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June 2005-present **Freelance Writer**

Contributed commentary and reported work on popular culture and policy to Pitchfork, Willamette Week, BuzzFeed News, Jezebel, Racked, SBNation, VICE, and others. Researched, reported and wrote features, including two Longform.org picks and one Best American Essays Notable pick.

September 2017-September 2018 **Staff Reporter and Special Sections Managing Editor, *Missoula Independent***

Staff reporter at the weekly newspaper in Missoula, MT until its closure in 2018. 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. Promoted stories on social media and with live events.

2013-2014 **Contributing Writer, Sports on Earth**

Wrote regular commentary and reported features on sports and sports-adjacent issues.

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 Best Sports Story, Montana Newspaper Association
2018 Oregon Literary Fellowship in Nonfiction
The Best American Essays 2014 Notable Essay for "Wildcatting"

Education

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