

# Aaron Orlowski

Editor and writer

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## FREELANCE EDITOR AND WRITER

Aug. 2016 – present

*CULTURAL AWARENESS: I took Mandarin lessons to better identify Chinese writers' likely syntax and grammar mistakes.*

## STAFF REPORTER

June 2011 – Aug. 2016

*DEEP ANALYSIS: In the midst of California's four-year drought, my multi-part series "The Future of Water" identified potential new water resources, assessed their development probability and explained the relevant policy debates to a lay audience of newspaper readers.*

*WEB SAVVY: I quadrupled traffic to the city hall blog with incisive, insightful posts.*

*VIDEO SKILL SET: I scripted, shot and edited the paper's first videos, about oil boom impacts.*

## PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT

Ongoing

## EMERSON COLLEGE

Sept. 2008 – May 2011

## SUMMARY:

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I'm a keen-eyed line and copy editor who ensures the clarity and readability of white papers, studies and reports published by international NGOs in the environment, health and development fields. I apply my wide-ranging knowledge to decipher complex concepts and parse dense language, then rework the copy so general audiences can understand it.

## EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE:

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### WRI CHINA (international NGO; Beijing, China)

- Edited reports and studies about China's water supply for clarity, readability, flow, accuracy, grammar and style.
- Tracked China environment news and studied emerging issues.

### AQUACULTURE NORTH AMERICA (trade publication; Vancouver, B.C.)

- Pitched, researched and wrote features about aquaculture operations.

### SUSTAINABLE AQUACULTURE (trade publication; Sheffield, UK)

- Interviewed experts and wrote features on U.S. aquaculture trends.

### THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER (newspaper; Orange County, Calif.)

#### ENVIRONMENT AND SCIENCE REPORTER (July 2014 – Aug 2016)

- Pitched, reported and wrote web-leading and front page stories on topics such as water, drought, energy, wildlife, oceans and climate change, while balancing long-term projects and tight web deadlines.
- Parsed complex science and policy issues for a general audience by crafting nuanced narratives with engaging characters and clear details.
- Cultivated relationships with hundreds of scientists, officials, regulators, lawyers and activists.

#### GENERAL ASSIGNMENT REPORTER (April 2013 – July 2014)

- Collaborated with editors and photo, video, graphics and layout staff, and worked with other reporters on group projects.

### THE RAPID CITY JOURNAL (newspaper; Rapid City, S.D.)

#### CITY HALL REPORTER (Aug. 2012 – April 2013)

- Served as city hall watchdog coordinated with editors and photo staff.

#### NORTHERN HILLS COMMUNITY REPORTER (Dec. 2011 – Aug. 2012)

- Managed two community news sites and coordinated from offsite.

### THE TIOGA TRIBUNE (newspaper; Tioga, N.D.)

#### GENERAL ASSIGNMENT REPORTER (June 2011 – Nov. 2011)

- Wrote stories about the state's oil boom, and produced photos.

## EDUCATION:

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### International Center for Journalists Climate Change Journalism Fellowship (New York, N.Y.; Sept. 2014)

- Among a dozen reporters selected for three days of U.N. seminars.

### Metcalf Institute for Marine & Environmental Reporting Immersion Workshop (Rhode Island; June 2014)

- One of 10 reporters chosen for weeklong science reporting workshop.

### Honors Program: B.A. in Writing, Literature and Publishing; minor in Journalism (Boston, Mass.)

- Studied abroad in fall 2009 at Kasteel Well, The Netherlands.