

KELSEY TOLCHIN-KUPFERER

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EDUCATION

- 2014-2016** **Master of Public Affairs** in nonprofit management
University of Missouri | Truman School of Public Affairs | Columbia, MO
- 2010-2014** **Bachelor of Journalism** in magazine writing
University of Missouri | Missouri School of Journalism | Columbia, MO
- 2010-2014** **Bachelor of Arts** in sociology
University of Missouri | College of Arts and Science | Columbia, MO

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- August 2024-present** **UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT** | Burlington, VT
Lecturer, Reporting and Documentary Storytelling (Full-time)
- Develop and teach audio storytelling and public media journalism classes.
 - Design and lead two internship programs for college students at Vermont Public.
 - Edit, final mix and publish student-produced audio stories for Vermont Public.
 - Build and maintain supportive and positive relationships with students and community partners, including Vermont Public and the Center for Community News.
- April 2019-July 2024** **KUOW PUBLIC RADIO** | Seattle, WA
Program producer, RadioActive Youth Media (Full-time)
- Supported 50+ teens through the audio story production process each year.
 - Edited, final mixed and published 50+ audio feature stories and podcasts each year.
 - Developed and facilitated innovative in-person and online audio storytelling, journalism and media literacy workshops and courses.
 - Built and maintained supportive relationships with hundreds of youth and dozens of community partners, including two youth jails.
 - Hired, trained and managed 10+ youth and adult part-time staff members.
 - Regularly measured, assessed and improved program quality.
- February 2024-May 2024** **KUOW PUBLIC RADIO** | Seattle, WA
Weekend announcer (Fill-in)
- Wrote and recorded live on-air and pre-recorded breaks for Seattle's NPR news station.
 - Broadcast all content and traffic live on-air while troubleshooting technical issues.
- March 2022-February 2023** **UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI** | Columbia, Missouri
Fellow, Reynolds Journalism Institute (Part-time)
- Co-wrote the Youth Media Starter Guide, a comprehensive guide for public radio newsrooms ready to train and invest in the next generation of journalists.
 - The 60-page guide covers everything from youth safety and engagement to curriculum building and fundraising resources. Find it at bit.ly/youthmediaguide.
- September 2016-April 2019** **TRUE/FALSE FILM FEST** | Columbia, Missouri
Education coordinator (Part-time)
- Developed and facilitated year-round media literacy programs for high school and college students and teachers.
 - Designed and coordinated our flagship program, Camp True/False, which included writing a media literacy curriculum implemented by teachers across the country, and coordinating all logistics for 100 Camp True/False participants during the four-day festival.

September 2014-
May 2017

KBIA | Columbia, Missouri

Co-founder and director, Making Waves Youth Radio (Part-time)

- Created, designed, and facilitated the program at the high school and college levels.
- Wrote the curriculum and assessment plan.
- Built local partnerships and recruited student participants.
- Wrote a successful \$25,000 grant.
- Bought and managed equipment.
- Edited, final mixed and published 15+ radio stories each year.

May 2016-
April 2019

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI | Columbia, Missouri

Coordinator, Venture Out (Full-time)

- Oversaw every aspect of the outdoor adventure education program, including program design and facilitation, staff hiring and training, risk management, client relations; marketing, and high ropes course maintenance.
- Managed a \$120,000 self-generated annual budget and a 20-person student staff.
- Increased revenue by 30 percent in three years.

May 2014-
May 2016

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI | Columbia, Missouri

Graduate assistant, Mizzou Alternative Breaks (Part-time)

- Oversaw every aspect of 45 student-led service trips each year, including advising two student leadership boards, developing a social justice education curriculum, and managing a \$60,000 self-generated annual budget.

ARTICLES & PUBLICATIONS

- 2023** [The Youth Media Starter Guide](#) | Reynolds Journalism Institute
- 2023** [Storytelling inside youth jails](#) | Current
- 2023** [Why youth media is worth the investment](#) | Current
- 2023** [Introducing the Youth Media Starter Guide](#) | Reynolds Journalism Institute
- 2023** [Youth radio journalism resources roundup](#) | Reynolds Journalism Institute
- 2022** [Building a youth journalism program that benefits your newsroom](#) | Reynolds Journalism Institute
- 2022** [Why youth media matters](#) | Reynolds Journalism Institute
- 2022** [6 stories show how youth media can go where adults can't](#) | Reynolds Journalism Institute

SELECT EDITORIAL & PRODUCTION WORK

- 2024** [At 16, my grandma had an abortion. At 18, I'm telling her story](#)
Audio feature, KUOW (By Natalie Lahr with support from Troy Landrum Jr. and Kelsey Tolchin-Kupferer)
- 2024** [Buying hot dogs was an act of resilience for my grandpa in the Jim Crow South](#)
Audio feature, KUOW (By Nyla Moxley with support from Troy Landrum Jr., Kamna Shastri and Kelsey Tolchin-Kupferer)
- 2023** [Changes are coming to Seattle Public Schools' sex education courses](#)
Audio feature, KUOW (By Lily Turner with support from Ellis O'Neill, Jennifer Wing and Kelsey Tolchin-Kupferer)
- 2022** [It's kept me alive: Kent residents rely on free farmers market in Walnut Park](#)
Audio feature, KUOW (By Marian Mohamed with support from Kelsey Tolchin-Kupferer)
- 2021** [They can never lock your mind up.' Three stories from juvenile jail](#)
Podcast, KUOW (By RadioActive Youth Media teens with support from Kelsey Tolchin-Kupferer)
- 2020** [A poem for my mother, a Vietnam boat refugee](#)
Audio feature, KUOW (By Sah Pham with support from Lila Shroff and Kelsey Tolchin-Kupferer)
- 2016** [30 Years and Still Stepping: Rolando Barry and the Missouri High Steppers](#)
Non-narrated audio profile, KBIA (By Kelsey Tolchin-Kupferer)
- 2016** [Teach Abroad India](#)
Promotional video, University of Missouri College of Education (By Kelsey Tolchin-Kupferer)

SERVICE

2018-2022 Board member, education and grants | SoapBox Productions and Organizing | Chicago, IL

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS

- 2023, 2022** Starting a youth media program at your public media station | Next Gen Public Media
- 2023** Introducing the Youth Media Starter Guide | Reynolds Journalism Institute
- 2021** Amplifying youth voices | Association of Independents in Radio

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

FOR JOURNALISM:

- 2024** **Edward R. Murrow Award** | First place — Student Audio Feature Reporting
[Changes are coming to Seattle Public Schools' sex education courses](#)
(By Lily Turner with support from Ellis O'Neill, Jennifer Wing and Kelsey Tolchin-Kupferer)
- 2024** **WBUR's Here & Now national broadcast**
[Buying hot dogs was an act of resilience for my grandpa in the Jim Crow South](#)
(By Nyla Moxley with support from Troy Landrum Jr., Kamna Shastri and Kelsey Tolchin-Kupferer)
- 2024** **Alliance for Women in Media Gracie Award** | First place — Student Radio News Feature
[Changes are coming to Seattle Public Schools' sex education courses](#)
(By Lily Turner with support from Ellis O'Neill, Jennifer Wing and Kelsey Tolchin-Kupferer)
- 2023** **Public Media Journalism Association Award** | Second place — Student News Feature
[My high school doesn't serve halal meat. Here's why I wish it did](#)
(By Rahmah Abdulazeez with support from Mary Heisey, Noel Gasca and Kelsey Tolchin-Kupferer)
- 2022** **Public Media Journalism Association Award** | Second place — Division AA Use of Sound
[What I heard when I returned to school](#)
(By Charlotte Engrav with support from Sonya Harris, Mary Heisey and Kelsey Tolchin-Kupferer)
- 2022** **Public Media Journalism Association Award** | First place — Student Interview Podcast
['They can never lock your mind up.' Three stories from juvenile jail](#)
(By RadioActive Youth Media teens with support from Kelsey Tolchin-Kupferer)
- 2022** **Evident Change's Media for a Just Society Award** | Finalist — Media by a person who is incarcerated
['They can never lock your mind up.' Three stories from juvenile jail](#)
(By RadioActive Youth Media teens with support from Kelsey Tolchin-Kupferer)

FOR TEACHING & PUBLIC SERVICE:

- 2018** **Mizzou '39 Honored Mentor** | Mizzou Alumni Association
- 2017** **Mizzou '39 Honored Mentor** | Mizzou Alumni Association
- 2016** **Mizzou '39 Honored Mentor** | Mizzou Alumni Association
- 2015** **Governor Mel Carnahan Public Service Award** | University of Missouri Truman School of Public Affairs
- 2014** **Chancellor's Excellence Award for Multicultural Leadership** | University of Missouri Department of Student Life