

Luanne Dietz

Freelance Photojournalist

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Summary

Luanne Dietz is an award-winning freelance photojournalist based in Atlanta. While studying photojournalism and religion at the University of Florida, Dietz began to explore documentary storytelling. She has covered news events including Danny Rolling's execution, three NCAA national championships and the disappearance of Georgia hiker Meredith Emerson. Dietz has also documented social injustice issues for non-profit organizations and captured behind-the-scenes footage including promotional stills for a motion picture company.

From the Photographer:

I am a visual storyteller. I see my camera as an everyday accessory, and I am rarely seen without it. I look to take pictures of people who can tell their stories through their eyes and explain their passions through their actions. I've set out to capture the adjectives and adverbs of life. Go Gators!

Specialties

Adobe Creative Suite, Photo Mechanic, Video, Final Cut Pro, Color, Studio Lighting, Audio Recording, Soundslides, QuarkXPress, Microsoft Office

Experience

Photojournalist at Luanne Dietz

February 2008 - Present (1 year 3 months)

Freelance photojournalist based out of Atlanta

4 recommendations available upon request

Photojournalist at Whitestone Motion Pictures

January 2008 - Present (1 year 4 months)

Production stills and behind-the-scenes documentaries using both still photos and video.

Freelance Photojournalist at UF Today and Florida magazines

January 2007 - January 2009 (2 years 1 month)

Freelance photography for the award-winning University of Florida alumni magazines, which keep members connected with campus news, activities and each other.

Photojournalist at Gwinnett Daily Post

September 2007 - January 2008 (5 months)

Staff photographer for the newspaper serving north metro Atlanta, Gwinnett County and surrounding counties. Covered the disappearance of hiker Meredith Emerson, which made

headlines nationwide.

1 recommendation available upon request

Photojournalist at Meet Justice/ Innocence Atlanta

May 2007 - December 2007 (8 months)

Documentary photographer for nonprofits focusing on social injustice issues. Director of photography for Through Their Eyes, a camera project with inner-city youth that ended with an exhibit.

Photographer at UF Recreational Sports

January 2006 - May 2007 (1 year 5 months)

Official photographer for the Department of Recreational Sports Clubs at the University of Florida.

Photo Editor at The Independent Florida Alligator

August 2005 - May 2007 (1 year 10 months)

Photo editor at the Alligator, billed as the nation's largest student-run newspaper. Led the photo department during three of the University of Florida's NCAA national titles in basketball and football. Previously held positions as contributing and staff photographer.

2 recommendations available upon request

Photojournalist at UF Orange and Blue Magazine

August 2006 - December 2006 (5 months)

Freelance photographer for Orange and Blue Magazine, a student publication of the College of Journalism and Communications at the University of Florida.

Photojournalist at Campus Crusade for Christ

July 2006 - July 2006

Documented Agape Campus' journey along El Camino de Santiago in northern Spain.

Photojournalist at Sarasota Herald-Tribune

December 2005 - December 2005

Photographer during university practicum while enrolled at the University of Florida.

Education

University of Florida

Bachelor of Science, Photojournalism, religion, 2005 - 2007

Activities and Societies: NPPA, FCA, The Alligator

Universitat Pompeu Fabra

Summer Study Abroad, Art and Spanish language, 2006 - 2006

Activities and Societies: ISA

University of Central Florida

Non-degree, Journalism, 2003 - 2005

Activities and Societies: BCM

Honors and Awards

Hearst Journalism Award

* 6th place breaking news and sports; 2007

SPJ Mark of Excellence

*1st place national winner in breaking News Photography; 2006

*1st place national winner in online sports reporting "Gators in Glendale"; 2007

SPJ Region 3 Mark of Excellence

*1st place breaking News Photography; 2006

*1st place online sports reporting "Gators in Glendale"; 2007

*2nd place best all-around student newspaper Alligator Staff; 2007

*2nd place best affiliated web-site "Alligator.org"; 2007

Interests

Photojournalism, sports photography, Motion Picture Photojournalism, Music photography, weddings, portraits, headshots, interesting people with stories to tell

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8 people have recommended Luanne

"Luanne's exuberance for her work is unparalleled. She always showed up with a smile on her face, full of ideas and eager to take on her next assignment. She's creative, excited about her work and eager to try new things."

— **Arielle Kass**, *Staff Writer, Gwinnett Daily Post*, worked with Luanne at Gwinnett Daily Post

"The type of work Luanne often finds herself performing is a breed of photography only the most sincere and passionate journalists can accomplish. She has a way of putting her sources at ease, and after the photos are taken, they know she's sincere -- often the difference between taking pictures and capturing life."

— **Dominick Tao**, *Staff writer, city editor, Independent Florida Alligator*, worked directly with Luanne at The Independent Florida Alligator

"Luanne was always a hard worker as a student and I know she's keeping up on the latest trends in journalism and photography in general. She's got ideas and is a concerned photographer."

— **John Freeman**, taught Luanne at University of Florida

"Luanne is a hard worker with a great eye for photography. She is driven and dedicated and works to create photographs with emotion and beauty. She is also very skilled at lighting and is incredibly personable and easy to work with."

— **Ariel Zambelich**, *Freelance Photojournalist, Ariel Zambelich Photography*, was with another company when working with Luanne at Luanne Dietz Photojournalist

"I went to school at University of Florida with Luanne and have kept in touch with her since. She has a positive outlook that is great to be around - lights up the room! And a great sense for storytelling."

— **Danny Ghitis**, *Student, University of Florida*, worked directly with Luanne at Luanne Dietz Photojournalist

"Luanne is someone who takes a great deal of pride and concern in her work. She will make your job her passion so that you get her best work."

— **Stan Leary**, *Owner, Stanley Leary*, managed Luanne indirectly at Luanne Dietz Photojournalist

"Luanne is a hard worker and very dedicated to her vision, plus, she is a really nice person to be around. She gives more than 100 percent."

— **Gary Chapman**, *owner, USA Self Employed*, was with another company when working with Luanne at Luanne Dietz Photojournalist

"Not only is Luanne one of the nicest people you'll come across, she is also a fantastic co-worker. Needless to say, she's a swell photographer, too."

— **Chad Smith**, *University Editor, The Independent Florida Alligator*, worked with Luanne at Independent Florida Alligator

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