

# Nancy Scola

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2015-PRESENT | WASHINGTON DC

### ***POLITICO***

#### **technology reporter/senior technology reporter**

Report on the intersections of technology and public policy, government, and politics, with a focus on both breaking news and authoring longer-form pieces. Write extensively on the presidential administration and technology companies' work in Washington. Contributor to *POLITICO*'s widely read "Morning Tech" newsletter. Promoted to senior reporter after one year.

2007-PRESENT

#### **freelance writer**

Work as a freelance writer with publication in *Capital New York*, *Columbia Journalism Review*, *New York Magazine*, *Next City*, *Reuters*, *Salon*, *SEED Magazine*, *The American Prospect*, *TheAtlantic.com*, *The Washington Post*, *Washingtonian*, and other outlets. (A list of clips is available on nancyscola.com.) Held the role of contributing editor at *POLITICO Magazine*. Served as a correspondent on technology and politics for *TheAtlantic.com* and one of twelve contributing writers for TAPPED, the group blog of *The American Prospect*, covering technology and public policy.

2014-2015 | WASHINGTON DC

### ***The Washington Post***

#### **staff writer**

Covered technology policy and the role of technology in politics, including reporting and analysis on the net neutrality debate, patent reform, and the technology industry's engagement in the political process.

2013-2014

### ***Next City***

#### **contributing writer**

For the urban affairs publication *Next City*, wrote the reported column "The Shared City," a daily look at the way the changing roles of citizens, civil society, government, and business are organizing urban life. Also authored pieces for their feature series "Forefront," including examinations of the hired-car company Uber, New York City's development of a technology campus on Roosevelt Island, and the civic technology organization Code for America.

2008-2011 | NEW YORK, NEW YORK

### ***techPresident* and Personal Democracy Forum**

#### **lead writer and associate editor**

Served as lead writer and editor for an online publication covering the role of technology in politics (online at techpresident.com). In that capacity, quickly processed the day's news; provided reporting on and analysis of events, ideas, and trends having to do with the modern practice of politics and government; and cultivated a dedicated readership.

2007 | NEW YORK, NEW YORK

**Air America**

**chief online editor**

Launched the progressive media network's new blog and served as its lead writer, while working with on-air talent to create content for the organization's web presence. Managed a large and vibrant online commenting community.

2006 | ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

**Mark Warner's Forward Together PAC**

**policy advisor and outreach coordinator**

Served as an aide to Governor (now Senator) Mark Warner of Virginia as he explored a presidential run, working in two capacities: crafting policy positions on technological issues, such as network neutrality, broadband access, and media consolidation; and building relationships with leading technologists and the technology world.

2003-2006 | WASHINGTON DC

**Rep. Henry Waxman and the Committee on Government Reform in the U.S. House of Representatives**

**professional staff member**

Served as the representative from southern California's legislative aide with a technology and information policy portfolio which included electronic voting, the security of government information, and oversight of federal IT implementation. Duties included authoring policy memos, drafting legislation, planning oversight hearings, writing investigative reports, and meeting with stakeholders both inside and outside government.

2001-2003 | WASHINGTON DC

**Rep. Henry Waxman and the Committee on Government Reform in the U.S. House of Representatives**

**computer information manager**

Directed Rep. Waxman and the committee's online communications program. Work included leading his email outreach program, writing online content, and building special projects that used the Internet to engage the public in the work of the committee, such as *Iraq on the Record*, a database of the George W. Bush Administration's statements on Iraq, and *Politics and Science*, a compendium of the Bush Administration's involvement in the practice of science in the United States.

1999-2001 | WASHINGTON DC

**Social Compact**

**research development associate**

Designed and implemented research techniques for a non-profit organization focused on increasing investment and other opportunities in domestic urban neighborhoods in Chicago, Washington DC, Houston, and other U.S. cities. Techniques included using mapping software to simultaneously visualize multiple large data sets.

**EDUCATION**

1998-1999

**Boston University**

## **M.A., Anthropology**

Awarded master's degree upon completion of a thesis on the history of slavery on Kenya's Swahili (Muslim) coast and its influence on contemporary life.

1994-1998

**The George Washington University**

**B.A., Anthropology (Major) and Africana Studies (Minor)**

## **FELLOWSHIPS AND NON-DEGREE EDUCATION**

2017 | *Yale University Poynter Fellowship in Journalism*

Served as a spring semester fellow under the auspices of Yale Law School's Information Society Project; delivered talk on "Tech and the New Politics of Power."

2005 | *Internet Law Program at Harvard Law School's Berkman Center for Internet & Society*

Completed a two-day educational program on the legal, economic, and public policy debates surrounding the Internet and other digital technologies.

1999 | *Summer Cooperative African Language Institute at Yale University*

Completed a summer-long program on the Swahili language spoken in East Africa under a U.S. Department of Education Foreign Language and Area Studies fellowship.

1998-1999 | *Boston University's African Studies Center*

Served as a graduate fellow under a U.S. Department of Education Foreign Language and Area Studies fellowship.

1997 | *Lewis B. Cotlow Field Research Grant*

Awarded funding from the George Washington University's Department of Anthropology for work in Nairobi, Kenya.