

JENNIFER OLDHAM

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FREELANCE JOURNALIST

Deep experience reporting and writing multimedia stories for daily newspapers, online publications and magazines. Reputation for award-winning [podcasts](#), [enterprise](#), narrative and data-driven [investigative](#) content that sets the national agenda and leads to [lasting change in state law](#). Tenacious idea-driven reporter known for persuading people to tell their stories and unearthing information through keen observation and state and federal open records laws. Expertise in business, climate change, the economy, the environment, energy, government, housing, inequality, policy and politics.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

THE OLDHAM COMPANY, Denver, CO.
Freelance writing firm

2016-Present

Stories appeared in National Geographic, ProPublica, Politico Magazine, The Center for Investigative Reporting, The Washington Post, National Public Radio, Mother Jones and Slate, among others. Investigations that found federal agencies truncated scientific review and public comment contributed to evidence that led public lands managers and review boards to suspend oil and gas lease sales, ([story](#), [decision](#)), vegetation removal projects ([story](#), [decision](#)), and logging plans ([story](#), [decision](#)).

BLOOMBERG NEWS, Denver, CO.
National correspondent

2011-2016

- Reported and wrote exclusive [enterprise](#), [narrative](#) and investigative pieces featured in The Washington Post, The Chicago Tribune and The San Francisco Chronicle, among others.
- Interviewed on Colorado Public Radio about ground-breaking stories that crunched government data to illustrate why [wages](#) nationwide stagnated following the Great Recession and why the center of economic gravity is shifting [westward](#).
- Specialized in economic [enterprise](#) stories rooted in detailed on-the-ground reporting from Hawaii to Alaska to North Dakota to Pennsylvania and Louisiana.
- Uncovered information and data that revealed how oil and gas [production](#) and renewable energy projects impacted state and local economies and governments.
- Participated on a team that produced an award-winning data-driven investigative series on state payroll abuse that generated hundreds of thousands of web-site hits.

THE OLDHAM COMPANY, Los Angeles, CA.
Freelance writing firm

2009-2011

Documented trends in education, politics and travel in stories that appeared in USA Today, The Los Angeles Times, McClatchy Co., Delta's Sky Magazine, The Hechinger Report and AOL.

THE LOS ANGELES TIMES, Los Angeles, CA.
San Fernando Valley Bureau Chief

1994-2009

- Selected as one of three bureau chiefs in 498-square-mile Southern California region.
- Led team covering an area representing one third of the city of Los Angeles.

Aviation Staff Writer

- Investigated [close calls](#) between aircraft on the ground at LAX, spurring lawmakers to act to rebuild runways on airport's south side.
- Revealed the Transportation Security Administration [failed](#) to complete background checks on screeners at LAX, leading to congressional hearings and an order to redo checks on screeners nationwide.
- Obtained internal city documents that revealed a contractor botched construction on an airport parking garage, prompting the Los Angeles Airport Authority to demand fixes.

Real Estate Staff Writer

- Conducted a six-month investigation that revealed the Consumer Product Safety Commission knew a line of attic furnaces caused scores of [fires](#) in California, yet did nothing, forcing the agency to issue recall for 30,000 appliances sold. Readers wrote and said the stories surely saved their lives.

AWARDS

- **Winner, Best Business Reporting, American Society of Journalists and Authors, 2023**
- **Top of the Rockies [First Place](#) Radio: General Broadcast Excellence** in 2019, Society of Professional Journalists
- **Best Online Commercial Real Estate Story** silver prize by the National Association of Real Estate Editors in 2016, for "The Real Estate Crisis in North Dakota's Man Camps"
- **Third Annual Goldschmidt Data Immersion Workshop Fellow** in 2016, Washington D.C.
- **Economic Journalism Award** from the Institute on Political Journalism in 2013 for the series "America's Great State Payroll Giveaway"
- **Education Writers Association First Prize** for investigative reporting in 2011 for the USA Today series "Testing the System"
- **Pulitzer Prize in 2004** for team coverage of the 2003 California wildfires
- **Pulitzer Prize in 1995** for team coverage of 1994 Northridge earthquake
- **Society of Environmental Journalists Fellowship** in 2017
- **UT Energy Journalism Fellowship** in 2017
- **Knight Center for Specialized Journalism Fellowship** in 2002

EDUCATION

University of Colorado, Denver Graduate School of Public Affairs – Denver, Colorado
Master's Degree in Public Administration; Summa Cum Laude

University of Colorado – Boulder, Colorado
Bachelor of Science Degree in Journalism

TEACHING AND PUBLICATION

Part-time lecturer, University of Southern California
Contributor to award-winning textbook, "Significant Contemporary American Feminists," (Greenwood Press), 1999