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Summary

- Preeminently published by [TravelPulse](#) and [The Seattle Times](#)
- Inspiring empowered connections through adventure travel and sustainable tourism
- [Travel industry leader](#) and [agent for social change](#)

Employment

Writer and photography contributor [TravAlliance Media](#) (2016 – present)

Travel agent [The Travel Connection Group](#) (2016 – present)

Freelance writer and copy editor [Adventures Croatia](#) (2017)

Social media contributor [Travel with Nikki](#) (2016 – 2017)

Content developer, writer and photography contributor [Adventure North Australia](#) (2016 – 2017)

Freelance writer and multimedia contributor [Tours4Fun](#) (2016 – 2017)

Travel agent, writer, content developer and multimedia contributor [Foremost Travel & Tours](#) (2014 – 2016)

Proprietor, writer, content developer and multimedia contributor [NomadiKat Travel Media](#) (2013 – 2015)

Music educator [Sararas Witaed Saimai Bilingual School](#) (2010-2011)

Volunteer

Board Membership [World Travel Journalism Organization](#) (2017-present)

Writer and photography contributor [ReadJunk](#) (2002-2017)

Event staff [National Public Radio: WBEZ Chicago](#) (2013 – 2016)

Agent for social change [Chicago Cares](#) (2014 – 2016)

Kitchen staff and community advocate [A Just Harvest](#) (2014-2015)

Writer and multimedia contributor [Gawker Media](#) (2014)

Writer and photography contributor [Extra Bilingual News Media](#) (2014)

Founder, writer and agent for social change [Music for Lombok](#) (2011-2014)

On-air personality [WLUW Community Radio](#) (2004)

Education

Bachelor of Arts in Music with dean's list recognition [Columbia College Chicago](#) (2010)

Semester abroad in Italy [Lorenzo de' Medici Institute Rome](#) (2006)

Features & Awards

Member of the [Adventure Travel Trade Association](#) (2018)

Member of [Travel Massive](#) (2018)

Photography Exhibitor [La Frontera Unites](#) (2017)

"Why Skydiving is not that Scary" [Skydiving.com](#) (2017)

"Interview with World Traveler Kat Vallera" [Tours for Fun](#) (2016)

"Travel Agent's 8th Annual 30 Under 30" [Travel Agent Central](#) (2015)

Grant Recipient [The Pollination Project](#) (2013)

"Wandering Can Get You Somewhere" [Mata Traders](#) (2012)

"Bringing Music, Art and English to an Indonesia Orphanage" [National Public Radio: Worldview WBEZ](#) (2012)