

Nathan Schneider

curriculum vitae

Assistant Professor, Media Studies
College of Media, Communication and Information
University of Colorado Boulder

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Selected positions

Assistant Professor, Media Studies, University of Colorado Boulder (2018–)

Scholar in Residence, Media Studies, University of Colorado Boulder
(2016–2018)

Visiting Assistant Professor, Media Studies, University of Colorado Boulder
(2015–2016)

Lecturer, St. Joseph's College (2014)

Project Coordinator, Social Science Research Council (2008–2015)

Founding Editor, *Waging Nonviolence* (2009–2014)

Editor, *Killing the Buddha* (2008–2011)

Assistant Web Producer, *The New York Times* (June 2008–January 2009)

Education

MA, Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara (2008)

Thesis: *What Happens to Religion When It Is Biologized?*

AB, Religious Studies, Brown University, magna cum laude with honors
(2006)

Thesis: *The Cosmogonic Theater: Public Performance in the Evolution Controversies*

Books

Vitalik Buterin, *Proof of Stake: The Making of Ethereum and the Philosophy of Blockchains*, editor (Seven Stories Press, 2022)

Everything for Everyone: The Radical Tradition that Is Shaping the Next Economy (Nation Books, 2018)

Ours to Hack and to Own: The Rise of Platform Cooperativism, a New Vision for the Future of Work and a Fairer Internet, co-editor with Trebor Scholz (OR Books, 2016)

Thank You, Anarchy: Notes from the Occupy Apocalypse (University of California Press, 2013)

God in Proof: The Story of a Search, from the Ancients to the Internet (University of California Press, 2013)

Book Chapters

“Slow but Sure: Cooperatives and Integral Ecology,” in Jeffrey D. Sachs, Owen Flanagan, Marcelo Sánchez Sorondo, William Vendley, Anthony Annett, and Jesse Thorson (eds.), *Ethics in Action for Sustainable Development* (Columbia University Press, 2022)

“Media,” in Mona Oraby and Emilie Flamme (eds.), *A Universe of Terms: Religion in Visual Metaphor* (Indiana University Press, 2022)

“Practice Upwards,” in Ruth Catlow and Penny Rafferty (eds.), *Radical Friends: Decentralised Autonomous Organisations & the Arts* (Torque Editions, 2022)

“Enabling Community-Owned Platforms: A Proposal for a Tech New Deal,” in *Regulating Big Tech: Policy Responses to Digital Dominance*, ed. Martin Moore and Damian Tambini (Oxford University Press, 2021)

“No Revolution without Religion,” *The God Beat: What Journalism Says about Faith and Why It Matters*, ed. Costica Bradatan and Ed Simon (Broadleaf Books, 2021)

Foreword, in José María Arizmendiarieta, *Reflections/Pensamientos*, trans. Interpreters’ Cooperative of Madison (Solidarity Hall, 2021)

“Digital Kelsoism: Employee Stock Ownership as a Pattern for the Online Economy,” in *Reimagining the Governance of Work and Employment*, ed. Dionne Pohler (Cornell University Press, 2020)

“An Internet of Ownership: Democratic Design for the Online Economy,” in *Cooperatives and the World of Work*, ed. Bruno Roelants, Hyungsik Eum, Simel Esim, Sonja Novkovic, and Waltteri Katajamäki (Routledge, 2019)

“A Wantless, Workless World: How the Origins of the University Can Inform Its Future,” in *Education and Technological Employment*, ed. Michael A. Peters, Petar Jandrić, and Alexander J. Means (Springer, 2019)

“‘Truly, Much Can Be Done!’: Cooperative Economics from the Book of Acts to Pope Francis,” in *Care for the World: Laudato Si’ and Catholic Social Thought in an Era of Climate Crisis*, ed. Frank Pasquale (Cambridge University Press, 2019)

“What To Do Once You Admit That Decentralizing Everything Never Seems to Work,” in *Decentralized Thriving: The Here and Now of DAOs* (DAOstack, 2019)

“Christian Futurism,” in Ted Nunez, *Sustainable Abundance for All* (Cascade Books, 2018)

“This Platform Kills Fascists,” interview by Ben Tarnoff, *Tech against Trump* (Logic, 2017)

“The Meanings of Words,” in *Ours to Hack and to Own: The Rise of Platform Cooperativism, a New Vision for the Future of Work and a Fairer Internet*, edited by Trebor Scholz and Nathan Schneider (OR Books, 2016)

“Sentimental Repression,” in *Oh God Oh God Oh God: Essays on Sex and Religion* (Killing the Buddha, 2015)

“Why We Hack,” in *Wisdom Hackers* (The Pidgeonhole, 2014)

“Anarcho-Curious or, Anarchist Amnesia,” introduction to Noam Chomsky, *On Anarchism* (New Press, 2013)

“Divine Wilderness,” in *Invalid Format: An Anthology of Triple Canopy*, vol. 2 (Sternberg Press, 2012)

“No Revolution without Religion,” in *We Are Many: Critical Reflections on Movement Strategy from Occupation to Liberation*, ed. Kate Khatib, Margaret Killjoy, and Mike McGuire (AK Press, 2012)

“Maintain Nonviolent Discipline,” in *Beautiful Trouble: A Toolbox for Revolution*, ed. Andrew Boyd (OR Books, 2012)

“Fellowship of Reconciliation,” *Encyclopedia of Global Religion*, ed. Mark Juergensmeyer and Wade Clark Roof (SAGE Publications, 2011)

“No Leaders, No Violence: What Diversity of Tactics Means for Occupy Wall Street,” in *This Changes Everything: Occupy Wall Street and the 99% Movement* (Berrett-Koeler Publishers, 2011)

“Morning in the Monastery,” in *Young and Catholic in America*, ed. Kevin Meme and Jeffrey Joseph Guhin (Paulist Press, 2010)

Journal articles

“The Tyranny of Openness: What Happened to Peer Production?” *Feminist Media Studies* 22, no. 6 (2022)

“From Scalability to Subsidiarity in Addressing Online Harm,” with Amy A. Hasinoff, *Social Media + Society* (September 20, 2022)

“Governable Spaces: A Feminist Agenda for Platform Policy,” *Internet Policy Review* 11, no. 1 (2022)

“Governable Stacks against Digital Colonialism,” *tripleC: Communication, Capitalism & Critique* 20, no. 1 (2022)

“Admins, Mods, and Benevolent Dictators for Life: The Implicit Feudalism of Online Communities,” *New Media & Society* 24, no. 9 (2022)

“Scaling Co-operatives Through a Multi-Stakeholder Network: A Case Study in the Colorado Solar Energy Industry,” with Júlia Martins Rodrigues, *Journal of Entrepreneurial and Organizational Diversity* 10, no. 2 (2021)

“Editorial: Peer Governance in Online Communities,” with Primavera De Filippi, *Frontiers in Human Dynamics - Social Networks* (October 11, 2021)

“Effective Voice: Beyond Exit and Affect in Online Communities,” with Seth Frey, *New Media & Society* (September 19, 2021)

“Exit To Community: Strategies for Multi-Stakeholder Ownership in the Platform Economy,” with Morshed Mannan, *Georgetown Law Technology Review* 5, no. 1 (May 2021)

“Modular Politics: Toward a Governance Layer for Online Communities,” with Primavera De Filippi, Seth Frey, Joshua Z. Tan, and Amy X. Zhang,

Proceedings of the ACM on Human-Computer Interaction 5, no. CSCW1, art. 16 (April 2021)

“Broad-Based Stakeholder Ownership in Journalism: Co-ops, ESOPs, Blockchains,” *Media Industries* 7, no. 2 (2020)

Review of *Working Alternatives: American and Catholic Experiments in Work and Economy*, ed. John C. Seitz and Christine Firer Hinze, *American Catholic Studies* 131, no. 4 (Winter 2020)

“Startups Need a New Option: Exit to Community,” *New Arts: Journal of the [China] National Academy of Art* 41, no. 2 (2020)

“Mediated Ownership: Capital as Media,” *Media, Culture & Society* 42, no. 3 (2020)

“User Trusts: Broad-Based Ownership for Online Platforms,” *Informatik Spektrum* (February 2020)

“Cooperative Enterprise as an Antimonopoly Strategy,” with Sandeep Vaheesan, *Penn State Law Review* 124, no. 1 (2019)

“Decentralization: An Incomplete Ambition,” *Journal of Cultural Economy* 12, no. 4 (2019)

“An Internet of Ownership: Democratic Design for the Online Economy,” *Sociological Review* 66, no. 2 (March 2018)

“Enacting Orthodoxy in Walter Martin’s *The Kingdom of the Cults*,” *Axis Mundi* 3 (2007)

Academic talks

“Sacred Stacks: Governable Technologies for Vital Communities,” with Nabil Echchaibi and Samira Rajabi, 4S/ESOCITE (Cholula, Mexico: December 7-10, 2022)

“Homesteading on a Superhighway: The Californian Ideology and Everyday Politics,” Communication & Technology Division, International Communication Association Annual Conference (Paris, France: May 29, 2022)

“From Scalability to Subsidiarity in Addressing Online Harm” with Amy Hasi-noff, Philosophy, Theory and Critique Division, International Communication Association Annual Conference (Paris, France: May 28, 2022)

“Cryptoeconomics Is Not Enough,” 1st International Workshop on Distributed Infrastructure for Common Good (virtual: December 7, 2021)

“Modular Politics: Toward a Governance Layer for Online Communities,” with Amy X. Zhang, Community Driven Governance Online: Past, Present, and Future, Yale Law School (virtual: November 12, 2021)

Panelist, “Occupy Religion: 10 Years On,” Wendland-Cook Program in Religion and Justice, Vanderbilt University (virtual: October 6, 2021)

“The Implicit Feudalism of Online Communities,” Information Science Speaker Series, University of Colorado Boulder (Boulder, CO: September 15, 2021)

“Scaling Co-operatives through a Multi-Stakeholder Network: A Case Study in the Colorado Solar Energy Industry,” with Júlia Martins Rodrigues, Beyster Symposium, Rutgers School of Management of Management and Labor Relations and the International Association for the Economics of Participation (virtual: June 29, 2021)

“Admins, Mods, and Benevolent Dictators for Life: The Implicit Feudalism of Online Communities,” Spring Speaker Series, Digital Democracies Institute, Simon Fraser University (virtual: June 23, 2021)

“Scaling Co-operatives through a Multi-Stakeholder Network: A Case Study in the Colorado Solar Energy Industry,” with Júlia Martins Rodrigues, International Co-operative Governance Symposium, Saint Mary’s University (virtual: June 18, 2021)

“Modular Politics for Minetest: Governance Tooling in a Multiplayer Game,” Knowledge Commons Virtual Conference, International Association for the Study of the Commons (virtual: June 11, 2021)

“The Tyranny of Openness: What Happened to Peer Production?,” Philosophy, Theory, and Critique Division, International Communication Association (virtual: May 27-31, 2021)

“Effective Voice: Beyond Exit and Affect in Online Communities,” with Seth Frey, Organizational Communication Division, International Communication Association (virtual: May 27-31, 2021)

“Admins, Mods, and Benevolent Dictators for Life: The Implicit Feudalism of Online Communities,” Communication History Division, International Communication Association (virtual: May 27-31, 2021)

Panelist, “Alternative Data Governance // Alternative Data Economies,” Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for Automated Decision-Making and Society, University of Melbourne (virtual: May 6, 2021)

“Governable Spaces: A Feminist Architecture for Platform Policy,” Platform Governance Research Network (virtual: March 24, 2021)

“The Implicit Feudalism of Online Communities,” Democracy + Technology Workshop, University of Colorado Boulder (virtual, March 1, 2021)

“Designing Community Self-Governance with CommunityRule,” Sharing & Cooperativism: Designing For Economies workshop, NordiCHI (virtual: October 26, 2020)

“Admins, Mods, and Benevolent Dictators for Life: The Implicit Feudalism of Online Communities,” Center for Governance and Markets, University of Pittsburgh (virtual, October 2, 2020)

“Ethical EdTech Workshop,” with Autumm Caines, Digital Pedagogy Lab (virtual: July 27–29, 2020)

“Tech New Deal: Policies for Community-Owned Platforms” and respondent, “Responding to COVID-19,” Beyster Symposium, Rutgers School of Management of Management and Labor Relations and the International Association for the Economics of Participation (virtual: June 22, 2020)

Respondent, “Responding to COVID-19,” Beyster Symposium, Rutgers School of Management of Management and Labor Relations (virtual: June 22, 2020)

Interview with Commissioner Rohit Chopra, Federal Trade Commission, at *Technology Optimism and Pessimism*, University of Colorado Law School (Boulder, CO: February 10, 2020)

Panelist, “Steering Innovation and Gini Negative Solutions,” *Labor, Technology, and Growth: Towards a Gini Negative Solution*, Stanford University (Stanford, CA: February 8, 2020)

Panelist, “On the Borders of Public Scholarship,” Imagined Borders, Epistemic Freedoms, University of Colorado Boulder (Boulder, CO: January 8, 2020)

“Startups Need a New Option: Exit to Community,” keynote, Conference of Network Society: Netizen 21, China Academy of Art (Hangzhou, China: November 24, 2019)

“Broad-Based Platform Ownership,” Beyster Symposium, Rutgers School of Management of Management and Labor Relations (La Jolla, CA: June 24, 2019)

“Decentralization: An Incomplete Ideology,” Philosophy, Theory and Critique poster session, International Communication Association conference (Washington, DC: May 26, 2019)

“Stakeholder Ownership for Sustainable News,” Media Industry Studies panel, International Communication Association conference (Washington, DC: May, 25, 2019)

Panelist, “Preparing Scholars of Religion for Non-Academic Careers: What’s a Faculty Member to Do?,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting (Denver, CO: November 19, 2018)

“Social Worship: How Catholic Social Thought Helped Build the Modern Cooperative Movement,” Class, Religion, and Theology Unit, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting (Denver, CO: November 17, 2018)

Panelist, Religion and Media Workshop, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting (Denver, CO: November 16, 2018)

Co-organizer, with Mark Meaney, Colorado Shared Ownership Summit, University of Colorado Boulder (Boulder, CO: November 7, 2018)

“Technology and the Future of the Corporation,” Ethics in Action: The Future of Work, Pontifical Academy of Sciences (Vatican City: October 29, 2018)

Panelist, “Roundtable on Religion, Media, and Public Scholarship” plenary, Conference of the International Society for Media, Religion, and Culture (Boulder, CO: August 11, 2018)

Respondent, “New Forms of Worker-Owned Firms and Platform Cooperatives,” Beyster Symposium, Institute for the Study of Employee Ownership and Profit Sharing at the Rutgers University School of Management and Labor Relations (La Jolla, CA: June 25, 2018)

“Show Your Work: Strategies for Open Research,” Utah Symposium on the Digital Humanities at Utah State University (Logan, UT: February 23, 2018)

Co-organizer, with Trebor Scholz, Camille Kerr, and Palak Shah of The People’s Disruption: Platform Co-ops for Global Challenges, The New School (New York, NY: November 10-11, 2017)

“An Internet of Ownership,” Association of Cooperative Educators Institute, Regis University (Denver, CO: July 19, 2017)

Panelist, Cooperative Pathways Meeting, University of Padua (Padua, Italy: June 9, 2017)

Panelist, “Fake News,” Reporting in the Age of Alternative Facts conference, University of Colorado Boulder (Boulder, CO: April 15, 2017)

“Who Are You Calling Elite?,” AAR/SBL/ASOR Rocky Mountain-Great Plains Regional Meeting, University of Colorado Boulder (Boulder, CO: March 24, 2017)

“Activism and Inwardness,” the Jane Hinshaw Lecture on Faith and Culture, keynote for the Fourth Annual Faith and Culture Symposium, Belmont University (Nashville, TN: February 9, 2017)

Panelist, Black Lives Matter, Symposium on Religious Literacy in Journalism, Harvard Divinity School (Cambridge, MA: December 9, 2016)

“An Internet of Ownership: Democratic Design for the Online Economy” and interview with Esther Gicheru, Platform Cooperativism: Building the Cooperative Internet, The New School (New York, NY: November 11–12, 2016)

“An Internet of Ownership: Democratic Design for the Online Economy,” Fourth AAAI Conference on Human Computation and Crowdsourcing (Austin, TX: October 20, 2016)

“Platform Cooperativism As a Critique of Open Source,” CMCI research colloquium, University of Colorado Boulder (Boulder, CO: October 26, 2016)

Co-organizer, with Trebor Scholz, of Platform Cooperativism: The Internet, Ownership, Democracy, The New School (New York, NY: November 13-14, 2015)

“Who Stole the Four-Hour Workday?” Digital Labor conference, The New School (New York, NY: November 13, 2014)

Panelist, “‘Doubt Is My Revelation’: Creative Nonfiction On Religion,” Association of Writers and Writing Programs (Seattle, WA: March 1, 2014)

Panelist, “Religion and Digital Media: Scholarship, Journalism, and The Spaces in Between,” Media and Religion: The Global View, University of Colorado Boulder (Boulder, CO: January 11, 2013)

“No Revolution without Religion: From Occupy Wall Street to the Rolling Jubilee,” American Academy of Religion annual meeting, Religion and Cities Group (Baltimore, MD: November 23, 2013)

Panelist, “Blogging and Writing Online,” American Academy of Religion annual meeting, THATCamp (Baltimore, MD: November 22, 2013)

Panelist, “Contemplation and Action,” New England Anglican Studies conference, Harvard Divinity School (Cambridge, MA: April 20, 2013)

“How Religious Studies Can Take Over the World,” workshop at Transdisciplinary Theological Colloquium, Drew University (Madison, NJ: February 8, 2013)

“Crazy Eyes: Notes from Occupy Wall Street’s May Day Apocalypse,” Transdisciplinary Theological Colloquium, Drew University (Madison, NJ: February 7, 2013)

Panelist, “The Human Side of the Job Search,” American Academy of Religion annual meeting (Chicago, IL: November 17, 2012)

“Crazy Eyes: Is Occupy Wall Street All a Giant Art Project?” Religion in the Digital Age: Media, Performance and “Spectacular Activism” conference, New York University (New York, NY: June 25, 2012)

“New Manhood and New Order: Gandhi and Bin Laden against the Great Powers,” American Academy of Religion annual meeting, Men’s Studies Group (San Diego, CA: November 17, 2007)

“The Spectator and the Fool: Watching and Learning with Symeon of Emesa,” California State University, Sacramento (Sacramento, CA: April 20, 2007)

Public scholarship

Lists of published journalism, press appearances, and speaking engagements are available at nathanschneider.info.

Teaching

Courses

Syllabi available at nathanschneider.info/school

- Introduction to Social Media (undergraduate, CU Boulder, 2022–)
- Digital Culture and Politics (undergraduate, CU Boulder, 2021–)

- Disruptive Entrepreneurship (undergraduate, CU Boulder, 2017–)
- Global Media Literacy (undergraduate, CU Boulder, 2016)
- Hacker Culture (undergraduate, CU Boulder, 2016–)
- Media Activism and Public Engagement (graduate, CU Boulder, 2016–)
- Media and the Public (undergraduate, CU Boulder, 2015)
- Connected Media Practices (graduate, CU Boulder, 2015–)
- Religion in American Life (undergraduate, St. Joseph’s College, 2014)

Committees chaired

- Emily Adams (MA, Media and Public Engagement, 2021)
- Michael Phipps (MA, Media and Public Engagement, 2021)
- Michael Stoner (MA, Media and Public Engagement, 2021)
- Stacy Lanyon (MA, Media and Public Engagement, 2021)
- Heidi Rogers (MA, Media and Public Engagement, 2020)
- Eric Bulmash (MBA, St. Mary’s University, 2018)
- Jeffrey Goodwin (MA, Media and Public Engagement, 2018)
- Simon Hegelund (MA, Media and Public Engagement, 2017)

Service

Organizations and memberships

- World Economic Forum/Wharton DAO Governance Working Group (2022–)
- Board secretary, Cooperatives for a Better World (2021–)
- Advisory board member, Colorado Sun (2021–)
- Board secretary, ZebrasUnite.org (2020–)
- Board member, Metagovernance Project (2022–), Core Group member (2019–)
- Education committee member, Colorado governor’s Employee Ownership Commission (2019–2020)
- Board secretary, We Own It (2018–2021)
- Affiliate, Center for Education on Social Responsibility at CU Boulder’s Leeds School of Business (2018–2020)
- Board member, Start.coop (2018–2021)
- Member, International Communication Association (2018–)
- Member, National Cooperative Business Association (2018–)
- Co-founder, Colorado Co-op Study Circle, and co-host, Co-op Power Hour on KGNU radio (2016–2018)
- Columnist and Contributing Writer, *America* (2014–)

- Board member, *Waging Nonviolence* (2009–)
- Member, American Academy of Religion (2006–2015, 2018)

University of Colorado Boulder

- Senior resident fellow, Center for Media, Religion, and Culture (2021–), resident fellow (2015–2021)
 - Co-editor, *Rhythms* (2022–)
 - Working group member and co-coordinator, Public Religions and Public Scholarship (2017–)
- Associate Faculty Director, Media and Public Engagement MA program (2021–)
- Member, Faculty Council, College of Media, Communication and Information (2020–)
 - Chair, Academic Community and Diversity Committee (2022–); member (2021–)
- Director, Media Economies Design Lab (2018–)
- Track co-leader, New Venture Challenge (2017–2020)
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship Cross-Campus Working Group (2017–)
- Payden Excellence Teaching Grant award committee, CMCI (2017–)
- Faculty fellow, Media Archaeology Lab (2016–)
- Co-coordinator, Media and Public Engagement MA program (2015–2021)

Reviewing

- Special issue editor, “Beyond Californian Ideology,” with Andreas Hepp and Anne Schmitz, *International Journal of Communication* (2022–)
- Editorial board member, *Cooperative Business Journal*, NCBA CLUSA (2021)
- Editorial board member, *The Immanent Frame*, Social Science Research Council (2020–)
- Journal editorial board: *Frontiers in Human Dynamics - Social Networks* (2019–)
 - Edited special issue: “Peer Governance in Online Communities” with Primavera De Filippi (2021-2021)
- Journal peer reviewing: *Frontiers in Blockchain* (2022), *Frontiers in Human Dynamics* (2022, 2020), *Critical Studies in Media Communication* (2022), *International Journal of Communication* (2022), *Journal*

of Co-operative Organization and Management (2022, 2021), *Internet Policy Review* (2021), *Journal of Participation and Employee Ownership* (2021), *International Journal of Communication* (2021, 2020), *Big Data & Society* (2020), *Review of Social Economy* (2020), *Journal of IEEE Transactions on Engineering Management* (2019), *Theological Studies* (2019)

- Book proposal or manuscript peer reviewing: Bloomsbury (2022), Pluto Press (2021), Polity Press (2020, 2019, 2018), University of California Press (2019, 2018, 2011), Routledge (2018)
- Conference peer reviewing: International Communication Association annual meeting (2019)
- Grant proposal reviewing: Israel Science Foundation (2020), Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (Canada) Insight Grant (2019), Open Society Foundations (2018)

Grants, awards, and fellowships

- National Science Foundation, Designing Accountable Software Systems (2022)
- Filecoin Foundation for the Decentralized Web, Sacred Stacks (2022)
- Henry Luce Foundation, Sacred Stacks (2022)
- Henry Luce Foundation, Metagovernance Project support (2021)
- Catholic Press Association, first place, “Best Writing - Analysis” (2021)
- OneProject, Metagovernance Project support (2021)
- The Bentway, Digital and/as Public Space Micro-Residency (2021)
- Eutopia Foundation research grant (2020)
- Open Society Foundations, Open Society Fellow (2019)
- University of Colorado Boulder, Innovation Seed Grant (2019)
- Catholic Press Association, honorable mention, “Best Essay - National General Interest Magazine” (2018)
- Rutgers University School of Management and Labor Relations, Louis O. Kelso Fellow (2018–2019)
- Rocky Mountain Farmers Union, Cooperative Achievement Award (November 17, 2017)
- Longreads, top pick of the week (May 1, 2015)
- GLAAD Media Awards, Outstanding Digital Journalism Article nomination (2015)
- Brown University Office of the Chaplains and Religious Life, “With Usefulness and Reputation” residency (November 2013)
- Blue Mountain Center, writing residency (August 2013)

- Arca Foundation, travel grant (September 2012)
- Knight Grants for Reporting on Religion and American Public Life, USC Annenberg School for Communication & Journalism (August 2011)
- International Center on Nonviolent Conflict, Fletcher Summer Institute for the Advanced Study of Nonviolent Conflict at Tufts University (June 2011)
- The Nation Institute, investigative reporting grant (March 2010)