

Susan Elizabeth Shepard

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Experience

September 2017-September 2018

Staff Reporter and Special Sections Managing Editor, *Missoula Independent*

Staff reporter at the weekly newspaper in Missoula, MT. Responsible for a general and flexible beat and two to three stories weekly in the print paper. As managing editor for special sections, responsible for assigning freelance stories and photos and tracking production. Lee Enterprises closed the paper on September 11, 2018.

June 2005-present

Freelance Writer

Contributed commentary and reported work on popular culture and policy to BuzzFeed News, the Hairpin, Jezebel, Pitchfork, Racked, SBNation, VICE, and others. Researched, reported and wrote lengthy features, including two Longform.org picks. Contributing writer at Sports on Earth from August 2013-2014.

December 2010-June 2015

Founding Editor, *Tits and Sass*

Co-founded and operated a site, titsandsass.com, that publishes commentary on the representation of sex workers in popular culture and media and the effects of sex work policy on women in the U.S. Conceived recurring columns and features, assigned and edited reviews, commentary, and reports.

Skills

Strong social media presence on Twitter at [@susanelizabeth](https://twitter.com/susanelizabeth). Assisted in creating the [@titsandsass](https://twitter.com/titsandsass) presence on multiple platforms. Facility with WordPress, Excel, Photoshop, QuickBooks and G Suite.

Awards

2018 Oregon Literary Fellowship in Nonfiction

The Dish 2014 Poseur Alert of the Year for "Abolish 69," for ADULT w/Charlotte Shane

The Best American Essays 2014 Notable Essay

Education

The University of Texas (Austin, TX) | BA, English | 2005

References available on request