

# Philip Edward Eil

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## EDUCATION

**Columbia University School of the Arts**, New York, NY  
M.F.A., Nonfiction Writing, 2011

**University of Michigan**, Ann Arbor, MI  
B.A., English (Minor: U.S. History), 2007

**University of St. Andrews**, St. Andrews, Scotland  
Semester Study, Winter 2006

## TEACHING

**The Rhode Island School of Design**, Providence, RI  
*Adjunct Lecturer, Literary Arts + Studies Department*  
September 2011 – February 2013; September 2015 – Present

-I have designed and taught six courses, and I am teaching a seventh original course during the Fall 2016 semester:

**English 410:** "Introduction to Nonfiction: Writing Workshop" (Fall 2016)  
**English 93:** "True Crime" (Wintersession 2013; Wintersession 2016)  
**English 101:** "First-Year Literature Seminar" (Fall 2015)  
**English 278:** "I Am Providence: The Words and Worlds of H.P. Lovecraft" (Fall 2015)  
**English 101:** "Design in Words" (Fall 2012)  
**English 434:** "Journalism in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" (Fall 2012)  
**English 433:** "Writing Providence: A Nonfiction Workshop" (Fall 2011)

**The Wheeler School**, Providence RI  
*Long-Term Substitute, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade English; Independent Study Advisor*  
September 2008 – June 2009

## JOURNALISM/PUBLISHING/MEDIA EXPERIENCE

**Freelance Journalist**, Providence, RI  
September 2008 – March 2013; October 2014 – Present

-I have published articles and essays for various websites, newspapers, magazines, and radio stations, including *The Atlantic*, VICE, *Salon*, GQ.com, *Boston* magazine, *Columbia Journalism Review*, *Jewish Daily Forward*, *Rhode Island Monthly*, and Rhode Island Public Radio. Recent examples include "Close to the Wind" (*Rhode Island Monthly*, October 2016), "[John Lewis Marches On: 'Our Struggle Is a Struggle to Redeem the Soul of America'](#)" (*Salon*, August 2016), "[50 Years After His Death, Lenny Bruce's Spirit Lives On](#)" (*Jewish Daily Forward*, August 2016), "['Kicking and Screaming': 50 Years of FOIA](#)" (*Columbia Journalism Review*, July 2016), and "[The Unlikely Reanimation of H.P. Lovecraft](#)" (*Atlantic*, August 2015).

**The Providence Phoenix**, Providence, RI

*Freelance Contributor*, September 2008 – April 2013; *News Editor and Staff Writer*, April 2013 – October 2014

-I served as the *Phoenix's* news editor and staff writer from April 2013 until the paper closed, in October 2014. During that time, I wrote 45 cover stories on topics including the 2014 Providence mayor's race, the legalization of same-sex marriage in Rhode Island, and the legacy of Providence's world-famous "cosmic horror" writer, H.P. Lovecraft. I also wrote more than 150 non-cover stories on topics including urban gun violence, drone surveillance, food trucks, marijuana legalization, and the US's first transgender high school sports coach.

**The Jewish Voice & Herald of Rhode Island and Southern Massachusetts**, Providence, RI  
*Freelance Columnist/Reporter*  
March 2009 – March 2013

**@radical.media**, New York, NY  
*Freelance Researcher/Copywriter*  
January 2012

**The Scholastic Corporation**, New York, NY  
*Marketing Coordinator*  
June 2007 – April 2008

### **FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

**Rhode Island Press Association Award.** 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Profile or Personality Story, 2016  
**Rhode Island Press Association Award.** 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Religion and Spirituality, 2013  
**Norman Mailer Center.** Nonfiction Fellow, 2012  
**Electricliterature.com.** "Critical Hit" Award, May 2012  
**Rhode Island for Community and Justice (RICJ).** Michael P. Metcalf Award, 2010

### **SELECTED MEDIA APPEARANCES**

#### WEB/PRINT:

##### **Providence Journal.**

"[R.I. Judge Sides With Journalist's Right to View DEA Records](#)." September 2016.

"[ACLU Takes Drug Enforcement Administration to Court](#)." December 2015.

**Esquire.com.** "[Why is the DEA Not Cooperating With This FOIA Request?](#)" December 2015.

**Patch.com (Cranston, RI).** "After Five Months With No Pay, Freelance Journalist Takes WPRO to Task on Social Media." April 2015.

**RIPR.org.** "RI ACLU Sues DEA on Eil's Behalf; Seeks Release of Documents in Major Drug-Prescription Trial." March 2015.

**ValleyBreeze.com.** "Tip of the Cap to Phil Eil." March 2015.

**The Providence Journal.** "Government Secrecy Fogs the Sunshine." March 2015.

**MuckRock.com.** "Phil Eil's FOIA Nightmare." December 2014.

**ConvergenceRI.com.** "It's a Bird, It's a Plane, It's the Phoenix." February 2014.

#### RADIO:

**WGBH [Boston Public Radio], "Under the Radar."** Since August 2013, I have made more than fifteen guest-panelist appearances on this weekly show to discuss Rhode Island politics and current events.

**Rhode Island Public Radio.**

“Q&A: Phil Eil On His Battle to Get Evidence from a 2011 Drug Trial.” March 14, 2016.

“Hundreds Converge on Providence to Celebrate Author H.P. Lovecraft” [Interview about *Providence Phoenix* cover story]. August 22, 2013.

“Providing Fertile Ground for Entrepreneurs” [Interview about *Providence Phoenix* cover story]. October 18, 2013.

#### TELEVISION:

**myRITV, “Dan Yorke State of Mind.”** Since May 2014, I have made seven appearances on this nightly program. My most recent appearance took place on September 20, 2016.

**Rhode Island PBS, “A Lively Experiment.”** Since September 2014, I have made five guest-panelist appearances on this weekly show to discuss Rhode Island politics and current events. My most recent appearance took place on April 17, 2015.

**myRITV, “Executive Suite.”** October 17, 2014.

**WPRI Channel 12/Eyewitness News, “Newsmakers.”** August 2, 2013 and January 8, 2016.