

Kerry Stewart Lengel

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BACKGROUND and SKILL SET

- Freelance video editor and communications consultant specializing in politics, culture and the arts.
- Former reporter, editor and columnist for *The Arizona Republic* (azcentral.com).
- Experienced in SEO (search engine optimization) and multimedia editing (WordPress, iMovie, Canva, Mailchimp).
- *Hablo español, pero como niño.*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lonesome George Productions LLC, 2021-present

- Video editing portfolio: [Lonesome George Productions](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8) on YouTube.
- Publication: *American Theatre* magazine, [September 2022](#).
- Podcast in development: *An Introvert's Guide to Political Organizing*.

Will Knight for Maricopa County Attorney, 2020

- Communications Officer (*pro bono*) for Democratic primary campaign.
- Managed media relations and drafted op-eds, press releases and newsletters.

Arizona State University, 2016-17

- Adjunct professor of practice, Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communications.
- Designed and taught 400/500-level skills course on Arts Journalism (two semesters).

The Arizona Republic (azcentral.com), 1995-2020

- From overnight copy editor to entertainment reporter, section editor, senior reporter and [columnist](#), I spent more than half of my 25-year career covering arts and culture in metro Phoenix. Always a part-time critic (officially theater, but also film, books and beer).
- As a 20-something editor, I successfully managed a team of experienced, talented egos while planning coverage for multiple sections and prototyping new “print products” (before they became “old media”).
- [Arizona Press Club Awards](#): 1st place, statewide arts criticism, 2019; 3rd place, arts reporting, 2019; 1st place, arts criticism, 2013; 2nd place, arts criticism, 2011; 2nd place, headline writing, 1999; 1st place, headline writing, 1998.

EDUCATION and PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Arizona State University, 2023

- Master of Liberal Studies, [College of Integrative Sciences and Arts](#) (4.0 GPA).
- Trained in Liz Lerman's [Critical Response Process](#).
- Capstone project: *Dystopia Now: Hickman's Eggs, Mass Incarceration, and the Matrix of Privilege* ([video](#) documentary/memoir, 43 minutes).

Arena Academy Phoenix, 2022

- Five-day [national training program](#) for political professionals and activists (Communications Track).

NEA Arts Journalism Institute in Theater and Musical Theater, 2011

- National fellowship. Helped launch pop-up newsroom in a Los Angeles firehouse as part of 10-day experiment in online journalism (Engine28.com).

Western Knight Center for Specialized Journalism, 2005

- National fellowship, "The Latinization of Art & Culture in America," USC Annenberg School for Journalism and Communication, Los Angeles.

University of Arizona, 1994

- Bachelor of Arts in English (creative writing), minors in journalism and Spanish.
- *Summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa.
- Eugene C. Pulliam Scholarship, Department of Journalism, 1993.
- William Hattich Award for Journalistic Professionalism, 1993.

VOLUNTEER WORK and PUBLIC SERVICE

City of Mesa, Arizona

- Museum and Cultural Advisory Board, July 2022-present.

Arizona Democratic Party

- Precinct and State committee member, 2020-present.
- Second Vice Chair, [Legislative District 9](#), 2023-present.
- Treasurer, Dobson Ranch Democrats and Friends, 2022-present.
- Treasurer, Legislative District 9, 2022.

Saving One Life Animal Rescue and Sanctuary, Chandler, Arizona

- Fur foster parent, 2021-present. 🐕🐕🐕🐾🐕🐕

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