# ALESSANDRA WOLLNER

Writer / Community Organizer

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#### **FDUCATION**

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY Columbus, OH MFA Creative Nonfiction Writing, 2016

BROWN UNIVERSITY Providence, RI BA English with Honors, 2010

#### SELECTED WRITING

#### SAN FRANCISCO MAGAZINE

"SMS La Résistance! How an Oakland Startup is Turning Slacktivism into a Political Powerhouse

VOX

"Concealed: Of Guns and Love"

MEDIUM Selected as an Editor's Pick

"Ground Game: Notes from a Battle Born

Battleground"

**BUST** 

"4 Things Men Need To Do Before They Call Themselves Feminists"

**BROWN ALUMNI MAGAZINE** 

"To: Anyone. Help Me."

BROWN ALUMNI MAGAZINE

"Make Believeopolis: Teaching at San Quentin

State Prison"

**BURNING MAN JOURNAL** 

"Seife: A Story of Redemption and Soap"

### **ADDITIONAL**

**PODCAST** Burning Love

**TEACHING + FACILITATION** Brown University

The Ohio State University Prison University Project The Six Word Memoir Project

Startup Storytellers Moishe House

LANGUAGES French

Italian

**COMPUTER** Pro Tools Garage Band iMovie

#### FDITING & COPYWRITING

YOUTH RADIO / Oakland, CA

Apprentice Producer / 2017

Apprenticed on various aspects of news media production: pitching, sourcing, writing, fact-checking, editing, and audio production.

FRESH OFF THE BOAT BOOK PROJECT / San Francisco, CA West Coast Editor / 2016 - 2017

Partnered with orgs, including the ACLU and Human Rights Watch, to collect immigrant memoirs. Book published September 2017 by Disney/Kingswell, in collaboration with ABC series Fresh Off the Boat.

IDEO / San Francisco, CA

Writer / 2016 - Present

Write and edit on a contract basis for various teams at IDEO.

IDEO.ORG / San Francisco, CA

Conceptualized and crafted storytelling for microsite highlighting IDEO.org's work to improve financial services in East Africa.

AT THE WELL / San Francisco, CA Chief of Content / 2016 - Present

Iterate high-level organizational communications, including mission, vision, and values statements, review content for brand voice adherence, develop organizational style guide, generate original content

TEDxCOLUMBUS / Columbus, OH

Blogger / 2015

Profiled work of past TEDxCbus speakers for the org's blog, Follow

SAN QUENTIN NEWS / San Quentin Prison, CA

Mentor Editor / 2015

Edited pieces written by inmate-reporters for inmate-run San Quentin News.

CREATING AWARENESS TOGETHER / San Quentin Prison, CA Teaching Artist + Editor / 2013 - 16

Ran creative writing collective for men sentenced to life as juveniles, culminating in an essay collection, foreword by Dave Eggers: The Kid C.A.T. Essay Project

TIPPING POINT COMMUNITY / San Francisco, CA

Writer / 2013

Interviewed clients from Tipping Point grantee orgs, crafted monologues for the 2013 annual report, gala, and website.

BROWN ALUMNI MAGAZINE / Providence, RI

Writer / 2010 - Present

Source, pitch, and write stories on alumnus of note.

ROSANNA INC. / Seattle, Washington

Writer / 2007 - Present

Write copy for wholesale catalogues, press releases, and web. Ghostwrote blog for company president, five years. Worked as developmental editor on the book Coming Home: A Seasonal Guide to Creating Family Traditions, published by Stewart, Tabori & Chang.