

# Neha D. Wadekar

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## JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

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**Freelance Journalist**, Multimedia | East Africa, Middle East *Sep 2016 - Present*

- Published with: The Economist, The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Atlantic, The New Yorker, CNN, Foreign Policy, Reuters and others
  - [A Sudanese Bassist for Change](#) (CNN, Apr 2018)
  - [Kenya's Dangerous Path Toward Authoritarianism](#) (The New Yorker, Feb 2018)
  - [The Future of Kenya's Democracy is Hanging in the Balance](#) (The Atlantic, Nov 2017)
- Covered breaking news, including [live reporting](#) for NBC at the Dust2it terrorist attack in Nairobi, Kenya *Ongoing*
- Traveled to Yemen on a GroundTruth Project Film Fellowship to cover women and children in conflict
  - [A man-made war paid for by women and children](#) (The Washington Post, Dec 2018)
    - Longlist: One World Media Awards, Children in Conflict category
  - ['We Are Willing to Die Here': The Fight for Women's Rights in Yemen](#) (The New York Times, Nov 2018)

**Overseas Press Club**, Fellow | Nairobi, Kenya *June - Sep 2016*

- Worked in text and video for Reuters News Agency and the Thomson Reuters Foundation

**Graduate Thesis**, Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism | Amman, Jordan *Mar 2016*

- Reported on the Syrian refugee crisis and independently shot, scripted, edited and coded multimedia project published by USC's Center for Public Diplomacy.

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**Accenture plc**, Management Consultant | Washington D.C. *Oct 2012 - Oct 2014*

- Diasporas for Development Initiative: Accenture, USAID, and Cuso International Partnership
  - Primary consultant on one year engagement to build capacity of a nonprofit organization
  - Completed all project deliverables on time and within budget
- Accenture Nonprofit Core Team
  - Contributed to formal proposals and wrote responses to RFIs
  - Redesigned Nonprofit Practice's webpage to improve external and internal communications
  - Created volunteer/interest-tracking system and instituted processes for response and engagement

## AWARDS

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The International Women's Media Foundation Fellow (2019)  
Fellowship at Auschwitz for the Study of Professional Ethics, [Journalism Fellow](#) (2019)  
National Society of Newspaper Columnists, [Honorable Mention](#) (2019)  
Institute for Nonprofit News, Best of Global Reporting (2018)  
GroundTruth Films Fellow (2018)  
The Fuller Project for International Reporting Global Women's Initiative Fellow (2018)  
Mobile Photography Awards, Photojournalism Winner (2017)  
USC Annenberg Penny Lernoux Award for International Reporting (2016)  
USC Order of Arete Award (2016)  
Overseas Press Club Reuters Fellowship (2016)

## EDUCATION

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**University of Southern California**, USC Annenberg Graduate Fellow | Los Angeles, CA *May 2016*  
Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism, M.S. Journalism and Digital Reporting

**Tufts University**, *Cum Laude* | Boston, MA *May 2011*  
Bachelor of Arts in English and Public Health

## SKILLS

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Digital: Experienced in digital and social media reporting, mobile journalism, Adobe Creative Suites  
Language: Proficient in spoken and written Spanish, conversational Marathi, basic French