

# SARAH COHEN

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## EXPERIENCE

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### Professor and Knight Chair in Data Journalism, Arizona State University

2018-present

- Revamped data journalism curriculum at the Cronkite School of Journalism; serve as data editor directing student work on stories for other courses, the News 21 consortium and the Howard Center for Investigative Journalism
- Lead efforts to bring multidisciplinary courses from such diverse programs as Art, Geography, Data Science and Law to the investigative journalism curriculum.

### Assistant editor, The New York Times

2012-2017

Oversaw an award-winning team of reporters using computational journalism methods for investigative and shorter term projects; consulted with senior editors on opportunities for advanced techniques, documents and databases in high-priority stories. Honors earned by team members included two Pulitzer Prize finalists and the Polk Award.

### Knight Professor of the Practice in Computational Journalism, Duke University

2009-2012

Taught journalism-related courses as a chaired professor at Duke University's Sanford School of Public Policy including government accountability, investigative reporting and journalism ethics. Founded [The Reporter's Lab](#), a Duke program to bring practical new tools and techniques to public affairs reporting;

### Database editor, The Washington Post

1999-2009

Used computer-assisted reporting methods primarily for investigative projects. This included finding and negotiating for public documents and databases; designing study methods; reporting on cases and leads generated by the analysis; integrating visualizations and graphics; interviewing officials and writing and editing stories with team members.

### Selected previous positions

- Board member (2010-2018) and president (2014-2016), Investigative Reporters and Editors
- Adjunct professor, [Columbia University](#), teaching investigative skills and data journalism. (2013-2017)
- Training director, [Investigative Reporters and Editors](#). Paid newsroom consultant on The Washington Post's Pulitzer Prize-winning series, "[Deadly Force](#)." (1996-1999).
- Reporter. Covered economics, workplace issues and health care in Florida for the St. Petersburg Times (1994-1996) and The Tampa Tribune (1993-1994).

## SELECTED NATIONAL AWARDS

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- [Pulitzer Prize](#) for Investigative Reporting; [Robert F. Kennedy Journalism](#) award; Investigative Reporters and Editors [medal](#) for "[The District's Lost Children](#)," on failures of the District of Columbia's child protective systems, published Sept. 9-12, 2001 by Sari Horwitz, Scott Higham and Sarah Cohen.
- [Nominated finalist](#) for the Pulitzer Prize for Public Service; [finalist](#) in the Goldsmith Prize for "[Harvesting Cash](#)," a 2006-2007 series on waste and duplication in farm subsidy programs by Dan Morgan, Gilbert M. Gaul and Sarah Cohen.
- [Goldsmith Prize for Investigative Reporting](#) for "[Forced Out](#)," a March 2008 series on practices landlords used to empty their buildings that avoided tenant protections, by Debbie Cenziper and Sarah Cohen.

## EDUCATION

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- M.A. in Journalism, public affairs reporting, University of Maryland, December 1992
- B.A. in Economics, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, May 1979