

Shakthi Jothianandan

Education **Barnard College, Columbia University**
Bachelor of Arts received May '08 **Major:** English

Skills + Languages: HTML + CSS proficient, Photoshop, Lexis-Nexis, various blogging platforms (Wordpress, TypePad, etc.), intermediate Spanish (writing, speaking, reading), conversational Tamil

Professional Organizations: Investigative Reporters and Editors, South Asian Journalists Association

Awards + Fellowships: Graduate of 2010 Society of Professional Journalists Reporter's Institute

Editorial Experience

The Daily Beast—*Editorial Assistant (Freelance)* Winter '10-Current

- Select, research and write multiple "Cheat Sheet" news aggregation items (heds, deks, body, etc.)
- Research and write bulk of site display copy: Big Fat Story pieces, slideshow intros, slideshow and video blog captions, and content for politics, entertainment, books, and art verticals
- Assist writers and editors with research, sourcing and reporting
- Fact-check articles and slideshows
- Work in CMS to create SEO-friendly topic pages and optimize coverage

The Nation—*Fact-checker, Editorial Intern* Fall '09-Winter '09

- Responsible for fact-checking lead editorials, front-of-book news pieces, investigative features, web articles and multi-thousand-word books & arts reviews
- Provide research and editorial support for editors, columnists and staff writers (report and research for editorials, front-of-book news pieces and blog posts)
- Pitch, report and write narrative pieces, blog posts and Q&A's for TheNation.com

Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia—*Online Editor/Producer (Freelance)* Fall '08-Winter '08

- Edited and built new web content (photo slideshows, recipes, articles)
- Edited and migrated archived and recent hard copy MSLO materials to web
- Used CMS to track changes of online material and facilitate workflows to copy department

Time Out New York Magazine—*Art Editorial Intern, Editorial Intern* Fall '07-Spring '08

- Fact-checked all front-of-book pages, art reviews and listings
- Wrote and entered new weekly web listings for section editors using CMS; updated online database of art and event listings
- Provided research and editorial support for feature editors

Freelance Experience—*Writer and Reporter* Fall '07 Current

- Has written for New York magazine's website, The Nation Out.com and CityArts
- Has contributed to Time Out New York's front-of-book and features sections, interviewing local artists and notable city figures and contributing bar and restaurant reviews

Other Work Experience

The Huntington Learning Center—*SAT/ACT Verbal Tutor, Reading/English Skills Instructor* Winter '09-Summer '09

- Led individual instruction of students from local competitive school districts in preparation for SAT and ACT exams
- Tutored upper-level students in research methods and the writing process
- Taught K-12 students grammar, vocabulary, reading and phonics skills