington University , St. Louis, MO

BA, Journalism, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

Spanish for Service Abroad, Monterey Institute of International Studies, Monterey, CA and The Experiment in International Living, Cuernavaca, Mexico

Russian for Service Abroad, Specialized Russian Training Center, Rockville, MD

Professional Associations & Memberships

* Society of Professional Journalists
* American Studies Association
* Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communications (AEJMC)
* Boston Women Communicators
* Investigative Reporters and Editors
* Volunteering
* Speaking: Invited speaker at many international affairs conferences, and journalism conferences and workshops. 1990-present
* International Women’s Media Foundation Howard Buffett Fund for Women Journalists grant-reader 2016, 2017
* Journalists for News Literacy- Taught high school workshops for this nonprofit that connects high school teachers with journalists who come to classrooms to lecture on how to make sense of the news and read/watch responsibly. 2017
* Citizen Schools 2005-2007 – mentored middle school journalism students for 3 semesters
* Australian Cattle Dog Rescue 2012-014 – foster rescued heelers and facilitate their adoptions
* Needham Community Council 2014-2015 – ELL tutor
* Needham Council on Aging 2011-2017 – matched with a senior citizen shut-in, visit weekly to help clean house, fix food, play Scrabble, read newspapers and chat.