

Ruvani de Silva

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Summary

I am a professional freelance writer specializing in drinks, food, culture, travel, DEI and sustainability, and the intersection of these and other genres. I am passionate about telling compelling stories, working closely with sources and crafting dynamic, engaging articles that resonate with readers and offer interesting and informative insights. Working with long and short form copy, I am practiced and eloquent and delving into the heart of a subject and capturing its essence. I am excellent at meeting deadlines and enjoy working collaboratively with editors on both ideas and copy and am always on the hunt for my next project.

Highlights	Accomplishments
• Powerful, compelling storytelling • Excellent spelling and grammar • Focused, detailed research skills • Well-organized and deadline-oriented • Strong communication skills • Experienced and professional	• Recipient of two British Guild of Beer Writers Highly Commended Awards (2021 & 2022) • Recognized as one of Good Beer Hunting's 2021 Signifiers • Built a successful professional writing career in under four years • Selected for multiple industry conference panels, including The Smithsonian Food History Weekend Last Call, Beer Culture Summit, Women's International Beer Summit and the Asian America Journalist's Association conference

Experience

Freelance Writer, January 2020-present

- I write regular stories for multiple local and national websites and publications, including Texas Monthly, Austin Monthly, Modern Farmer, Pellicle and the Houston Chron,
- Other publications I work with include the Washington Post, Good Beer Hunting, Craft Spirits Magazine, Hop Culture, VinePair, PUNCH, Gastro Obscura, Ferment, Cuisine Noir, Austin Woman, Beer Is For Everyone and The Alcohol Professor
- I specialize in stories with a local, sustainability, DEI or travel element
- My work also includes pieces on national and international trends in beverages and food, new products and industry developments, and personal origin stories

Education

- MSc International Politics, School of Oriental & African Studies, University of London 2002-3
- BA Hons Modern History (2:1), University of Oxford 1998-2021

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