

Drew Adamek

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Professional Profile

- Writer, researcher and reporter with a charismatic and distinctive voice
- Creative storyteller experienced in television documentaries, magazines, broadcast interviews and investigative reporting
- Skilled researcher with a proven aptitude for finding innovative solutions to complex narrative challenges
- Organized and efficient project leader
- Specializing in political corruption, crime and creative non-fiction

Professional Experience

2001-2013

Freelance Writer/Researcher

- **Producer and occasional on-air interviewer**, *Writer's Voice With Francesca Rheannon*, a public radio program on literature, writing and authors
- **Freelance Writer**, *New York Times*, Wrote culture piece on in the former Yugoslavia
- **Researcher/ Main Street Mysteries (Discovery Channel)**- Conducted pre-production research for 26 episodes, including casting, booking, document access and research script writing
- **Contributing Writer/ The Public Humanist**- Published several essays on the role of television in the humanities
- **Development Producer/ KETC**- Produced video trailers for network submission with St. Louis PBS Station
- Contributed reporting to corruption and crime stories for *Chicago*
- Developed six political corruption stories for *CBS Evening News*
- Provided freelance production assistance for three episodes, CBS' "48 Hours"

2007-2009

Story House Productions, Washington DC

Director of Research and Development

- Designed and managed all pre-production research, booking and logistics for five series, with credits on 110 broadcast programs
- Served as Director of Research for the following series: *Missing Persons Unit*, *Body of Evidence*, *Real Interrogations*, *Real NCIS*,
- Led development efforts, including 125 proposals and 25 trailers
- Pitched ideas to Discovery, History Channel, PBS and A&E
- Managed team of researchers and interns
- Fact checked broadcast scripts

2003-2007

Towers Productions, Chicago, IL

Associate Producer/Project Developer

- Performed series development for “*OLN Investigates*” including host casting and episode research
- Wrote successful documentary treatments for History Channel, National Geographic, PBS and Biography Channel
- Associate producer for three “*American Justice*” episodes
- Created and supervised unique tableau shooting
- Conducted on-camera interviews

2001- 2003

Aviation Integrity Project, Chicago, IL

Chief Investigator

- Designed and executed 25 political corruption investigations
- Co-wrote 200-page report on investigative findings, “*The O’Hare Scandal*”
- Pitched investigative stories to newspapers and television outlets
- Led a team of 3 investigators and 2 interns

1998-2001

Better Government Association, Chicago, IL

Investigator

- Performed undercover fieldwork in a series on Chicago Park District corruption with Fox News Chicago
- Exposed fraudulent city contracts in a series with Chicago Sun-Times
- Uncovered bribery scandal at the Cook County Board
- Wrote monthly newsletter recapping investigative efforts
- Assisted in fundraising and outreach effort

Selected Project List

Story House Productions (2007-2010)

Investigation Discovery	“Main Street Mysteries”
Court TV	“Body of Evidence”
Court TV	“Missing Persons Unit”
Discovery	“Real Interrogations”
Discovery	“Real NCIS”
PBS	“First Robotics,
National Geographic	“Unnatural”
The History Channel	“Wolfman”

Towers Productions (2003-2007)

As Associate Producer

American Justice 218	“A Soldier’s Secret”	aired 05/05/04
American Justice 226	“A Murder in Paradise”	aired 08/04/04
American Justice 231	“A Model Murder”	aired 09/29/04

As Development Researcher

National Geographic	“Inside 9/11”
National Geographic	“Muslim Brotherhood”
The History Channel	“Ghosts of Vesuvius”
The History Channel	“Sudden Sea”
Outdoor Life Network	“Outdoor Investigates”
The Biography Channel	“International Serial Killers”

Freelance Writer

“How We Rate”	<i>Chicago Magazine</i>
“Fat City”	<i>Chicago Magazine</i>
“Body Of Evidence”	<i>Public Humanist</i>
“Kultur Shock”	<i>New York Times</i>

Freelance Associate Producer/Researcher

“Without Warning, Chaos”	48 Hours Investigates
“9/11 Commission”	CBS Evening News
“Airline Maintenance”	CBS Evening News
“Airport Backdoor”	CBS Evening News

Aviation Integrity Project

“The O’Hare Scandal”	Independent documentary
“The Action at O’Hare”	Findings Report