

Kristine Gill

Writer | Reporter | Podcaster

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EXPERIENCE

Freelance Writer, Remote — *Writer, editor*

2011 - PRESENT

Regular contributor to several local and remote publications including: Yahoo, Real Simple, Better Homes & Gardens, Fortune and Gulfshore Life magazine, among others. Experience in SEO optimization and writing blogs and ad copy for marketing clients.

Collier County Sheriff's Office, Naples, FL — *Media Relations Specialist*

August 2016 - December 2021

Host and producer of *Sworn Statement*, an agency podcast covering public safety. Liaison to local and national reporters and news outlets. Responsible for fulfilling public records requests, writing releases, shooting and editing photos and videos of agency events, and coordinating press conferences. Manned the Emergency Operations Center during Hurricane Irma.

Naples Daily News, Naples, FL — *Reporter*

AUGUST 2011 - AUGUST 2016

Most recently a features reporter. Covered crime for more than two years. Appeared on a morning news video five days a week along with a radio spot. Previously covered city council and higher education. Updated the website, shot and produced video.

EDUCATION

The Irish Writing Program, Dublin, Ireland — *Graduate credits*

JUNE 2011 - AUGUST 2011

Took four courses in fiction writing during a study abroad program lasting six weeks. Program through the University of Iowa. A- average.

Kent State University, Kent, OH — *B.S. in Journalism*

AUG 2006 - MAY 2010

Minored in Creative Writing. Honors college. Dean's List 2006-2010. 3.77 GPA

TRAINING

Sanibel Island Writers Conference, Sanibel Island, FL — *Attendee*

NOV 2017

Attended sessions on plot and structure, flash fiction, micro fiction, publishing, and the neuroscience behind believable characters.

SKILLS

Shooting and editing photos and video

Recording and editing audio

On-air presence

AWARDS

2020 PRSA Award of Commendation for Sworn Statement podcast

2017 Florida Weekly fiction writing challenge winner

2014 Winner of SPJ Breaking News Reporting

2013 Winner of the South Florida SPJ Obit Contest

2010 Third Place SPJ General News Reporting

PROJECTS

Naples Writers' Workshop — *Founder and facilitator*

Leads a group of adult writers in weekly sessions sharing and critiquing novels and short stories. Founded in 2014. Hosts a twice monthly podcast called *Why Is This Good?* exploring the craft of fiction.

Pet Partners — *Volunteer pet handler 2015-2017*

Certified since 2015 along with my pet cat, Nermal, through a national pet therapy community called Pet Partners. Made weekly visits to two nursing homes.