

KALYN KAHLER

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Staff Writer, Defector Media

- Pitch, report, and write features and columns

Contributing lead NFL columnist, Bleacher Report | Aug 2020 - February 2021

- Wrote a weekly reported column on the NFL, adding more reporting and insight to leading storylines of the week
- Pitched, report and wrote feature stories for B/R Mag

Staff Writer, Sports Illustrated | November 2019- April 2020

Writer/Producer | May 2018- Nov 2019

- Reported and wrote features for online and print magazine, with a primary focus on the NFL for The MMQB, Sports Illustrated's NFL vertical
- Wrote a weekly column on the NFL draft
- Developed and maintained sources around the NFL
- Pitched stories, and reported and wrote several investigative stories, including one six-month long investigation into an extreme religious group. The story got the attention of the FBI
- Contributed to SI's weekly NFL podcast
- Appeared as an NFL analyst on SI video news, national radio, and Chicago TV station CLTV

Editorial Assistant, The MMQB.com, Sports Illustrated | July 2015- May 2018

- Reported and wrote feature stories for online and Sports Illustrated magazine
- Produced and edited online stories
- Managed social media feeds and created content for social media
- Worked as the personal assistant to senior NFL columnist Peter King. Managed his schedule and travel, transcribed interviews, researched and reported for his weekly column.
- Organized, researched and scheduled four storytelling cross-country road trips. Directed a sponsored reporting project, *Football in America*, during the 2017 season, and traveled with MMQB staff to report stories of football at all levels (peewee through pro) in eight NFL cities.
- Produced a live podcast show
- Presented The MMQB at sponsorship pitch meetings
- On-camera talent work for SI's news video show. Appeared on national radio, ESPN's Sports Center and BBC radio

Internships: Chicago Sun-Times, Colorado Springs Gazette, Sports Illustrated, Northwestern University Athletic Communications

- Wrote game stories, notebooks and features for print and online publication. Covered wide range of sports, from dog agility to minor league baseball, NFL, NHL.
- Filmed and edited video stories, copy edited stories and designed print pages
- Fact checked and researched articles for print and digital issues, using databases. Wrote four stories for SI print issue's Scorecard section. Also contributed stories to SI.com
- Worked as student assistant sports information director for Northwestern Women's Volleyball

HONORS & AWARDS

- Published in The New York Times, Sports Illustrated, The Wall Street Journal, B/R Mag, The Chicago Sun-Times, The Colorado Springs Gazette.
- Winner of the 2021 Pro Football Writers of America's award for enterprise/feature writing for three-part series. ["Pray for Kabeer."](#)
- Best American Sports Writing 2020. Notable Selection for feature story, ["How a Cow Becomes a Football."](#)
- Northwestern University Varsity cheerleader, 2012-2015.
- Association for Women in Sports Media Internship program (May 2014), AWSM member

EDUCATION

Medill School of Journalism, Northwestern University Class of 2015, B.S. in Journalism, Minor in History

SKILLS

Fact-checking (LexisNexis, Whitepages, Pacer, skilled at social media sleuthing) CMS editing and producing (WordPress, Drupal), Adobe Creative Suites, conversational Spanish.

REFERENCES

Peter King | Senior Columnist, NBC Sports
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Gary Gramling | Senior Editor, Sports Illustrated
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