

# Kayla S. Stewart

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## EDUCATION

University of Houston – B.A. in Journalism

May 2015

New York University – M.A. in International Relations and Journalism, *Magna Cum Laude*

May 2020

## WORK EXPERIENCE

*Food and Travel Journalist and Audio Reporter; Various Publications, Remote*

June 2018 – Present

- James Beard Award-winning food and travel writer and producer for publications such as the *New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, *Eater*, *Food & Wine*, *Travel + Leisure*, *Texas Monthly*, and others

*Author and Project Manager; Various Locations*

April 2022 – Present

- Co-author and project manager of the *New York Times* best-selling “Gullah Geechee Home Cooking,” which is the first Gullah Geechee cookbook published by a major U.S. publisher (Abrams, April 2022)
- Co-author and project manager of several forthcoming cookbooks, including:
  - “Black Texas,” Ten Speed Press (2026)
  - “Rodney Scott’s World of BBQ: Book II,” Clarkson Potter (2025)

*Adjunct Professor; New York University, New York, NY*

July 2022 – August 2023

- Instructor for a food and travel writing course in New York University’s undergraduate program

*Communications Coordinator; The Research Alliance for NYC Schools, New York, NY*

June 2017 – March 2021

- Reviewed and edited academic reports, press releases, and blog posts about New York City public schools and students
- Developed and distributed a monthly newsletter for more than 5,000 subscribers
- Created, executed, and managed social media strategy and all online content dissemination

*Assistant Producer; PBS NewsHour/New York University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia/New York, NY*

January 2020 – May 2020

- Gained admission to NYU/PBS NewsHour’s highly selective GlobalBeat course, where I researched and assisted with story production for *PBS NewsHour* on topics such as political uprisings, ethnic conflict, female genital mutilation, religious attacks, and food history in Ethiopia
  - *While I completed all pre-reporting and travel coordination, this reporting trip was cancelled due to the outbreak of COVID-19*

*Deputy Editor; Journal of Political Inquiry, New York, NY*

May 2019 – May 2020

- Solicited and commissioned various written works for an online international affairs news magazine, and served as the assistant editor for biannual academic journal
- Wrote, edited, and distributed newsletters to nearly 2,000 subscribers while managing social media platforms and organization budget

*Fulbright Scholar - English Teaching Assistant; The Fulbright Program, Semarang, Central Java, Indonesia*

August 2016 – May 2017

- Planned and taught English courses for 150 high school and university students
- Managed the high school’s first student newspaper club
- Co-edited cohort blog, *Indonesiiful*, where I solicited, edited, and fact-checked cohort pieces

## SKILLS/PROFICIENCIES

Microsoft Office; Adobe Creative Suite; Web Accessibility; Audio Editing Software; Recipe writing, testing, and editing; Research; Social Media Optimization; AP Style; Editing; Organization; Interpersonal Skills; Photography and photo editing