

Amanda J. Crawford

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Professor Crawford is a veteran political reporter, literary journalist, and expert in journalism ethics and misinformation.

Biography

Amanda J. Crawford is a veteran political reporter and literary journalist who joined the faculty of the University of Connecticut in 2018. Prof. Crawford's research areas include journalism ethics, media law, misinformation, and the role of journalists in a democracy. As an investigative reporter and creative nonfiction writer, Prof. Crawford's work explores the intersection of literature and reportage. A 2020-21 fellow at the UConn Humanities Institute, Prof. Crawford is writing her first book about the fight against misinformation after the mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, in 2012. She was awarded a SCHARP award from the university in 2019 in support of this project. She serves on the national board of directors of the Journalism & Women Symposium and is a research affiliate of the UConn ARMS Center and the Rockefeller Institute's Regional Gun Violence Research Consortium. Prior to coming to UConn, Prof. Crawford held faculty appointments in the School of Journalism & Broadcasting at Western Kentucky University (assistant professor, 2014-18) and the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism & Mass Communication at Arizona State University (lecturer, 2008-10). She worked as a reporter for Bloomberg News, The Arizona Republic, The Baltimore Sun and People Magazine. Her work has been published by many other publications including Businessweek, National Geographic, The Chronicle of Higher Education, Talking Points Memo, Nieman Journalism Lab, The Miami Herald, The Hartford Courant, Ms. Magazine, Huffington Post, Phoenix Magazine and High Times. She has also published in literary journals including Creative Nonfiction, Hippocampus Magazine and Full Grown People. Prof. Crawford was a 2007 finalist for the national Livingston Award for Young Journalists and has won numerous regional journalism and FOI awards. In 2018, she was nominated for a Pushcart Prize in nonfiction. Prof. Crawford holds a Master of Mass Communication degree from Arizona State University. She earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland, where she studied journalism and creative writing and was named the Outstanding News-Editorial Graduate. Raised in Appalachian Maryland, Prof. Crawford was the first person in her family to attend college and wants to help other first-generation college students and those from underrepresented communities succeed in academia.

Areas of Expertise

Literary Journalism, Media, News Literacy, Misinformation, Journalism Ethics, Media Law, Conspiracy Theories, Journalism, First Amendment

Education

University of Maryland

BA Journalism

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