

# EMMA DECKER

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## Experience

**Fintan Firm** | Private Investigator  
*2021-present, Portland, OR*

- I work with attorneys who specialize in criminal defense, civil rights, and sexual abuse. I'm proficient in fact and mitigation, open source intelligence, and trauma-informed interviewing.
- Yes, it's just like the TV shows.

**Queen's University Belfast** | Postgraduate Researcher  
*2022-2023, Belfast, Northern Ireland*

- Specialized in legal and journalistic investigations in post-conflict communities.
- Wrote a long-form journalistic article about the state of segregated education in Northern Ireland 25 years after the Good Friday Agreement.

**Blue Chalk Media** | Producer  
*2018-2021, Portland, OR*

- Produced documentary films. I specialized in research, story development, and getting in contact with people no one else could find. As audio department lead I did all of our sound mixes and voiceovers.

**Oregon Public Broadcasting** | Production Assistant  
*2018, Portland, OR*

- Pitched and produced segments for "Think Out Loud," OPB Radio's daily news talk show. During live broadcasts I managed guests, calls, and live news updates.

**Junta de Andalucía** | Teaching Assistant  
*2017-2018, Granada, Spain*

- Taught social science to Spain's future global citizens at a bilingual primary school. Spent my days attempting to explain the unexplainable: grammar rules, American culture, and how it's possible to not have a preference between Real Madrid and FC Barcelona.

**RTÉ Radio** | Reporter & Producer  
*2015-2018, San Antonio, TX & Galway, Ireland*

- Lived in a convent of elderly Irish nuns to conduct interviews and then retraced their paths to visit convents and farms across Ireland. This audio story tells their stories of immigration, social justice, and choices.
- Aired on RTÉ Radio (Ireland), and CBC Radio (Canada).

**Steeped in Sri Lanka** | Writer & Copy Editor  
*2017, Sri Lanka*

- Worked with a team of multimedia journalists to produce stories about tea, tradition, and home in this post-civil war nation. Lived with and interviewed Sri Lankan families in three rural villages, danced my heart out with the locals, discovered there is such a thing as too much rice and curry.

## Education

**Queen's University Belfast**

Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security & Justice  
*M.A. in Conflict Transformation, 2023*

**University of Oregon (Clark Honors College)**

School of Journalism & Communication  
*B.A. with honors in Journalism, 2017*

**Universidad de Sevilla**

Communications, New Media, & Journalism  
*Study abroad in Spain, 2015*

## Skills

Investigation (legal cases, journalism, OSINT, international conflicts, interviewing)

Adobe (Audition, InDesign, Acrobat, Illustrator)

Audio (Tascam/Zoom, field recording, editing, mixing)

Spanish (professional working proficiency)

## Notable

2023 Graduated with First Class Honors  
*Queen's University Belfast*

2021 George J. Mitchell Scholarship Finalist  
*US-Ireland Alliance*

2019 Poem published in the Oregon collection of:  
*America's Emerging Writers Anthology*

2017 Distinguished Literary Thesis Award  
*University of Oregon Clark Honors College*

2014 Gold Crown, 1st place with All-Columbian Honors  
*Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism*

## Licenses

**Private Investigator**

*Issued Oct 2021 by the State of Oregon, DPSST*

**Ham Radio Operator**

*Issued Aug 2018 by the American Radio Relay League*



I make furniture and sweaters, which you can find @franks5th on Instagram. I also go on lots of long trail runs with my trusty Australian Shepherd, Roscoe. If you still can't find me, I'm probably rock climbing.