

# **Kristal Brent Zook**

**Professor of Journalism, Media Studies, and Public Relations at Hofstra University**

Hempstead, NY, US

Prof. Zook is an award-winning journalist and author who covers social justice, race, and gender issues in media and politics.

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## **Biography**

With 20+ years of experience as an award-winning journalist and author, Dr. Kristal Brent Zook has skills in reporting, writing, editing, teaching, public speaking, and media analysis. Her work has appeared in The Washington Post, Essence Magazine, The New York Times Magazine, The LA Weekly, The Village Voice, and many other outlets. Dr. Zook has also worked as a producer and on-air commentator for National Public Radio, and she continues to appear periodically as an on-air commentator providing analysis of media, social justice issues, and politics for NPR, CNN, BET, Fox, TV-One, MTV, and MSNBC. Her expertise is at the intersections of journalism, cultural reporting, race, gender, and media studies.

She is the author of books about African-American women ("Black Women's Lives: Stories of Power and Pain"), black television production ("Color By Fox") and minority media ownership ("I see Black People").

Dr. Zook has served most recently as a mentor for the Op-Ed Project in New York, and a judge for the Robert F. Kennedy Journalism Awards and The New York Press Club Awards. In 2013, she was appointed to the Board of Directors for the Alicia Patterson Foundation in Washington DC.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Media - Print, Writing and Editing, Media - Online, Education/Learning

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Journalism, Media Analysis, Social Justice Issues, Politics, Race and Gender Relations

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## **Affiliations**

National Association of Black Journalists, Essence Magazine - Contributing Writer , Alicia Patterson Foundation Board of Directors

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## **Education**

**University of California Santa Cruz**

Ph.D. History of Consciousness

**University of California Santa Barbara**

B.A. English

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