

# OLIVIA PASCHAL

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## EDUCATION

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**University of Virginia**, Charlottesville, VA. PhD student studying the rural 20th century United States through the lens of capitalism, labor, and place. Expected graduation 2026.

- MA Thesis: "Chicken Woman": Gender and Labor in the Early Arkansas Poultry Industry

**Yale University**, New Haven, CT. B.A., History with distinction, May 2018.

## GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

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Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Summer Research Fellowship, University of Virginia, 2022

Editing & Public Scholarship Fellow, Made by History at the Washington Post & GAGE at UVA, 2022

Graduate Fellow in the John L. Nau III History & Principles of Democracy Lab, Democracy Initiative, University of Virginia, 2021-22

## WORKSHOPS

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**PhD+ at UVA / Writing Op-Eds: Translating Your Research to a Broad Audience** October-November 2021

Participated in month-long workshop series on making academic research accessible to broad audiences

## SELECTED PUBLIC-FACING WRITING

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"[The Coin Standard](#)," *Laphams Quarterly*, Dec. 15, 2021.

"[The Disastrous Opening of One Arkansas School District](#)," *The Nation*, Aug. 30, 2021.

"[He had a BB gun. A cop had a semiautomatic rifle. Without warning, the officer fired five times.](#)" *Arkansas Nonprofit News Network/Arkansas Times*, Aug. 8, 2021

## HONORS

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**Honorable Mention, In-Depth Reporting / Arkansas Press Women Communications Contest** May 2021

For 2020 reporting on COVID-19 in Arkansas poultry factories.

**Distinction in the Major / Yale University Department of History** May 2018

**National Quality Work in Yale Publications / Poynter Fellowship in Journalism** November 2017

"Out of Sight, Out of Mind: Abuse and Neglect in the County Jails of Arkansas," cover story for Yale Politic selected by Poynter for commentary session with Ilena Silverman, Features Editor of the New York Times Magazine.

**Director's Fellow / Institution for Social and Policy Studies** January-December 2017

Researched Arkansas prison policy and received further funding for journalistic and academic research into Walmart and the rural South.

## INTERVIEWS & SPEAKING APPEARANCES

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**University of Arkansas School of Journalism & Strategic Media**, Features Writing class, featured speaker discussing freelance writing. April 27, 2022.

**University of Arkansas School of Journalism & Strategic Media**, Honors Government and Media class, featured speaker discussing reporting on COVID in poultry plants, FOIA, non-traditional news outlets, reporting on and for marginalized communities, transition from journalism to graduate school. Sept. 15, 2021.

**KUAF's Ozarks at Large**, "[Facing South' reporter examines emails between Springdale mayor, Tyson](#)," by Zuzanna Sitek. Feb. 15, 2021. (15-minute segment)

**KUAF & Fayetteville Public Library Town Hall** accompanying Episode 3 of Movement That Never Was podcast. Featured panelist alongside Dr. Angie Maxwell (University of Arkansas) and Dr. Pearl Dowe (Emory University) discussing history of Southern electorate, the Southern Strategy in Arkansas, and current political organizing work in the state. Jan. 28, 2021.

**University of Arkansas School of Journalism and Strategic Media**, Honors Government and Media class, featured speaker discussing the challenges of reporting on government. Nov. 18, 2020.

**University of Arkansas School of Journalism and Strategic Media**, News Reporting class, featured speaker discussing tips for sourcing and finding stories. Oct. 20, 2020.

**Reckon South's Reckon Interview** podcast, [\*A system broken by design: The politics of healthcare\*](#), by John Hammontree and R.L. Nave. September 7, 2020. (20-minute segment)

**AL.com's Outbreak Alabama** podcast, [\*Astonishing disparities in the rural South\*](#), by Ben Flanagan. May 20, 2020. (10-minute segment)

**Northwest Arkansas Community College**, Creative Non-Fiction class, featured speaker discussing curiosity-driven narrative journalism projects and my piece "Food, Power, and Place in Northwest Arkansas." Feb. 25, 2020.

**Northwest Arkansas Community College**, Fundamentals of Journalism class, featured speaker discussing career path and life as a working writer. Feb. 25, 2020.

## SKILLS

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- Social media, including Twitter and Facebook
- Data analytics and visualization: Photoshop, Datawrapper, Tableau, Google Sheets, Excel, SPSS, SQL, + others upon inquiry
- Web publishing: Silverpop, Substack, Ghost, MailChimp, Wix, AirTable, Wordpress, Squarespace, Drupal, InDesign, search engine optimization (SEO)
- Web analytics software: Google Analytics, Chartbeat

## LANGUAGES

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Modern Hebrew (conversational), Latin (proficient), Marshallese (basic)