

Lena Jakobsson

Producer and journalist with a passion for building character-driven, editorially resonant narratives across formats and platforms. Veteran team leader who thrives on forging collaborative partnerships and taking projects from conception to delivery; from breaking news to longform; editorial planning to large-scale logistics.

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EXPERIENCE

VICE News

SENIOR PRODUCER, PRODUCER / 2016-2022

- Helped launch Emmy-winning news magazine *VICE News Tonight on HBO*
- Lead a team of producers and correspondents
- Senior produced investigative documentaries and specials
- Senior produced Peabody and GLAAD Award-winning digital series *Transnational*

Al Jazeera America

PRODUCER, WRITER / 2014-2016

- Wrote and produced for nightly newscasts
- Pitched and field produced feature stories

CNN

FIELD PRODUCER / 2014

- Covered breaking news across shows/platforms

Atlas Media / Discovery ID

WRITER, PRODUCER / 2013

- Developed, field produced, and scripted true crime series

Court TV

PRODUCER, FIELD PRODUCER / 1998-2013

- Produced gavel-gavel trial coverage across platforms
- Coordinated and led multi-location live coverage on the ground
- Negotiated and secured camera access to trial courts

EDUCATION

Hunter College of CUNY

B.A, Media Studies / Thomas Hunter Honors Program

AWARDS

Newswomen's Club of NY Front Page Award / 2022

Special reporting

Emmy / 2021

Breaking news & best newscast

Peabody / 2021

Transnational

George Polk / 2021

Breonna Taylor coverage

GLAAD / 2021

Transnational

National Native Media Award / 2021

Transnational: Two Spirit

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

GA Assoc. Of Criminal Defense Lawyers

guest speaker / 2019

"Persuasion in the digital age"

Frank Ochberg Trauma Journalism Fellow / 2006

Society of Professional Journalists

panelist / various