

Jake Halpern's CV

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Teaching

Young Adult Writing – I taught this class in the fall of 2018 via the Yale English Department.

Refugee Narratives – I team taught this class with Zareena Grewal through the American Studies department.

Magazine Journalism – I have taught this class three times at Yale through the College Seminar Program.

Radio Journalism – I have taught this class once at Yale through the College Seminar Program.

Print Journalism – I was a visiting Fulbright Scholar at the University of Kerala in India, where I taught a class on journalism.

Awards

Pulitzer Prize (2018) – I won the 2018 Pulitzer Prize for my non-fiction comic, “Welcome to the New World,” which ran in the *New York Times* as a 20-part series.

Fulbright Scholar (2011) – I was awarded a Fulbright to teach in India.

Nonfiction Books

- *Bad Paper: Chasing Debt from Wall Street to the Underworld* (FSG, 2014). Note: *This book will be published in October of 2014; but in August, it was excerpted as the cover story for The New York Times Magazine and was a lead segment for NPR's This American Life.*

- *Fame Junkies: The Hidden Truths Behind America's Favorite Addiction* (Houghton Mifflin, 2007).

- *Braving Home: Dispatches from the Underwater Town, the Lava-Side Inn & Other Extreme Locales* (Houghton Mifflin, 2007). [Note: This was a *Library Journal* “Book of the Year.”]

Novels

- *Dormia* (Houghton Mifflin, 2009)

- *World's End* (Houghton Mifflin, 2011)

- *The Shadow Tree* (WME, 2013)
- *Nightfall* (Penguin/Putnam, 2015)
- *Edgeland* (Penguin/Putnam, 2017)

Magazine & Newspaper Articles *(organized by journal title)*

The New Yorker:

- “The Cop: Darren Wilson was not indicted for shooting Michael Brown. Many people in Ferguson question whether justice was done.” (August 3, 2015)
- “Secrets of the Temple” (April 30, 2012)
- “Pay Up” (Oct. 11, 2010)
- “Stardust” (Dec. 26, 2005)
- “Selling the Beat” (April 5, 2004)
- “A Jolly Green Giant” (Nov. 18, 2002)

The New York Times:

- “Paper Boys” (*Magazine*: Aug. 17, 2014)
- “Empire Built on Hugs” (Sunday Business: May 25, 2013)
- “No One Told Me Learning Yoga Would Involve Snakes” (*Magazine*: Nov. 16, 2012)
- “Iceland’s Big Thaw” (*Magazine*: May 13, 2011)
- “Norse Fantasy” (*Magazine*, online: May 13, 2011)
- “The Freegan Establishment” (*Magazine*: June 4, 2010)
- “Emotional Buildup” (*Magazine*: Oct. 3, 2008)
- “The Day of the Salamander” (*Magazine*: Sept. 9, 2007)
- “Visionary to the Mainstream” (Sunday Styles: Feb. 6, 2005)

The Atlantic Monthly

“Bank of the Underworld: 2006, Arthur Budovsky launched a digital currency system called Liberty Reserve. It took off, and was soon processing millions of transactions. Budovsky says he just wanted to modernize banking. Prosecutors claim he ran a massive money-laundering operation that helped criminals around the world move \$6 billion in dirty money.” (May 2015)

Wall Street Journal Op-eds

- “A Market Solution to Hurricane Risk” (May 31, 2008)
- “Can a new skyscraper deliver redemption to Buffalo?” (Dec. 2, 2007)
- “Britney Spears as Breaking News” (Oct. 8, 2007)

New York magazine

“Rise of the Outsider” (Feb. 5, 2008)

“Baghdad Rescue Operation” (May 11, 2008)

The New Republic

“Jungle Boy” (July 3, 2006)

“Out for a Buck” (May 8, 2000)

“Hot Town” (Nov. 15, 1999)

Smithsonian

“Family Feud” (Sept., 2008)

Sports Illustrated

“Blood & Balls” (Aug. 4, 2008)

Esquire

“Ian McShane Interview” (April 3, 2009)

Outside

“Gone & Back” (Summer 2007, in *Outside Go*)

“And the Buff Shall Inherit the Earth” (Jan., 2006)

“Without a Barrel” (June 1, 2004)

Slate

“Kidney Picking” (Oct. 10, 2007)

“Penny a Pound” (Dec. 4, 2007)

Boston Globe Sunday Magazine

“Adopting Caution” (Dec. 16, 2007)

“Too Hot to Handle” (Nov. 17, 2006)

“The New Me Generation” (Sept. 30, 2007)

“Reality Writes” (May 14, 2006)

Entertainment Weekly

“Hollywood’s Little Helpers” (Jan. 12, 2007)

Psychology Today

“School for the Starry Eyed” (Dec., 2006)

New York Observer

“House of Pain” (July 19, 2011)

Jerusalem Report

“Free in Egypt” (April 24, 2000)

Commonweal

“The Promised Land” (Sept. 24, 1999)

The Revealer

“The Art of Living in Modern India” (Dec. 12, 2012)

Radio Segments on NPR (organized by date)

“Magic Words” (Aug. 17, 2014), on *This American Life*. This segment was a radio adaptation from my book, *Bad Paper*.

“Breathing Life into Bland, Blunt Circumstances (April 19, 2011), on *All Things Considered (ATC)*.

“The Collector” (Feb. 13, 2011), a 20-minute segment on *This American Life*.

“Bed Bugs” (Nov. 19, 2010), a commentary on *All Things Considered (ATC)*.

“Night Soldiers” (May 24, 2010), a book review on *ATC*.

“A Boy’s Heart” (Feb. 17, 2010), a reported story on *ATC*.

“Zombie Survival” (Dec. 23, 2009), a book review on *ATC*.

“Fame & Fabrication” (Oct. 20, 2009), a commentary on *ATC*.

“Survival Books” (Aug. 25, 2009), a book review on *ATC*.

“Switched at Birth” (July 5, 2009), an hour-long segment on *This American Life*.

“Sidekicks” (June 24, 2009), a commentary on *ATC*.

“Mad Men” (Oct. 26, 2008), a commentary on *ATC*.

“Shipwrecked” (July 8, 2008), a book review on *ATC*.

“Ruled by Rod” (Feb. 10, 2008) on *ATC*. This was Part 1 in the “Fame Junkies Series” based on my book.

“Almost Famous” (Feb. 17, 2008) on *ATC*. This was Part 2 in the “Fame Junkies Series” based on my book.

“Oscar Dreams Never Fade Away” (Feb. 26, 2008) on *ATC*. This was Part 3 in the “Fame Junkies Series” based on my book.

“Video Games Gain in Reality” (Aug. 2, 2006), a commentary on *ATC*.

“The Winds of War” (Dec. 2, 2005), a book review on *ATC*, online.

“Old Bootlegs” (Aug. 29, 2005), a commentary on *ATC*.

“Agent for the Dead” (Aug. 29, 2005), a commentary on *ATC*.

“My Fictional Friends” (July 26, 2005), a commentary on *ATC*.

“Hollywood Mythology” (June 17, 2005), a commentary on *ATC*.

“Acquired Situational Narcissism” (June 15, 2005), a commentary on *ATC*.

“A Criminal Coincidence” (June 1, 2005), a commentary on *ATC*.

“Bikini Waxer” (March 29, 2005), a commentary on *ATC*.

“Rolling out the Red Carpet” (Jan. 25, 2005), a commentary on *ATC*.

“Fame School” (Jan. 7, 2005), a commentary on *ATC*.

“Christmas Day Movies Presents...” (Dec. 21, 2004), a commentary on *ATC*.

“The Hotdog Vendor & the U.S. Constitution” (Nov. 15, 2004), a commentary on *ATC*.

“Urban Legends” (May 25, 2004), a commentary on *ATC*.

“My Grandfather’s Trip to the Moon” (June 11, 2004), a commentary on *ATC*.

“The Underwater Town” (Nov. 12, 2004), on *ATC* – Part 1 in the *Braving Home* series.

“Tower of the Arctic” (June 11, 2004), on *ATC* – Part 2 in the *Braving Home* series.

“The Last of the Malibu Hillbillies” (May 25, 2004), on *ATC* – Part 3 in the *Braving Home* series.

“Island of the Storm Riders” (Nov. 12, 2004) – Part 4 in the *Braving Home* series.

“Life on an Erupting Volcano” (June 11, 2004) on *ATC* – Part 5 in the *Braving Home* series.