

LAURA ARMAN

www.lauraarman.io

International (investigative) **journalist/researcher** with **5 years of experience**. Lived in and reported from **Southeast Asia, Europe, and North America**.

- **Skills:** Investigative reporting/research; long-form journalism (news writing); media interview; AP style; Open-Source Investigation/Intelligence.
- **Specialties:** International human rights; international law, social justice, policy and politics.
- **Languages:** English (native); Indonesian (native); Malaysian (professional proficiency).

ACADEMIC ENDEAVOURS

University of Manchester • UK

BSocSc - Sociology (Honours)

Dartmouth College • US

MA - Globalisation Studies | Dartmouth Scholarship

UCLA School of Law • US

MLS - Public Interest Law | Merit/Public Interest Scholarship

University of Technology Sydney, Faculty of Law • AUS

JD - International Law | Academic Excellence Scholarship

Al Jazeera Media Institute

Open-Source Investigation/Intelligence

HUMAN RIGHTS-INTENSIVE SCHOLAR RESEARCH (AVAILABLE AT REQUEST)

International Law (Prevention) on Human Trafficking | 30-page report

- Investigated the effectiveness of international law and conventions as a legal instrument to combat human trafficking domestically in Indonesia.
- G.A. Res. 55/25, U.N.; Indonesia's Law No. 21/2007; Article 4 to 9 of UN's Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children.

Juvenile Death Penalty | 100-page report

- Investigated global juvenile death penalty and its human rights violation, emphasis on Iran.
- Tracked down/interviewed Iranian diaspora worldwide to analyse attitudes on the penalty.
- Examined and analysed international human rights law, international conventions and treaties, child's rights law, criminal law, global precedents of juvenile death penalty.

Prohibition of Medical Cannabis | 45-page report

- Investigated the prohibition of medical cannabis for Indonesians suffering incurable diseases.
- Interviewed govt. officials, supreme court lawyers, legal advocates, human rights activists.
- Examined international and national narcotics laws and conventions: UN 1961 Single Convention on Narcotics Drugs; Indonesia's Narcotics Law No 35/2009.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

PROFESSIONAL SABBATICAL

2025 – 2026

JOURNALIST • The Emerald Magazine

2020 – 2021; 11/2024 – 12/2024

- Reported, investigated, researched, pitched and wrote 3 articles weekly (800-2,000 words) for Emerald's digital and print magazine.
- Covered stories on US, Asian and European politics; international jurisprudence/penal code; restriction to healthcare in Asia; human rights; social justice; social movements; global news; cannabis industry's politics, business, policy, law, social equity domestically and internationally.
- Conducted fact-checking and rigorous research on international narcotics law, EU Laws, criminal/penal code, court/public records, NGO reports, and scientific report.
- Interviewed US presidential candidate, politicians, international government officials, public figures, entrepreneurs, supreme court lawyers, human rights activists, NGOs, advocacy groups, international organisations, and experts.

JOURNALIST • The Connecticut Examiner

06/2024 - 09/2024

- Investigated, reported and pitched weekly articles on state politics, legislative bills, social justice, suicides, murders, substance abuse, legal disputes, zoning restrictions, abortion rights, public hearings, state fundings, food desserts, human interests, public safety.
- Attained public documents and records by utilising Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552).
- Interviewed, tracked down, attained comments from lawyers, State Senators/Representatives, activists/advocates, Chamber of Commerce, business executives, state agencies (Department of Transportation, Department of Health, Department of Children and Families, Department of Human Services), religious groups, health care workers, businesses, local NGOs, and experts.

LEGAL TRAINING / PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT • UCLA Law School

2023 – 2024

- Legal Studies candidate; a program designed for professionals who have a high need for sophisticated training in the law, but who don't need (or want) to become lawyers.
- Training in Public Interest Law, Public International Law, International Criminal Law, US Tort Law, US Public Law, and litigation on media/journalists.

INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALIST / ASSISTANT EDITOR

2022 – 2023

- **The Concord Monitor Newspaper**
 - Reported and embarked on a 3-month investigation and research (2,000 words) on human trafficking in New Hampshire.
 - Published on the front page of Concord Monitor, Pulitzer-Prize winning newspaper.
 - Reviewed and utilised court documents, public records, and NGO reports, human trafficking cases, and federal and state laws on human trafficking for reporting.
 - Tracked down, interviewed and attained statements from human trafficking victims, trafficking safe houses, policy specialists, advocacy groups, US Department of Justice attorney, US Homeland Security special agent, criminal researchers, and N.H. Governor's office.
- **CLAMANTIS Journal**
 - Read and selected submissions in accordance with the Journal's mission of sharp, rigorous, and scientific essays.
 - Provided constructive feedback to writers to enhance storytelling.

INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALIST APPRENTICESHIP • WhoWhatWhy

2020 – 2022

- Wrote long-form, comprehensive 1,500-2,700 words global investigative stories, spending of 1-5 months for each investigation.
- Investigated human rights violations in Southeast Asia; political Islamism/extremism in Asia; national/international politics/law; social justice; business scandals in the US, UK and Indonesia (Uber Eats, Grubhub, Grab Food, Deliveroo); COVID-19 lockdown violations in the UK.
- Extensively reviewed and researched court and legal documents on COVID-19 law violations, international blasphemy law, Indonesia's Religious Harmony Law, criminal/penal code, and Ombudsman records and recommendations.
- Tracked down/interviewed Indonesia's former Minister of Religion, Human Rights Watch researchers, UK's Greater Manchester Police, international lawyers, government officials, international/domestic state agencies, NGOs, international/domestic advocacy groups, human rights activists, legal advocates, religious minorities and civilians.

JOURNALIST / EDITORIAL WRITER • Health and Fitness Revolution Magazine

2020 – 2021

- Reported, pitched and wrote weekly articles (700-1,000 words) on lifestyle, health, wellness, and healthy living for its 16 million readers.
- Interviewed world-ranking athletes and conducted rigorous research for articles.

JOURNALIST / CONTRIBUTING WRITER • TITIPOZA End of Life Coach

06/2020 – 09/2020

- Produced weekly articles (800-1,400 words each).
- Wrote articles on end-of-life (death) practices in different religions & cultures; psychology of healing; hospice care; and death doulas.

REPORTING / BROADCASTING WORK EXPERIENCE

2016; 2017 – 2018

- **iNews Indonesia:** Work-shadowed with field reporters to cover stories and current news, emphasis in crime reporting.
- **CNN Indonesia:** Work-shadowed and gained insights on the process of journalism in CNN Indonesia.
- **NET TV Indonesia:** Work experience day to gain knowledge in the media, entertainment business, and journalism.
- **National Geographic:** Selected to join NatGeo Student Expedition in Washington DC to discuss with NatGeo Explorers and US government officials about the role of media and journalism in science, environmentalism, and conservation.
- **Heartline 100.6FM Radio Indonesia:** Guest radio broadcaster promoting Merry Riana School of Public Speaking to its 3 million listeners.

NOTEWORTHY ANECDOTE

Earned three degrees by 22. Been to four continents, robbed in two - both times had to seek Embassy assistance. Published a book at 10. Illustrator. Skateboard. Boxing.