

JESSICA LIPAZ

EDUCATOR, WRITER, RESEARCHER, CREATIVE ORGANIZER

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INTERESTS

Arts-Based Education
Outdoor Education
Curriculum Development
Writing and Editing
Documentary Film
Event Coordinating

SYSTEMS

Microsoft Office
Google Suite
Project Management
Adobe Premiere
Wix, Word Press

CONFERENCES

Graduate Student Conference
of Philosophy and Education:
NYC, New York 2022
Columbus, Ohio 2023

*Presented research, poetry influenced
by bell hooks, Audre Lorde*

ATTRIBUTES

Open communicator
Community-oriented
Personable and warm
Leader and advocate
Curious listener
Team builder

EDUCATION

Philosophy and Education MA

Aug 2021-May 2023

Teachers College, Columbia University

Relevant Coursework: Teaching and Learning with Land, Exploring Life Stories through Art, Development of Creativity, Aesthetics and Education, Feminist Pedagogies

Philosophy BA, Education Policy Studies BS

Aug 2017-May 2021

The University of Wisconsin-Madison

Dean's List, Cumulative GPA 3.85

WORK EXPERIENCE

Freelance Opinion Writer

Aug 2025-Present

L.A. Times

- Education policy and mental health opinion contributor

Well Being Center Education Specialist

May 2024-July 2025

Planned Parenthood Los Angeles

- Trained in Motivational Interviewing and certified as a Mental Health First Aid responder, provide education, support, and resources to high school students around sexual health, mental health, healthy relationships, and substance use
- Create, coordinate, and perform interactive outreach activities to increase awareness
- Collaborate closely with multiple stakeholders, including Department of Public Health

Creative and Non-Fiction Writing Instructor

May 2023-May 2024

Writopia Labs, NYC

- Facilitate play-based writing workshops for mixed-age groups in-person and online
- Partnered with schools and community to expand reach, sliding scale organization

State News Editor, Daily News Writer

Aug 2017-May 2021

The Daily Cardinal Newspaper

- Managed, scheduled, and taught a team of over 20 writers with ranging experience levels on finding, pitching, and producing news stories for daily word count
- Covered live events and conducted interviews state-wide and at the Capitol building
- Wrote feature articles and contributed to other desks over the course of four years

FELLOWSHIPS AND RESEARCH

Research Laboratory Member

Aug 2021-May 2023

Media and Social Change Lab, Teachers College

- Conducted collaborative research to improve accessibility in education
- Participate in weekly meetings on multimodal scholarship sparking change

Social Justice and Media Arts Educator

Aug 2021-May 2023

Aurthur Zankel Fellow, P.S. 187

- Created and facilitated a responsive media-making curriculum for three 5th grade classes related to literacy, social justice, and identity expression
- Awarded the selective fellowship for two consecutive years

Graduate Research Assistant

Jan 2023-May 2023

Digital Futures Institute, Teachers College

- Work study position awarded to research and explore the role of gesture in education, technology, and art alongside a core faculty advisor
- Develop literature review, experiment with non-traditional research methods