

Linda Austin

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Presenting

A multi-talented communications specialist proficient in desktop publishing, electronic and Internet publishing and presentation, business communication, journalism, radio production, video production and script writing, traditional and digital photography, distance education production, and more. Superb written and oral language skills and broad computer expertise. Seeking a creative environment which challenges me artistically and intellectually, preferably with a multi-cultural atmosphere.

Current Status

- Extension Agent II/Media Specialist, College of Agriculture & Life Sciences, University of Guam.
- Studio LA, sole proprietor, media/graphic arts services and consultation.

Special Talents

- Highly computer literate, Macintosh platform preferred. Software of choice: Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Photoshop, Aldus/Adobe PageMaker, Adobe Acrobat, Aldus Persuasion, Macromedia Director. Working knowledge of most major DTP and Web/HTML design software.
- Award winning photographer versed in chemical and digital B&W and color processes.

Education

- Master of Science, Journalism.
University of Illinois, 1990, summa cum laude.
Areas of emphasis: international relations, computer-assisted design and layout, photography.
- Bachelor of Arts, Government/Journalism.
California State University, Sacramento, CA. 1980.
Summa cum laude.
- Associate of Arts, Liberal Arts.
American River College, Sacramento, CA. 1978.
Summa cum laude.
- Independent studies in photography.
Sacramento (CA.) City College, 1977-1978.
- Miscellaneous seminars and workshops in media, art, computer, education and legal issues.

Recent Adventures

- University of Guam faculty (Jan. 1993 - present)
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

This one-person media unit produces print, A-V and new media presentations for the Guam Cooperative Extension, the Guam Agriculture Experiment Station, and the University of Guam. I teach various aspects of desktop-publishing, graphic design, business communications, and Internet-based communication. In addition, I serve as a community-resource person on media, communication and computer issues and am active in public radio and the Macintosh Users Group.

- Special projects consultant (Oct. 1992 - Jan. 1993)
Sen. J. George Bamba, 21st Guam Legislature.

Leader of a government research effort into the US Navy's hazardous-waste dumping and remediation activities on Guam.

Journalism Days (7/1981 –10/1992)

- University of Illinois (Aug. 1989 - April 1991)
1) International Programs and Studies. I researched and edited journals articles and book chapters on Latin American issues and was organizer of an international conference on the Latin American debt crisis. Also co-wrote grants, including a successful multi-million dollar grant to fund the Latin American studies center.

- 2) College of Journalism. I edited faculty publications, conducted research in visual communication, co-taught courses in computer-assisted newspaper design and in photojournalism, and oversaw the journalism computer lab. On a freelance basis, I edited textbooks, ghostwrote a book on business negotiation strategies, and photographed professional musicians and others.

During my journalism career I excelled in reporting on local governmental affairs, ranging from courts to city and county councils to state and federal politics. Southern California, at the time I worked there, was one of the hottest competitive markets for daily newspapers in the country.

Best Beat: provided Southern California's most thorough regional water coverage (encompassing the Southwest US and Mexico).

Most Memorable Story: a long-running series on an ancient burial, its government cover-up, and the role it played in stirring national dialogue on Native American rights and scientific issues.

Also oversaw operations of three outlying bureaus for two different newspapers.

- Pacific Daily News, (Sept. 1991 - Oct. 1992)
Senior reporter for the only daily newspaper in the American Pacific islands.
- Saipan Tribune and Belau Tribune (May 1991 - Sept. 1991)
Managing editor of community newspapers on two Western Pacific islands. Endeavored to resolve financial and administrative problems, reworked circulation and promotion departments, increased market saturation, managed and produced editorial and advertising content with core staff of six and a dozen stringers of mixed cultural and language skills.
- Oceanside (CA) Blade-Tribune (March 1984 - Sept. 1988).
- Hemet (CA) News (Aug. 1983 - March 1984).
- Madera (CA) Tribune (July 1981 - Aug. 1983).

Miscellaneous media

- Speech writer, California Assembly, 1979-1980.
- Television and art production at various KOVR, KTXL, KVIE and Horizon Advertising, Sacramento, CA., 1975-1980.
- Radio/audio production and copywriting with a national broadcast syndication firm, Roseville, CA., 1978-1980.

Affiliations

- National Press Photographers Association, since 1981.
- Investigative Reporters and Editors, since 1987.
- Society of Professional Journalists, since 1990. Founding member, Northern Mariana Islands chapter.
- Guam Resource Conservation and Development Council, board member, 1993-1994.
- Volunteer, KPRG Public Radio for Guam, 1994-present.
- Marketing and Development Committee and design specialist, Guam Symphony Society, 1994-1997.
- Macintosh Users Group of Guam, newsletter editor, web site master.
- Teacher, Freedom School, Kurdish refugees, January-February 1997.
- Teacher, Chuukese Youth At Risk, Fall semester 1998.

Personal

- Partial fluency in German, Spanish; familiarity with Japanese.
- Eager traveler (Europe, SE Asia, Australia/Oceania, North America/Mexico/Canada).
- US citizen with potential for UK Territories passport.
- I play classical guitar, some flute, and practice Hatha and Raja yoga. I'm also active in various sports (SCUBA diving, running), a voracious reader ... and a good cook!
- Portfolio and references available upon request.