

OLIVIA PASCHAL

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EDUCATION

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

PhD Plus Internship, University of Virginia, 2023-2024

Graduate Global Research Grant, Center for Global Inquiry & Innovation, University of Virginia, 2023

Southern Studies Pre-Dissertation Prospectus Fellowship, Wilson Special Collections Library, University of North Carolina, 2023

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

CONFERENCES, SELECTED PUBLICATIONS, WORKSHOPS, ETC.

***Southern Exposure* at 50 / Conference Co-organizer**

March 2023

As part of work as archives editor for *Southern Exposure*, co-organizing a one-day conference/symposium at Wilson Library with Biff Hollingsworth of the Southern Historical Collection, John Blythe of the North Carolina Collection, and co-sponsored by the Center for the Study of the American South and its programs (Southern Cultures, Southern Oral History Program, Southern Futures, and the Critical Ethnic Studies Collaborative). Program features roundtables, panels, digital and material archives, as well as community archive gathering and oral history collection.

Working History Podcast / Co-host

2022-present

Reviving and co-hosting Working History, the podcast of the Southern Labor Studies Association, which features monthly interviews with academics, journalists, and organizers.

The Institute for Southern Studies / Archives Editor, *Southern Exposure*

August 2021-present

Managing archive digitization and web redesign project for 4 decades of award-winning *Southern Exposure* magazine archives. Republish and contextualize relevant articles; recent examples [here](#) and [here](#). Sit on hiring committee for Julian Bond Fellowship.

"Production Credit Associations and Poultry: How a New Deal Program Impacted the Landscape of the Chicken Industry, 1940s" – American Society for Environmental History Conference

March 2023

"'Chicken Woman': Gender and Labor in the Arkansas Poultry Industry" — Labor and Working Class History Conference

May 2023

"[The Modern-Day Company Towns of Arkansas](#)," *The American Prospect*

August 2022 print issue

"[A history of groundbreaking reporting on the South's poultry industry](#)," *Facing South*

June 2021

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

October-November 2021

TEACHING

From Redlined to Subprime: Race and Real Estate in the U.S. / Teaching Assistant

Spring 2023

Introduction to American Studies / Teaching Assistant

Fall 2022

COURSEWORK

Spring 2023

AMST 8001 Approaches to American Studies, Penny von Eschen

HIUS 7659 Twentieth Century U.S. Cultural History, Grace Hale

HIST 9101 Origins of Global Capitalism, Fahad Bishara and Brian Owensby

Fall 2022

AMST/HIST 5559 Oral History Workshop, Grace Hale

RELG 7130 American Spirituality, Matthew Hedstrom

Spring 2022

DEM 7501 Democracy and Freedom, Laurent DuBois and Jessica Kimpell Johnson

HIST 8001 Masters' Essay Writing, Chris Gratien

HIST 9035 Histories of Neoliberalism, Sarah Milov

Fall 2021

DEM 7500 Democracy and Freedom, Laurent DuBois and Jessica Kimpell Johnson

HIST 7001 Approaches to Historical Study, Fahad Bishara and Alan Megill

HIST 7020 Twentieth Century World History, Will Hitchcock

HONORS

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, PANELS, & SPEAKING APPEARANCES

Southerly Magazine, [Community Reporting Fellowship](#) workshop leader, Nov. 29, 2022.

High Point University, Media & Public Policy graduate elective course, featured speaker on government accountability reporting. Nov. 22, 2022.

Arkansas Humanities Council, Featured panelist for 3-person panel on Democracy and the Informed Citizen: Humanities and the Media Zoom panel. Oct. 18, 2022.

University of Arkansas School of Journalism & Strategic Media, Honors Government & Media class, featured speaker on advocacy journalism. Sept. 21, 2022.

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.

OTHER WORK

Freelance Writer & Editor / [Clips](#) 2017-present

Write and report on food systems, Walmart and the Walton family, Arkansas, and the South for outlets including HuffPost, CivilEats, Southerly, Scalawag, The Nation, Grid News, Dwell, and The American Prospect.

Facing South / Staff Reporter / Durham, NC & Fayetteville, AR / [Clips](#) August 2019-August 2021

The Atlantic / Editorial Fellow, Politics Desk / Washington, DC / [Clips](#) July 2018-June 2019

Scott Stern / Researcher / New Haven, CT Spring 2018

Archival on HIV/AIDS, the drug epidemic, and health care across three decades of New Haven newspaper and alt-weekly archives.

Steve Kornacki & HarperCollins / Researcher / Remote July 2017-March 2018

Researched and wrote endnotes for Kornacki's 2018 book *The Red and the Blue: The 1990s and the Birth of Political Tribalism*.

SELECTED PUBLIC-FACING WRITING

"[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

SKILLS

- 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

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