

Susan Elizabeth Shepard

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June 2005-present: Freelance Writer

Contributed commentary and reported work on popular culture and policy to Pitchfork, Willamette Week, Montana Free Press, 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. Served as contributing writer at Sports on Earth in 2013-2014.

January 2006-present: Freelance Copywriter

Regular story commissions for SXSWWorld, the in-house magazine for the South by Southwest conference in Austin, TX. Sponsored content writer for Complex.

October 2019-January 2020: Podcast reporter and writer

Reported and voiced two episodes of *Boomtown* for Texas Monthly and Imperative Entertainment.

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.

Skills

- Public speaking experience includes presenting at Portland Startup Week and guest lecturing for classes at Clemson University, Augustana College and UX Night School.
- 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