

# NAOMI M. **ISHISAKA**

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## SKILLS

- Content management, editorial direction
- Journalistic writing
- Content editing, copy editing
- Expert in InDesign
- Social media for communications
- Journalistic photography
- Project management
- Editorial, marketing, collateral design
- Expert in AP style
- Proficient in Photoshop
- Web video shooting and editing
- Deep knowledge of Seattle issues

**OneAmerica** – Communications Director for immigrant rights organization. Oct. 2008-present

- Responsible for internal and external communications, marketing, public relations
- Graphic design of publications, materials for organization; manage Web site
- Part of four-member leadership team directing the organization

**ColorsNW Magazine** – Editor in chief of monthly magazine covering communities of color. Dec. 2000-Oct. 2008

- Responsible for all editorial content, design
- Graphic design of publication, ads
- One of three-person management team
- Wrote feature stories, edited all content
- Coordinated events, manage special projects
- Took photos, video; created Web videos
- Wrote monthly editorial
- “Face” of magazine in community
- Established social media presence
- Managed external communications
- Managed, redesigned web site
- Learned new skills with enthusiasm

**The Seattle Times** – Wire editor, Saturday editor. Oct. 1999-Nov. 21, 2000

- Edited local, international news, selected stories for late editions of newspaper
- Responsible for overseeing late Saturday night news desk operation

**The News Tribune** – Copy editor, wire editor. June 1998-Oct. 1999

**The Bremerton Sun** – Copy editor, page designer. Sept. 1997-June 1998

**The (Portland) Oregonian** – Copy editing intern. June 1997-Sept. 1997

**The Seattle Post-Intelligencer** – Part-time copy editor. Aug. 1996-April 1997

**The Hermiston Herald** – Sports reporter and photographer. Summer 1995

## EDUCATION

**The Evergreen State College**, Olympia, Wash., Bachelor of Arts, June 1997  
Major: Journalism, ethnic studies

## AWARDS

- Society of Professional Journalists Western Washington Competition - In 2006, ColorsNW wins Sweepstakes for best magazine in the region. Personal Awards -  
First Place: 2009, 2008, 2004, 2003 for Editorial Writing  
First place: 2006 for Social Issues reporting on Hurricane Katrina, Arts reporting  
Second Place: 2009, 2007, 2006, 2002 for Editorial Writing  
Third Place: 2002 for Layout
- ColorsNW piece on immigrant detention wins national 2006 New American Media Award for excellence in the ethnic media
- ColorsNW piece on “Three Strikes” wins national Prevention for a Safer Society 2004 award from the National Council on Crime and Delinquency competition
- Winner of the Aki Kurose Peace and Justice Award for community service and activism by women under 30, 2003

PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT

- Annenberg Institute for Justice and Journalism Fellow, Immigration Coverage, 2008
- World Affairs Council Fellow, International Studies, 2008
- Poynter Institute for Media Studies, Covering the 2008 Election, 2007
- Knight Center for Specialized Journalism, Editorial Writers Seminar on Immigration, 2006
- American Marshall Memorial Fellow, one of 50 selected nationwide by the German Marshall Fund of the United States. Traveled to Denmark, Italy, Hungary, France, Belgium, for a cross-cultural exchange, 2005
- National Conference of Editorial Writers Minority Writers Seminar, 2004
- Poynter Institute seminar for ethnic media, 2004
- Asian American Journalist Association Executive Leadership Program, New York City, 2002
- Dow Jones Newspaper Fund copy editing training program, San Jose, Calif., June 1996
- AAJA Voices staff, Hawaii, 1995
- Poynter Institute for Media Studies seminar participant, Ethics and Leadership for college Newspaper Editors, St. Petersburg, Fla., 1994

SERVICE

- Japanese American Citizens League Board of Directors, 2008-present
- OneAmerica (formerly Hate Free Zone) Board of Directors, 2008
- Voices Rising, LGBT of color arts group, volunteer marketing coordinator, 2007-present
- Antioch University Board of Visitors, 2006-2008
- Intiman Theater's American Cycle Series community board, 2006-2008
- Langston Hughes African American Film Festival board, 2005-present
- Project coordinator of ColorsNW/Town Hall Forums to bring diversity issues alive, 2004
- Asian Community Leadership Foundation mentor, 2004-2005
- Real Change newspaper advisory council, 2004-2008
- Seattle Symphony Community Engagement Council, 2004-2006
- Speaker at more than 200 events including City Club, Microsoft, University of Washington, Unity Conference; featured in "Seattle Voices" TV show, Seattle Magazine; frequent local NPR guest
- Northwest Journalists of Color Scholarship coordinator, 1999-2000
- Pacific Northwest Newspaper Guild Executive Board, 1999-2000  
*Member of Seattle Times/P-I strike organizing committee; responsible for online and print-strike communication to members*
- The Bremerton Sun editorial board, 1998

MEMBERSHIPS

- Human Rights Campaign, 2008-present
- Asian American Journalists Association member, 1993-present