

Ariana Crockett O’Harra

JOURNALIST AND DOCUMENTARY PHOTOGRAPHER

PROFILE

Ariana Crockett O’Harra was born in Anchorage, Alaska, and grew up in an active family that loves to hike, cross country ski, canoe and sea kayak in Prince William Sound. She spent ages 12 to 19 as a competitive cross country skier. Ariana enjoys spending time outdoors, reading science fiction and drinking fancy coffee.

EXPERIENCE

REPORTER

The Nome Nugget Newspaper | Nome, Alaska

September 2025 – Present

Sole staff reporter at Nome’s weekly paper. Reported on education, politics, storms, high school sports, Iditarod, Iron Dog, maritime news, economics, local business, local government, subsistence, hunting news and regulations and Alaska Native culture and affairs. Produced or sourced photographs for every story. Ran social media, updated website’s photo galleries and helped create the paper’s first social media strategies. Developed sources and stories for rural news and affairs.

PHOTOGRAPHER & PHOTO EDITOR

The MSU Exponent | Montana State University, Bozeman, Montana

October 2023 – December 2024

As a staff photographer, worked with superiors and reporters to cover a variety of events and provide full coverage. Covered events that showcased the cultural and news experience at Montana State, from drag shows to rodeos. As Director of Photography, organized photo coverage for a newspaper with a potential audience of 30,000+, edited photos for web and print publication, organized photo assignments, worked on design and copy-editing elements of paper. Also reported, covered sporting and cultural events, as well as provided photo coverage for those stories.

PHOTO EDITOR

Bitterroot Magazine | Montana State University, Bozeman, Montana

January 2024 – May 2024

Coordinated photographic coverage for the MSU English Department magazine. Collected images to represent each story in *Bitterroot*, and assisted Art Director with organizing photos for publication in AP style. Assured accuracy and quality of every photo in *Bitterroot*.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Kuna Engineering field survey assistant at Red Dog Mine | Summer 2022

Retail clerk at The Hoarding Marmot, an outdoor consignment store | 2019 - 2023

Trained barista at coffee shop and roastery in Bozeman, Montana | 2025

Volunteer ski instructor in Savoonga and Noorvik for Skiku | 2017, 2018 and 2019.

Youth Producer at Alaska Teen Media Institute | 2017 - 2020

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EDUCATION

Montana State University

Graduated with Honors, 2024

Bachelor of Arts in Film
and Photography – Photography

Bachelor of Art in English – Writing

Minor in Psychology

East Anchorage High School

Graduated Magna Cum Laude, 2019

SKILLS

Working in a fast-paced environment with a diverse team on deadline

Reporting & writing news, features & sports

Shooting & editing photos of news, features & sports

Proficiency in Photoshop, LCR, Bridge, InDesign – Full Adobe Creative Suite

Producing and managing social media

AWARDS & SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

ALASKA PRESS CLUB AWARDS

Best Education Reporting,

2nd Place, 2025

Best Culture Reporting,

3rd Place, 2025

Best Editorial or Commentary,

3rd Place, 2018

PACIFIC NORTHWEST DRAWERS

April 2025 – March 2026

SFP GALLERY

October 2023 – December 2023

References available upon request.