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PROFILE

I am an independent journalist, radio producer, audio artist and podcast consultant based in Peterborough, Ontario. I delight in asking questions, telling stories, and teaching others how they might do the same. My work has been featured on the radio, in print, and in podcasts.

HIGHLIGHTED WORKS

CO-PUBLISHER

PETERBOROUGH CURRENTS

OCT. 2017 – PRESENT

An award-winning current affairs podcast turned local news outlet for the Greater Peterborough Area. Peterborough Currents is in-depth reporting in words and audio that connects our audience with their community. As co-publisher, I am a business owner, editorial lead for media products, reporter and editor.

Browse  <https://www.peterboroughcurrents.ca>

CONSULTANT

SICK KIDS VS. PODCAST

MAY 2019 – APRIL 2021

A podcast all about the ground-breaking discoveries that have taken place thanks to the doctors and researchers at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. As a podcast and story consultant I was deeply embedded in the planning and production of this podcast.

Listen  <https://www.sickkidsfoundation.com/podcast>

TEACHER

TRENT UNIVERSITY CONTINUING EDUCATION

MAR. 2018

"Storytelling In Sound"

A six-week podcast production course that took participants from the basics of what podcasts are, to how to develop an idea into a show, and the production skills to record, edit and publish their work.

More  <https://www.ayeshabarmania.com/2018/02/26/storytelling-sound-podcast-radio-production/>

MEDIA AWARDS

NOMINEE 'Best Documentary'	Community Radio Awards for Broadcast and Online	2019
NOMINEE 'Best Podcast'	Digital Publishing Awards	2019
WINNER 'Best in Podcasting'	Community Radio Awards for Broadcast and Online	2018

ONGOING PROJECTS

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MANAGING DIRECTOR

PTBO PODCASTERS

JUN. 2016 — PRESENT

Peterborough Independent Podcasters is a local non-profit organization with a mandate to teach and support podcasters and audio workers. I coordinate many of these efforts through peer support and skill-sharing workshops.

Browse <https://ptbopodcasters.ca>

HOST/PRODUCER

SOUNDS LIKE LIFE

AUG. 2016 — PRESENT

A meditative audio art project that acts as a diary. I capture environmental sounds mix them with ambient music and spoken word meditations.

Listen <https://soundlikelife.ptbopodcasters.ca/>

EDUCATION

Gzowski Internship
B.A. Hons.

CBC Radio / CBC Toronto
International Development & Anthropology

2015
Trent University 2015

TEACHING

Introduction to Podcasting	Pinnguaq Interns program	ongoing
Podcasting 101	PTBO Podcasters	ongoing
Grassroots Journalism	Peterborough Currents	Jan. — Aug. 2019
Music in Audio Documentary	Ryerson University Journalism Program	Oct. 2018
Podcast Infrastructure	National Community Radio Conference	Jun. 2018
Storytelling in Sound	Trent University Continuing Education	Mar. — Apr. 2018
Audio Storytelling	PTBO Podcasters	Oct. 2017
Home Studio Construction	PTBO Podcasters	Sep. 2017
Community Podcasting	National Community Radio Conference	Jun. 2017
Storytelling for Podcasts	University of Guelph-Humber	Feb. 2017
Copyright in Podcasts	PTBO Podcasters	Dec. 2016
Audio Tech Drop-in	PTBO Podcasters	Oct. 2016
Audio Storytelling	PTBO Podcasters	Jun. 2016

CONSULTING

Podcast Development	Conscient podcast, season 2	Feb. 2021 – Apr. 2021
Podcast Education Program	Pinnguaq	Aug. 2020
Story Development	SickKids VS podcast, season 2	Jul. 2020 – Apr. 2021
Podcast Development	Conscient podcast, season 1	Sep. 2019
Story Development	SickKids VS podcast, season 1	Jul. 2019
Podcast Network Development	CHUO-FM	Jun. 2019
Story Development	Rob Collins Productions	Sep. 2018

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Mentorship Program	Canadian Association of Journalists	Mar. 2021
Artist Residency	New Adventures in Sound Art	Feb. 2020
Independent News Challenge	The Discourse	Jan. 2020
Data Journalism School	University of King's College	Jun. 2019
Sound Camp	New Adventures in Sound Art	May 2019
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Adobe Premiere training	CBC News	Apr. 2017
Reporter Safety training	CBC News	Dec. 2016

PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENTS

Judge & Presenter	EMERGE Media Awards	Mar. 2021
Judge & Presenter	EMERGE Media Awards	Apr. 2020
Delegate & Presenter	National Community Radio Conference	Jun. 2019
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FORTHCOMING WORK

CURRICULUM DEVELOPER **PINNGUAQ ASSOCIATION** **MAR. 2021**

"Introduction to Podcasting"

Development of an online module-based learning site for podcasting skills from idea to production to editing to publication for young people involved in the Digital Skills for Youth program.

PRODUCER **PETERBOROUGH CURRENTS** **OCT. 2017 – PRESENT**

"Neighbours, Season One"

A human and story-centered podcast about the opioid overdose crisis in Peterborough.

Listen <https://www.peterboroughcurrents.ca/podcasts>

PAST WORK (NEWEST TO OLDEST)

CO-PUBLISHER **PETERBOROUGH CURRENTS** **OCT. 2017 – PRESENT**

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WORKSHOP LEADER **PINNGUAQ ASSOCIATION** **FEB. 2021 – PRESENT**

As part of the Digital Skills for Youth project, I lead Introduction to Podcasting workshops for young people across Canada.

CONSULTANT **SICK KIDS VS. PODCAST** **SEP. 2020 – APR. 2021**

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FESTIVAL COORDINATOR **PETERBOROUGH AUDIOCRAFT FESTIVAL** **MAR. 2021**

A series of skill-sharing webinars celebrating the expertise and craft of local radio and podcast creators. As festival coordinator, I have worked with presenters, sponsors and granting bodies to make this series happen.

More <https://ptbopodcasters.ca/festival>

MODERATOR **REFRAME FILM FESTIVAL** **FEB. 2021**

"Reaching Across Generations: Panel discussion"

A live panel discussion with three filmmakers: Tiffany Hsiung, Anne Koizumi and Julia Huynh on working with family and their process of collaborative film-making.

REPORTER **PETERBOROUGH CURRENTS** **FEB. 2021**

"New road salting system hits the streets with goal of reducing salt runoff"

The municipality has rolled out a new road de-icing system – this piece delves into how it works, what are its goals, and how it came to be.

Read <https://peterboroughcurrents.ca/environment/new-road-salting-system-hits-the-streets-with-goal-of-reducing-salt-runoff/>

PRODUCER **PETERBOROUGH CURRENTS** **NOV.– DEC. 2020**

"Budget Week Podcast"

A seven-part reporting series that takes a look inside Peterborough's 2021 municipal budget deliberations through interviews and reported stories.

Read <https://peterboroughcurrents.ca/series/budget-week/>

HOST/PRODUCER PETERBOROUGH CURRENTS DEC. 2020

"City council votes to approve the 2021 municipal budget"

The final episode of the Budget Week Podcast, this episode recaps the City Council meeting to approve the 2021 municipal budget, and the last minute changes to the document.

Read <https://peterboroughcurrents.ca/podcast/city-council-votes-to-approve-the-2021-municipal-budget/>

HOST/PRODUCER PETERBOROUGH CURRENTS DEC. 2020

"Peterborough residents said housing was their top priority for the 2021 budget – here's how it's being addressed"

An overview of the proposed 2021 budget considerations on the housing portfolio.

Read <https://peterboroughcurrents.ca/podcast/peterborough-residents-said-housing-was-their-top-priority-for-the-2021-budget-heres-how-its-being-addressed/>

REPORTER PETERBOROUGH CURRENTS NOV. 2020

"City council went through each page of the 2021 municipal budget – here are the highlights"

Sitting over three nights as the general committee, city councillors went through every page of the draft budget and approved, discussed, and/or amended each line of spending. We recap the major changes and what they mean for the community.

Read <https://peterboroughcurrents.ca/podcast/city-council-went-through-each-page-of-the-2021-municipal-budget-here-are-the-highlights/>

REPORTER PETERBOROUGH CURRENTS NOV. 2020

"Care about climate change? Here's what we know about the City's action plan for 2021"

A detailed look at the draft municipal 2020 budget proposes to contribute towards climate change action.

Read <https://peterboroughcurrents.ca/environment/care-about-climate-change-heres-what-we-know-about-the-citys-action-plan-for-2021/>

REPORTER PETERBOROUGH CURRENTS NOV. 2020

"The climate change action plan and the municipal budget: interview with Michael Papadacos"

An interview with the head of infrastructure management at the City, about the items in the draft municipal 2020 budget constitute climate change action.

Read <https://peterboroughcurrents.ca/podcast/the-climate-change-action-plan-and-the-municipal-budget-interview-with-michael-papadacos/>

REPORTER PETERBOROUGH CURRENTS NOV. 2020

"Diving into the proposed changes to social services in the 2021 municipal budget"

Some major changes were included in the 2021 municipal budget for the city's social services division. This podcast episode recaps what they are and why they're happening.

Read <https://peterboroughcurrents.ca/podcast/diving-into-the-proposed-changes-to-social-services-in-the-2021-municipal-budget/>

REPORTER PETERBOROUGH CURRENTS NOV. 2020

"Arts and the city budget: interview with Su Ditta"

An interview with arts advocate Su Ditta about the challenges the city's art community are facing, and how arts funding in the city budget might pose a solution.

Read <https://peterboroughcurrents.ca/podcast/arts-and-the-city-budget-interview-with-su-ditta/>

REPORTER PETERBOROUGH CURRENTS NOV. 2020

"Dean Pappas on the 2021 budget deliberations and the impacts of COVID-19"

An interview with the chair of the finance committee, Dean Pappas, on how the process for the municipal budget deliberations have changed this year, and what we can expect to see about the impact of COVID-19 on 2020 budget actuals.

Read <https://peterboroughcurrents.ca/podcast/dean-pappas-on-the-2021-budget-deliberations-and-the-impacts-of-covid-19/>

REPORTER PETERBOROUGH CURRENTS OCT. 2020

"Hub for free clothing and items closes its doors, shifts to a new model"

OPIRG Peterborough's Free Market program closed its doors this summer due to the immense strain on resources and has shifted towards a new pop-up model to continue the program's work.

Read <https://peterboroughcurrents.ca/community/free-market-transition/>

REPORTER-EDITOR PETERBOROUGH CURRENTS MAR. – AUG. 2020

"COVID-19 Newsletter"

A newsletter product first launched to provide local updates on the COVID-19 pandemic, funded through a Facebook Journalism project grant.

Read <https://peterboroughcurrents.ca/announcements/browse-our-covid-19-newsletter-archive/>

REPORTER PETERBOROUGH CURRENTS AUG. 2020

"The science and ethics of mandatory masks"

Peterborough Public Health has issued a community-wide mask order, this piece explores the reasoning behind this order and what experts say about its efficacy.

Read <https://peterboroughcurrents.ca/health/the-science-and-ethics-of-mandatory-masks/>

REPORTER PETERBOROUGH CURRENTS JUL. 2020

"Pandemic puts the squeeze on parents and childcare facilities"

How childcare centres and parents are adjusting to the new pressures after pandemic restrictions limit how many children are allowed into programs.

Read <https://peterboroughcurrents.ca/uncategorized/pandemic-puts-the-squeeze-on-parents-and-childcare-facilities/>

REPORTER PETERBOROUGH CURRENTS JUN. 2020

"Testing for coronavirus"

An update on the local coronavirus response by the numbers.

Read <https://us17.campaign-archive.com/?u=c729a26a39e01143c8f6f567d&id=95c72e93b7>

REPORTER

PETERBOROUGH CURRENTS

APR. 2020

"Your coronavirus questions answered"

Answering audience questions about pandemic measures.

Read <https://us17.campaign-archive.com/?u=c729a26a39e01143c8f6f567d&id=ddf63b96f3>

REPORTER

PETERBOROUGH CURRENTS

MAY 2020

"Social inclusion for seniors during COVID-19"

Local organizations are trying creative projects to engage with elderly clientele, some of whom are struggling to adapt to the shift to remote programming due to the pandemic.

Read <https://us17.campaign-archive.com/?u=c729a26a39e01143c8f6f567d&id=581d243ffe>

REPORTER

PETERBOROUGH CURRENTS

MAY 2020

"The bands play on!"

A piece exploring how local musicians are coping with the pandemic and the creative solutions they're contriving to keep active.

Read <https://peterboroughcurrents.ca/arts/the-bands-play-on/>

REPORTER

PETERBOROUGH CURRENTS

MAY 2020

"Kawartha Sexual Assault Centre sees 50% jump in crisis line usage during pandemic"

The local sexual assault centre is providing remote services through the pandemic, and staff/volunteers are concerned by the sudden spike in usage.

Read <https://peterboroughcurrents.ca/uncategorized/kawartha-sexual-assault-centre-sees-50-jump-in-crisis-line-usage-during-pandemic/>

REPORTER

PETERBOROUGH CURRENTS

APR. 2020

"Tenants and landlords face rent day"

Read <https://peterboroughcurrents.ca/arts/the-bands-play-on/>

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REPORTER

PETERBOROUGH CURRENTS

MAR. 2020

"Rent is due tomorrow – can local businesses afford it?"

Read <https://peterboroughcurrents.ca/uncategorized/rent-is-due-tomorrow-can-local-businesses-afford-it/>

REPORTER

BROADVIEW MAGAZINE

APR. 2019

"Our Common Threads"

Kirk Dunn dedicated 15 years to knitting fantastically large tapestries of the Abrahamic faiths. Working post-9/11 he wanted to create art that generated ideas on the religions' histories – the good deeds and the bad done in their names.

Read <https://broadview.org/kirk-dunn-knitting-pilgrim/>

ASSOCIATE PRODUCER

CBC NEWS FRONT BURNER

JAN. – APR. 2019

I worked with the Front Burner podcast team to prepare episodes of this daily news podcast. I pitched stories, chased guests, wrote scripts, edited audio, mixed episodes, fact-checked, among other tasks.

Listen <https://www.cbc.ca/frontburner>

PRODUCER

CBC NEWS FRONT BURNER

APR. 2019

"How mistrust and fear make fighting Ebola more difficult"

A look at the 2019 Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo and how misinformation about medicine and global influence is contributing to the spread of the disease.

Listen <https://www.cbc.ca/radio/frontburner/1.5104946>

ARTIST

CONSTELLATIONS AUDIO

MAR. 2019

"quiet contemplations"

During the summer of 2018, I backpacked around Canada, traveling by bus, train, plane and foot from East Coast to West. Along the way I spent a lot of time being quiet and listening to the sounds around me. This piece is a scrapbook of quiet moments, and through the juxtaposition the listener can hear the subtleties of quietude.

Listen <https://www.constellationsaudio.com/sounds/quietcontemplations>

PRODUCER

CBC NEWS FRONT BURNER

MAR. 2019

"Inside Alberta's 'House of Cards' scandal"

A breakdown of the evidence linking the leadership campaign of Jason Kenney for the United Conservative Party to a stalking horse candidate who played a role in tipping the political scales.

Listen <https://www.cbc.ca/radio/frontburner/inside-alberta-s-house-of-cards-scandal-1.5061918>

MODERATOR

REFRAME FILM FESTIVAL

FEB. 2019

"Who Gets to Tell My Story"

A live panel discussion with three filmmakers: Maya Bastian, Maya Annik Bedward, and Chrisann Hessing on the politics of story extraction, how to work with communities respectfully, and the differences in working with family versus strangers.

Read <https://reframefilmfestival.ca/festival/panels/who-gets-to-tell-my-story/>

EDITOR **WIKIPEDIA** **DEC. 2018**

"Alene Holt"

I researched, drafted, and published an article about Alene Holt, the first woman to become mayor of Peterborough. She was a distinguished community organizer and alderman.

Read https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alene_Holt

EDITOR **SPOKEN WIKIPEDIA** **NOV. 2018**

"The Bone Wars, spoken article"

I delivered a reading of the Wikipedia article "The Bone Wars", which was a feud between two palaeontologists Othniel Charles Marsh and Edward Drinker Cope which resulted in palaeontological sites and bones being destroyed.

Read [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Bone_Wars_spoken_Wikipedia_article_\(English\).ogg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Bone_Wars_spoken_Wikipedia_article_(English).ogg)

WRITER **PETERBOROUGH CURRENTS MICRO-NEWSPAPER** **NOV. 2018**

"Operation Catnip helps feral cats and you can too"

A hand-crafted publication about feral cats in the Greater Peterborough Area. The zine looks at my personal experience adopting feral kittens, the story of Brienne and Adam who cared for a colony of over 50 feral kittens and the founder of Operation Catnip, a group that helps control feral cat populations.

Read <https://peterboroughcurrents.ptbopodcasters.ca/2019/05/04/micro-newspaper-operation-catnip-helps-feral-cats-and-you-can-too/>

HOST/PRODUCER **PETERBOROUGH CURRENTS** **OCT. 2018**

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

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.

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

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 Bennett.

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

HOST/PRODUCER **PETERBOROUGH CURRENTS** **SEP. 2018**

"Celebrating Your First Pride"

A live phone-in radio show on listeners' first LGBTQ+ Pride celebration. The program included conversations about the intersections of disability, race, class, and gender in the LGBTQ+ community, Norwood's first Pride, and a protest taking place at the 2018 Peterborough Pride parade.

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

HOST/PRODUCER **PETERBOROUGH CURRENTS** **SEP. 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 in light of the Stonewall Inn legacy.

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

REPORTER **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.

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

PRODUCER **PETERBOROUGH CURRENTS** **APR. 2018**

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

A documentary 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.

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

ASSOCIATE PRODUCER **CBC RADIO** **SEP. 2015 – MAY 2018**

I worked with many CBC Radio programs across the network to produce, edit, fact-check, package and distribute programming, including *As It Happens*, *Cross Country Checkup*, *Day 6*, *Fresh Air*, *Metro Morning*, *The Next Chapter*, *Ontario Morning*, and *Podcast Playlist*.

DIGITAL ASSOCIATE PRODUCER **CBC RADIO CROSS COUNTRY CHECKUP** **MAY 2018**

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

On the Northern Coast of British Columbia, a scallop harvesting project run by Tsimshian Indigenous people is reinventing a sustainable resource-based economy for residents.

Read <http://www.cbc.ca/radio/checkup/1.4680023>

PRODUCER **CBC RADIO PODCAST PLAYLIST** **JAN. 2018**

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

A curated selection of podcast episodes that looked back on big news events of 2017 including stories about the Rohingya refugee crisis, the origins of the word 'antifa', and the reporters who broke the Harvey Weinstein story.

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

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

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

A young author on the Canadian literature scene, Tyrell Johnson made his debut with a young adult novel dealing with the fallout of nuclear war, disease, and climate change in Canada's North.

Listen <http://www.cbc.ca/radio/thenextchapter/1.4556382>

EDITOR **CBC RADIO PODCAST PLAYLIST** **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.

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

TEACHER **TRENT UNIVERSITY CONTINUING EDUCATION** **MAR. 2018**

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PRODUCER **PETERBOROUGH CURRENTS** **FEB. 2018**

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

Janice Keil is breaking into the construction industry with a grassroots project to encourage women to build a passive house in an era of climate change, #MeToo, and women in the trades.

Listen <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?"

The Leahy family has lived in Peterborough for generations – 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.

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

PRODUCER **SOUNDS LIKE LIFE** **OCT. 2017**

"The Master Canoe Builder"

Chuck Commanda is a master canoe builder and one of the few who teaches traditional Anishinaabe birch bark construction techniques. I interviewed him as he taught at the Canadian Canoe Museum.

Listen <https://soundlikelife.ptbopodcasters.ca/podcast/episode-6-master-canoe-builder/>

PRODUCER **CBC.CA "BEING BLACK IN CANADA"** **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 initiated and managed the product in its first iteration.

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

PRODUCER **PTBO PODCASTERS "A SPACE FOR US"** **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.

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

ASSOCIATE PRODUCER **CBC RADIO SYNDICATED AUDIO** **JAN. – JUN. 2017**

A series of audio snapshots from The Walrus Talks 'Conversations About Canada' tour which aired across Canada on CBC local radio programs.

DIGITAL ASSOCIATE PRODUCER **CBC RADIO CROSS COUNTRY CHECKUP** **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.

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

Watch <http://www.cbc.ca/radio/checkup/1.3901020>

CRAFT MENTOR **TRENT RADIO "STORY MACHINE"** **SEP. 2016 – APR. 2017**

As part of Trent Radio's "Story Machine" project, I mentored community members and a cohort of students a Fleming College's Museum Management and Curatorship Program. These participants crafted audio documentaries that were broadcast on 92.7 FM.

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

PRODUCER **CBC RADIO CROSS COUNTRY CHECKUP** **APR. 2017**

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

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

Listen <http://www.cbc.ca/radio/checkup/1.4049368>

PRODUCER **SOUNDS LIKE LIFE** **MAR. 2017**

"A live pastiche"

Sounds Like Life braves a performance in front of a live studio audience. Featuring live music, and a medley of my favourite environmental sounds.

Listen <https://soundlikelife.ptbopodcasters.ca/podcast/episode-5-live-pastiche/>

PRODUCER **CBC RADIO CROSS COUNTRY CHECKUP** **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.

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

DIGITAL ASSOCIATE PRODUCER CBC RADIO CROSS COUNTRY CHECKUP 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.

Read <http://www.cbc.ca/radio/checkup/1.3630105>

DIGITAL ASSOCIATE PRODUCER CBC RADIO CROSS COUNTRY CHECKUP FEB. 2017

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

In the 1960's, Canadian women who had children out of wedlock were coerced into giving up their babies for adoption. This article details one woman's story and her calls for a government apology.

Read <https://www.cbc.ca/radio/checkup/1.3599926>

DIGITAL ASSOCIATE PRODUCER CBC RADIO CROSS COUNTRY CHECKUP 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.

Listen <http://www.cbc.ca/radio/checkup/1.4000216>

ASSOCIATE PRODUCER CBC RADIO DAY 6 FEB. 2017

LGBT refugees from Iran are asking why it's become harder for them to come to Canada

A story on the work being done to bring LGBTQ+ refugees to Canada from Iran and why they're being help up due to a backlog in refugee applications and a waning government commitment.

Listen <https://www.cbc.ca/radio/day6/.3972907>

ASSOCIATE PRODUCER CBC RADIO DAY 6 FEB. 2017

The Slants go to the U.S. Supreme Court to argue their name is not a racial slur

The punk rock band *The Slants* is comprised of Asian-American musicians who are now embroiled in a controversy that is going to the U.S. Supreme Court about whether or not their name is a racial slur and constitutes hate speech.

Listen <https://www.cbc.ca/radio/day6/1.3951806>

ASSOCIATE PRODUCER CBC RADIO DAY 6 FEB. 2017

Scientific data used to track and protect animals is vulnerable to hacking

RFID tags and other instruments can be implanted into wild animals to help scientists track their whereabouts, health and other indicators. A new study suggests these tools are unprotected from unauthorized users – potentially opening up endangered animals to poachers.

Listen <https://www.cbc.ca/radio/day6/1.3972929>

PRODUCER **CBC RADIO FRESH AIR** **SEP. 2015**

"Manoomin // The Wild Rice Harvest"

A controversy simmering on the shores of Pigeon Lake, this documentary takes listeners into the experiences of the father-daughter pair who are sowing and harvesting wild rice in the Kawartha Lakes – much to the chagrin of local cottagers.

Listen <https://soundcloud.com/abarmania/manoomin-the-wild-rice-harvest>

ASSOCIATE PRODUCER **CBC TORONTO** **SEP. 2015**

Tangled Arts

A profile interview about a new initiative in Toronto to make space for disabled artists.

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

GZOWSKI INTERN **CBC RADIO** **MAY – AUG. 2015**

As the Gzowski 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 Digital.

Read http://www.trentu.ca/newsevents/newsDetail_old.php?newsID=9592

HOST/PRODUCER **CBC RADIO** **AUG. 2015**

"The Other Side of Addiction"

A holiday special for CBC Radio produced by the 2015 Gzowski interns featuring two stories of addiction: Canadian fiction author Louise Penney and comedian Richard Lett share their perspectives.

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

PRODUCER **CBC RADIO FRESH AIR** **JUN. 2015**

"Healthy Parks, Healthy People"

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

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

PRODUCER **CBC RADIO 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.

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

REPORTER **ARTHUR NEWSPAPER** **SEP. 2014 – JUN. 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, and some forays into arts and culture reporting.

Browse <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.

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

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.

Read <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.

Read <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.

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

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