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PROFILE

I am a radio and podcast producer extraordinaire. It's my profession, hobby, and talent to find and produce engaging audio stories and beautiful soundscapes. I also find joy in teaching others how to tell their stories, which is why I founded Peterborough Independent Podcasters. I am an engaged community member, avid reader, and part-time artist.

MEDIA AWARDS

WINNER 2018 'Best in Podcasting' Community Radio Awards for Broadcast & Online

AUDIO PRODUCTIONS

HOST/PRODUCER PETERBOROUGH CURRENTS OCT. 2017 - PRESENT

A local current affairs podcast for Central Eastern Ontario that tells the stories of the people shaping our region. I organize story meetings so the team can collaborate on production. I produce segments as well as provide editorial guidance and mentorship for beginners and amateurs getting involved with podcasting. The program is also syndicated to local broadcasters.

Link: <http://peterboroughcurrents.ptbopodcasters.ca/>

HOST/PRODUCER PETERBOROUGH CURRENTS SEPT 2018

"Celebrating Your First Pride"

A live radio show featuring a live guest, pre-recorded interviews, and phone calls from listeners about their first LGBTQ+ Pride celebration. The program included conversations about the intersections of disability, race, class, and gender in the LGBTQ+ community, Norwood Ontario's first Pride, a protest taking place at the 2018 Peterborough Pride parade, and personal experiences.

Link: https://peterboroughcurrents.ptbopodcasters.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2018/09/PC-sept-16_01.mp3

HOST/PRODUCER PETERBOROUGH CURRENTS OCT. 2018

"Meet the candidates for school board trustee running in the City of Peterborough"

A podcast episode with interviews with all of the candidates for school board trustee in the City and County of Peterborough running in the 2018 election, plus a discussion of the importance of this democratic decision.

Link: <https://peterboroughcurrents.ptbopodcasters.ca/2018/10/12/meet-the-candidates-for-school-board-trustee-running-in-the-city-of-peterborough/>

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HOST/PRODUCER PETERBOROUGH CURRENTS

OCT. 2018

"Get to know the Peterborough mayoral race"

A podcast episode with interview clips and commentary about the two candidates running for mayor of the City of Peterborough: Diane Therrien and Daryl Bennet, hosted and produced by myself and Bill Templeman.

Link: <https://peterboroughcurrents.ptbopodcasters.ca/podcast/get-know-peterborough-mayoral-race/>

HOST/PRODUCER PETERBOROUGH CURRENTS

SEPT. 2018

"Stonewall Revolutionary Committee to protest police and correctional officer presence at Peterborough Pride parade"

An interview with an anarchist group which protested Peterborough's Pride parade. They brought up concerns with the police and correctional officer presence.

Link: <https://peterboroughcurrents.ptbopodcasters.ca/2018/09/20/stonewall-revolutionary-committee-protest-police-correctional-officer-presence-peterborough-pride-parade/>

PRODUCER PETERBOROUGH CURRENTS

APR. 2018

"Thirteen years on, Food Not Bombs Peterborough has never missed a meal"

A documentary for the *Peterborough Currents* episode about food, which profiled the local chapter of the anarchist food movement Food Not Bombs. Unlike other chapters, Peterborough's group relies on connections with local farmers for all of their supply, and in their own view connects consumers with the source of their food.

Link: <https://peterboroughcurrents.ptbopodcasters.ca/2018/04/18/thirteen-years-food-not-bombs-peterborough-never-missed-meal/>

DIGITAL AP

CROSS COUNTRY CHECKUP

CBC RADIO

MAY 2018

"With scallops, this B.C. First Nation is developing a sustainable economy"

While in Prince Rupert, B.C., for *Cross Country Checkup's* remote broadcast about Indigenous resource rights, I profiled a local initiative to stimulate aquaculture businesses owned by Tsimshian residents.

Link: <http://www.cbc.ca/radio/checkup/with-scallops-this-b-c-first-nation-is-developing-a-sustainable-economy-1.4680023>

ASSOCIATE PRODUCER PODCAST PLAYLIST

CBC RADIO

JAN. 2018

"ICYMI: Behind the scenes of big news stories in 2017"

Podcast Playlist gives listeners a sample of the best podcasts around. I curated a selection of podcast stories that looked back on big news events of 2017 including stories about the



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Rohingya refugee crisis, the origins of the word 'antifa', and the reporters who broke the Harvey Weinstein story.

Link: <http://www.cbc.ca/radio/podcastplaylist/icymi-behind-the-scenes-of-big-news-stories-in-2017-1.4442741>

ASSOCIATE PRODUCER THE NEXT CHAPTER CBC RADIO DEC. 2017 - MAR. 2018

"Why Tyrell Johnson wrote a post-apocalyptic story set in the Yukon wilderness"

The Next Chapter highlights the best of Canada's writers. I worked with the team to prepare interviews with authors such as Tyrell Johnson, and musicians such as Nick Ferrio. I also assisted in segment editing and show mixing.

Link: <http://www.cbc.ca/radio/thenextchapter/omar-el-akkad-tyrell-johnson-1.4556226/why-tyrell-johnson-wrote-a-post-apocalyptic-story-set-in-the-yukon-wilderness-1.4556382>

SHOW EDITOR PODCAST PLAYLIST CBC RADIO DEC. 2016 - MAR 2018

Podcast Playlist gives listeners a sample of the best podcasts around. I edited the show for Canadian, U.S., and podcast distribution.

Link: <http://www.cbc.ca/radio/podcastplaylist/>

PRODUCER PETERBOROUGH CURRENTS FEB. 2018

"New project will teach women construction skills to build environmentally friendly housing"

For the *Peterborough Currents* episode about housing, I interviewed Janice Keil, a local woman who is in the planning stages for a project with an all-women construction crew building a 'passive house' that meets regulations for environmentally sustainable living.

Link: <https://peterboroughcurrents.ptbopodcasters.ca/2018/02/25/new-project-will-teach-women-construction-skills-build-environmentally-friendly-housing/>

PRODUCER PETERBOROUGH CURRENTS FEB. 2018

"What to do with the family farm?"

In this documentary for the *Peterborough Currents* episode about housing, I sought out the Leahy family whose farm is many generations old but with urban sprawl and farm prices rising it looks like this may be the last generation of Leahy farmers. I spoke with the family about what this means for them while they took me on a sleigh ride around their property.

Link: <https://peterboroughcurrents.ptbopodcasters.ca/2018/02/20/what-to-do-with-the-family-farm/>

HOST/PRODUCER SOUNDS LIKE LIFE AUG. 2016 - PRESENT

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A meditative audio art project that acts as a diary in which I capture environmental sounds in my day-to-day life and play them alongside ambient music and my own meditations on that experience.

Link: <http://soundlikelife.ptbopodcasters.ca/>

PRODUCER **PETERBOROUGH CURRENTS** **NOV. 2017**
"Remembering the women of WWI"

In this documentary I follow a project in Lindsay, Ont., to remember the nurses who served in WWI.

Link: <https://peterboroughcurrents.ptbopodcasters.ca/2017/11/13/remembering-women-wwi/>

PRODUCER **PETERBOROUGH CURRENTS** **OCT. 2017**
"Perking up a spooky old house with music at Sad Fest"

In this documentary I explore a small music festival at a community centre in Peterborough that draws on a long legacy of fostering the arts and music scene.

Link: <https://peterboroughcurrents.ptbopodcasters.ca/2017/10/13/perking-spooky-old-house-music-sad-fest/>

PRODUCER **PETERBOROUGH CURRENTS** **SEP. 2017**
"Voices from Confederation Square, Sept. 30"

On Sept. 30, 2017, noted alt-right organizer Kevin Goudreau planned an anti-immigration rally in Peterborough's main public square. In response, over 1,000 counter protestors showed up to voice their disagreement. I interviewed many people from across the political spectrum who showed up that day.

Link: <https://peterboroughcurrents.ptbopodcasters.ca/2017/10/13/voices-confederation-square-sept-30/>

PRODUCER **THE DISCLOSURE DILEMMA** **CBC RADIO** **AUG. 2017**

A Labour Day holiday special for CBC Radio One about the conundrum people with disabilities face in the workplace – when and how do you disclose your disability? I produced stories of individuals who had or had not disclosed, and went in-depth on the fallout of their decision.

Link: <http://www.cbc.ca/radio/blogs/the-disclosure-dilemma-talking-about-disability-at-work-1.4277118>

PRODUCER **NEW VISIONS/OLD LAND** **PTBO PODCASTERS** **JUL. 2017**

A commissioned podcast featuring interviews with artists, musicians and filmmakers who were participating in a day-long street festival marking Canada 150.

Link: <http://projects.ptbopodcasters.ca/2017/09/30/nvol/>



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PRODUCER THE NEXT 150 CBC RADIO APR. - JUN. 2017

The Walrus Talks organized a series of lectures across Canada to celebrate 150 years since Confederation, and I adapted the best speeches by young leaders for CBC Radio as a series of six on-air specials and a podcast.

Link: <http://www.cbc.ca/listen/shows/the-next-150>

ASSOCIATE PRODUCER SYNDICATED AUDIO CBC RADIO JAN. - JUN. 2017

CBC Radio worked with The Walrus Talks on their 'Conversations About Canada' tour to develop the content into radio material for various programs. Part of this was 1-2 minute clips to air across the country on regional morning, afternoon and weekend shows. I prepared these segments.

PRODUCER A SPACE FOR US PTBO PODCASTERS JUN. 2017

A commissioned podcast adapting a panel discussion into a series of episodes that focus on gentrification in small Ontario towns and what role the arts community plays in making sure downtown spaces are accessible to all.

Link: <http://projects.ptbopodcasters.ca/2017/06/14/space-us-ec3-cultural-incubator/>

DIGITAL AP CROSS COUNTRY CHECKUP CBC RADIO JAN. 2016 - MAY. 2017

As an open-line program existing in the digital age, I managed the online conversation for *Cross Country Checkup* about the topic of the week. I engaged with listeners, generated conversation, and packaged the show's content for online distribution.

Link: <http://www.cbc.ca/radio/checkup>

Example: <http://www.cbc.ca/radio/checkup/blog/who-is-jimmy-gwich-the-story-behind-my-radio-sign-off-1.3901020>

PRODUCER CROSS COUNTRY CHECKUP CBC RADIO APR. 2017

"Should Canada change the names of streets and monuments that honour contentious figures?"

A two hour open-line program gauging how Canadians think about controversial landmarks and what they think is the appropriate course of action, with guests providing sociopolitical insight.

Link: <http://www.cbc.ca/radio/checkup/should-canada-change-the-names-of-streets-and-monuments-that-honour-contentious-figures-1.4049368>

PRODUCER CROSS COUNTRY CHECKUP CBC RADIO MAR. 2017

"Is lack of affordable housing an issue where you live?"

A two hour call-in radio show about affordable housing in Canada. We had guests and callers speaking to their experiences, design solutions, and how to move forward with this issue.

Link: <http://www.cbc.ca/radio/checkup/is-lack-of-affordable-housing-an-issue-where-you-live-1.4038171>

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DIGITAL AP **CROSS COUNTRY CHECKUP** **CBC RADIO** **FEB. 2017**

"Eskasoni Immersion School builds strength of Mi'kmaq language"

While on Cape Breton for *Cross Country Checkup's* remote broadcast from Membertou, N.S., I worked with Duncan McCue to profile a school in the neighbouring community of Eskasoni which provides an immersion experience for students to learn their mother tongue.

Link: <http://www.cbc.ca/radio/checkup/blog/eskasoni-immersion-school-builds-strength-of-mi-kmaq-language-1.4000216>

CHASE PRODUCER **DAY 6** **CBC RADIO** **FEB. 2017**

I produced three segments over the course of a week for the current affairs program *Day 6* on unexpected issues for LGBTQ refugees approved to come to Canada, but forced into limbo by the government's commitment to Syrian refugees; issues scientists are realizing about poachers intercepting tracking data; and an American band fighting for the right to keep their name.

Link: <http://www.cbc.ca/radio/day6/episode-322-refugee-crisis-at-the-oscars-the-slants-cartoonists-on-trump-the-museum-of-transology-and-more-1.3951792>

CHASE PRODUCER **METRO MORNING** **CBC TORONTO** **2015- 2016**

I chase produce interviews for *Metro Morning* preparing stories that illuminate lives of Torontonians. In this example, I prepared an interview about a project to put the spotlight on disabled artists.

Link: <http://www.cbc.ca/metromorning/episodes/2015/09/29/disability-art/>

DOCUMENTARIAN **ONTARIO MORNING** **DEC. 2016**

"Those donkeys have real character"

In the Christmas season, a local animal sanctuary held an open house for members of the public to come and meet their rescued donkeys and mules. After a summer of long droughts, many farmers surrendered their donkeys or sold them for meat. The donkey carolling event was a time for celebration and some mourning for the donkeys that couldn't be rescued.

Link: <https://soundcloud.com/abarmania/those-donkeys-have-real-character-primrose-donkey-sanctuary-doc>

DIGITAL AP **CROSS COUNTRY CHECKUP** **CBC RADIO** **MAR. 2016**

"Iqaluit school boosts attendance 20 per cent with blended cultural programs"

While in Iqaluit for a *Cross Country Checkup* remote about opportunities for youth in Northern Canada, I prepared a story about a middle school in the city that has stimulated attendance rates by developing techniques for 'blended learning.'

Link: <http://www.cbc.ca/radio/checkup/blog/iqaluit-school-boosts-attendance-20-per-cent-with-blended-cultural-programs-1.3477691>



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DOCUMENTARIAN

ONTARIO MORNING

MAY 2015

"The Gilmour Street Garage Sale"

A documentary about a neighbourhood in Peterborough, Ont., that brings out their old antiques, junk and everything in between for a day-long garage sale, which has grown to mean a lot more than your average yard sale, with many contributing the proceeds from their sales to charities.

Link: <https://soundcloud.com/abarmania/gilmour-street-garage-sale>

PRODUCER

FRESH AIR

JUNE 2015

"Healthy Parks, Healthy People"

Leading into camping season, *Fresh Air* highlighted the best Ontario Parks' has to offer with this documentary.

Link: <https://soundcloud.com/abarmania/healthy-parks-healthy-people>

GZOWSKI INTERN

CBC RADIO

MAY - AUG. 2015

"The Other Side of Addiction"

As the Gzowsk intern for Toronto in 2015, I worked with several programs and departments learning how to produce radio, including: *Ontario Morning*, *Fresh Air*, *As It Happens*, CBC Books, and Radio Digital. Throughout the summer, I collaborated with the other Gzowski interns to produce a documentary called *The Other Side of Addiction*.

Link: <https://soundcloud.com/abarmania/the-other-side-of-addiction>

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WRITING

WRITER

TRENT MAGAZINE

JUN. 2018

"The Deans' List"

I conducted interviews with the deans of Trent University and wrote up excerpts profiling their views on the value of a university education in the present age.

Link: <https://www.ayeshabarmania.com/2018/06/01/457/>

DIGITAL AP

CROSS COUNTRY CHECKUP

CBC RADIO

MAR. 2017

"La Vie Bilingue: French immersion programs in Canada through the ages"

In preparation for a *Cross Country Checkup* discussion about French immersion, I researched and prepared an explainer about the language education debate. I drew on a wealth of content from the CBC Digital Archives to create a thorough discussion of a decades old issue.

Link: <http://www.cbc.ca/radio/checkup/blog/la-vie-bilingue-french-immersion-programs-in-canada-through-the-ages-1.3630105>

DIGITAL AP

CROSS COUNTRY CHECKUP

CBC RADIO

FEB. 2017

"Women seek apology, inquiry from government for 'forced adoptions'"

Coming out of a *Cross Country Checkup* discussion about government apologies, I followed up on a caller who recounted her experience having had a child out of wedlock in the 1960's. She was coerced into giving this baby up for adoption. She, among others that I spoke to, called for an inquiry and apologies from those organizations involved.

Link: <http://www.cbc.ca/radio/checkup/blog/women-seek-apology-inquiry-from-government-for-forced-adoptions-1.3599926>

REPORTER

ARTHUR NEWSPAPER

2014-2015

Each week I reported on the news relevant to Trent University students and the Peterborough community. Typically with a focus on news and politics, I dabbled with arts and culture reporting.

Link: <http://www.trentarthur.ca/author/ayesha-barmania/>

REPORTER

ARTHUR NEWSPAPER

NOV. 2015

"I really thought it was going to burn down to ashes"

In November 2015, the members of Peterborough's Muslim community reeled after arsonists attempted to burn down their mosque. I spoke with community members about the impact of this crime – which was shocking but also brought a silver lining.

Link: <http://www.trentarthur.ca/i-really-thought-it-was-going-to-burn-down-to-ashes/>



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REPORTER

ARTHUR NEWSPAPER

NOV. 2014

"Blended Learning: The line between two worlds"

The final chapter in a series on the impact of online learning in the university classroom, this article looks at the way professors are blending computers into traditional lecturing.

Link: <http://www.trentarthur.ca/blended-learning-the-line-between-two-worlds/>

REPORTER

ARTHUR NEWSPAPER

NOV. 2014

"Clearing the air of Canadian colonialism: A conversation on Indigenous health and history with Dr. James Daschuk"

An interview with academic and Trent alumnus James Daschuk on his research about Canada's violent colonial history in the Prairies.

Link: <http://www.trentarthur.ca/clearing-the-air-of-canadian-colonialism-a-conversation-on-indigenous-health-and-history-with-dr-james-daschuk/>

REPORTER

ARTHUR NEWSPAPER

OCT. 2014

"A book town waiting for the buyers: Students no longer frequenting local booksellers"

The Peterborough book economy is feeling the ripple effects of the university's push to go online for academic reading. Many booksellers face financial losses are considering if it's the time to bow out.

Link: <http://www.trentarthur.ca/a-book-town-waiting-for-the-buyers-students-no-longer-frequenting-local-booksellers/>

AUTHOR

"PRACTICALLY A COMMUNITY"

UNDERCURRENTS JOURNAL

WINTER 2015

Based on original research, I published an academic article arguing that immigrant communities in small cities in Canada are markedly different from communities in larger cities. The distinctive marker I found was the way they practice community building centres around multicultural hubs.

Link: <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/59345b8c893fc022940ad8f8/t/593af04ee3df28e03de7571c/1497034843075/Undercurrent-Issue-Winter-2015.pdf>

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PROJECTS

MANAGING DIRECTOR PETERBOROUGH INDEPENDENT PODCASTERS SEP. 2015 - PRESENT

In Fall of 2015, I founded PIP to promote podcasting as a form of expression in the local community of Peterborough at a grassroots level. As managing director, I help community members begin and sustain their podcasts through various means of programming and mentorship.

Link: <http://ptbopodcasters.ca/>

JUDGE EMERGE MEDIA AWARDS 2017 & 2018

As a judge for the EMERGE Media Awards, I evaluated and prepared comments for the finalists for the radio/podcast category. I also presented the award to the winner.

Link: <http://emergemediaawards.ca/2018-judges/>

PRODUCER BEING BLACK IN CANADA CBC.CA OCT. 2017 - FEB. 2018

A Black History Month project to highlight CBC content that portrays the experiences of Black people in Canada – bringing together content from across all of CBC's platforms: radio, television, and online into one vertical. I collected the material, wrote a report on best practices and worked with colleagues to finesse the layout for the public.

Link: <http://www.cbc.ca/beingblackincanada>

ASSOCIATE PRODUCER WORKSHIFT CBC RADIO JUL.-SEP. 2017

A UGC newsletter that allowed Canadians to share stories of how their work is changing. I chased letter writers, worked with them to edit their piece and coordinated with CBC departments to launch the project.

Link: <http://www.cbc.ca/radio/workshift/pastletters>

CRAFT MENTOR STORY MACHINE TRENT RADIO SEPT. 2016 - APR. 2017

Building on my work at PIP, Trent Radio (CFFF) invited me to mentor a group of aspiring radio documentary makers in their *Story Machine* project.

Link: <http://www.trentu.ca/org/trentradio/>

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TEACHING

CONSTRUCTING PODCAST INFRASTRUCTURE	NCRC PRESENTATION	JUN. 2018
STORYTELLING IN SOUND	TRENT UNIVERSITY CONTINUING ED.	MAR. 2018
PODCASTING 101	PTBO PODCASTERS	2016-PRESENT
AUDIO STORYTELLING	PTBO PODCASTERS	OCT. 2017
PODCASTING FOR COMMUNITY RADIO	NCRC PRESENTATION	JUN. 2017
STORYTELLING FOR PODCASTS	GUELPH-HUMBER GUEST LECTURE	FEB. 2017
COPYRIGHT IN PODCASTS	PTBO PODCASTERS	DEC. 2016
AUDIO TECH DROP-IN WORKSHOP	PTBO PODCASTERS	OCT. 2016
AUDIO STORYTELLING	PTBO PODCASTERS	JUN 2016

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

DELEGATE & PRESENTER

	NATIONAL COMMUNITY AND CAMPUS RADIO CONFERENCE	JUN. 2018	
DELEGATE	NATIONAL COMMUNITY AND CAMPUS RADIO CONFERENCE	JUN. 2017	
PARTICIPANT	ADOBE PREMIERE TRAINING	CBC RADIO	APR. 2017
PARTICIPANT	SAFETY TRAINING	CBC NEWS	DEC. 2016

EDUCATION

B.A. HONS.	INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES AND ANTHROPOLOGY	
	TRENT UNIVERSITY	GRADUATED: 2015