

# Nancy Scola

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**Profile** Political reporter and writer with a technology bent. Demonstrated skill in making complex issues accessible to a wide readership, producing deeply-sourced and lively copy, drawing an audience, and writing in a variety of journalistic formats, from short blog posts to feature-length pieces.

## Writing

### Freelance Writer

*New York, NY/2009-present*

Cover modern politics in reported, analytical pieces for publications that include *The American Prospect*, *The Atlantic*, *Capital*, *Columbia Journalism Review*, *New York*, *Seed*, and *Salon*. Serve as politics and technology correspondent for *The Atlantic*. Freelance work ranges from news-driven reporting on current events to profile pieces of political figures to feature-style dissections of major public policy debates. Clips available at nancyscola.com.

### Lead Writer/Associate Editor

**Personal Democracy Forum's *techPresident*** *New York, NY/2008-2011*

Served as lead writer and daily managing editor of a leading online publication on the intersections of technology and politics. In that capacity, regularly broke news and provided inside reporting on the modern practice of politics and government. During that tenure, *techPresident.com* enjoyed a dedicated readership (50,000 unique page views per month), with strong interest from media and political audiences, and was widely linked to on social media and in other online venues. *techPresident* formed the basis for *The Daily Digest*, a lively afternoon newsletter with 3,000 subscribers. Until 2010, handled production of the newsletter before passing it to an assistant editor. Well-received work included coverage of the 2008 presidential campaign, the Obama administration, Congress, domestic and international technology policy debates, and how digital tools are shaping modern politics. Work on *techPresident* cited by *The Dallas Morning News*, *The Hill*, *The New York Times*, *Politico*, *The San Francisco Chronicle*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and other publications. Appeared on BBC News, CNN.com, New York One, Brian Lehrer TV, and on numerous panels and conference sessions, both as panelist and moderator. During the 2008 election cycle, co-led Vote Report, a project that used social media and mobile tools to conduct distributed election reporting. Links to selected *techPresident* posts and features available at nancyscola.com.

### Chief Online Editor

**Air America** *New York, NY/2007*

As part of the media organization's relaunch and digital expansion, produced original daily online content, curated editorial online content from the network's programs including "The Rachel Maddow Show" and "The Thom Hartmann Program," and managed a large and vibrant online commenting community.

## Other Work Experience

### Instructor

**New York University's Gallatin School** *New York, NY/2009*

Created and taught a semester-long undergraduate seminar on "New Media and New Politics."

### Policy Advisor

**Governor Mark R. Warner's Forward Together PAC** *Alexandria VA/2006*

Led the creation of a technology policy portfolio for the former governor's potential 2008 presidential campaign, preparing briefing books and other pre-campaign materials on complex public policy and regulatory issues including media reform, patent reform, technology access, and net neutrality. Also guided the organization's engagement with potential technology policy

surrogates in Silicon Valley, online communities, and academia.

**Professional Staff Member (2003-2005), Information Manager (2001-2003)  
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and Office of Rep. Henry A.  
Waxman, U.S. House of Representatives** *Washington, DC/2001-2005*

Joined the staff of the House's chief investigative committee to lead online outreach, and served as creative lead on high-profile database-driven online projects like "Iraq on the Record: The Bush Administration's Public Statements on Iraq" and "Politics and Science: The State of Science Under the Bush Administration." Later assigned a technology and information policy portfolio that included oversight work on federal network security, intra-governmental information sharing, and overseas and electronic voting. As part of that work, prepared briefing memos, legislative drafts, opening statements, and research reports for Rep. Waxman and the other Democratic Oversight Committee members.

**Research Development Associate**

**Social Compact** *Friendship Heights, MD/1999-2001*

Spearheaded the creation of replicable research techniques to identify untapped economic needs and opportunities, such as retail and banking, in urban domestic neighborhoods for a Washington-area non-profit organization. Research work conducted in and on neighborhoods in Chicago, Washington DC, Houston, New York City, and other major U.S. cities. Methods included the analysis of multiple large data sets and producing geographic visualizations.

**Education**

**Boston University** *M.A.*

*Boston, MA/1999*

Received graduate degree in anthropology upon completion of a master's thesis on the East African slave trade's continuing effects on the Swahili coast of modern Kenya. Under a U.S. Department of Education Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship, served a one-year term as a fellow in the university's African Studies Center, a Department of Education Title VI National Resource Center.

**George Washington University** *B.A.*

*Washington DC/1998*

Received undergraduate degree in anthropology with a minor in Africana (African and African-American) studies. In 1997, was awarded the Department of Anthropology's Lewis B. Cotlow field grant for summer ethnographic research in Nairobi, Kenya.

**Non-Degree  
Education**

**Internet Law Program at Harvard's Berkman Center for Internet & Society**

*Cambridge, MA/2005*

While working in the U.S. House of Representatives, completed the leading technology research center's educational program on the legal, economic, and public policy implications of the Internet.

**Summer Cooperative African Language Institute**

*New Haven, CT/1999*

Completed an intensive eight-week Swahili language training program at Yale University, under a U.S. Department of Education Foreign Language and Area Studies grant, culminating in the passing of the FLAS Kiswahili proficiency exam.

**Additional  
Skills**

Basic Spanish reading and speaking abilities, advanced photographic and design skills, and HTML expertise.

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