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Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in Literary Reportage. This letter contains lots of information about, and links to, various aspects of the program. The best place to start is with our [website](#).

Sitting in on a class or two is *the best way* to get an idea about what we do here. So, if it is at all possible, I suggest you visit, and meet some students and faculty. I've listed some classes that are especially relevant this fall. Contact Tanaya Singh (ts5703@nyu.edu), the Lit Rep GA, and she will help you arrange a visit. Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

2025/26 was especially productive for Lit Rep. Here are some highlights:

- [Sarah Aziza](#) (2016) published [The Hollow Half: A Memoir of Bodies and Borders](#)
- [Lance Richardson](#) (2015) was a Pulitzer Prize finalist for [True Nature](#), his biography of Peter Matthiessen
- Victorian Walker ('26) published a profile of a [BDSM Cafe](#)
- Zelda Nguyen ('27) published a [piece about the cinnamon smell](#) in Central Park
- Alum Heather Rodgers was a Pulitzer finalist for her WSJ [podcast](#)
- Nia Watson's ('26) published a [section](#) of thesis in the *19th*
- Amrutha Kosuru's ('26) published a [section](#) of her thesis about caste
- Nic Neves' ('26) ran a [section](#) from thesis on NPR's Weekend Edition.
- Julia Shanker (2026) published a piece on the raw milk underground in [New York](#)
- Ale Tedeja (2026) produced an episode for the new podcast, [Written in Air](#)
- Dean Kopitsky (2026) published a piece about legal weed in [Hell Gate](#)
- Sammie Seamon (2025) published a piece about climate change in the [Austin Chronicle](#)
- Leina Gabra (2026) produced an episode for the podcast, [Feet in 2 Worlds](#)
- Madjdy Kassem (2025) published his thesis in [The New Republic](#)

- Rayan El Amine (2025) published a piece about near death experiences in [Pioneer Works](#)
- Sarah Baik (2023) became a producer at the podcast, [But Why](#)
- Tracy Jawad (2024) published a beautiful memoir about her father's death in [Cosmopolitan](#) (where it was edited by Lit Rep alum Nicole Pasulka)
- Garrott Graham (2023) investigates yogurt for [Search Engine](#), where he is a producer
- Sarah Stodder (2017) got a book contract from W.W. Norton for *The Old Place: A Haunting, a House, a Reckoning*, which began as her thesis.
- Clarissa Fragoso Pinheiro (2022) moved from the *Paris Review* to *Harper's* magazine, where she is an assistant editor
- Pooja Salhotra (2022) moved from the *Texas Tribune* to the [New York Times](#), where she is a reporter
- Neel Dhanesha (2022) got a reporting job at [Niemann Reports](#)
- In August, Kimon de Greef (2021) is publishing [The Ego Trip](#), which began as his thesis, and originally appeared as an article in the [New Yorker](#).
- In June 2026, Matthew Wolfe's (2013) published [Fires In The Night: The Earth Liberation Front, The FBI, and a Secret Battle to Save The Planet](#), based on his [NYT Magazine](#) article.
- Lit Rep alum Rob Moor published his second book, [In Trees](#), in May 2026
- Our students and alumni continue to publish [widely](#).
- The [Mentorship Program](#) continues to pair every Lit Rep student with a professional journalist. In exchange for five hours of research per week, the journalist will spend one hour on your work.
- The scope and quality of Lit Rep [theses](#) (both written and audio) continue to grow.

Classes to visit in Fall 2025

- Introduction to Literary Reportage, Robert Boynton, Monday, 10-1:20
- Introduction to Audio Reportage, Audrey Quinn, Wednesday, 9-1
- WRRI, Liza Featherstone, Tuesday, 9-12:20
- Personal Essay, James Marcus, Tuesday, 2:30-5:30
- Reported Essay, Suketu Mehta, Wednesday, 4-6:30
- Writing Place, Joshua Jelly-Schapiro, Thursday, 9-12:40
- Reporting Culture, Alexandra Jacobs, Wednesday, 8:30-12

Students are the best sources of information about the program. Here is contact information for some current and past Lit Rep students.

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Best,

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