

# Emily Bell



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Leonard Tow Professor of Journalism, Columbia Journalism School

Director, Tow Center for Digital Journalism at Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism 2010 - present. My role is to create a research agenda, focused on issues at the intersection of journalism and technology. I teach courses, advise student thesis projects, and author research papers. I manage the priorities of the Tow Center. We have produced groundbreaking work on the influence of technology platforms on the field of journalism, on digital security practices for journalists, and on the use of digital publishing tools to create and distribute disinformation during both the 2016 and 2020 election cycle.

Columnist and contributor to the Guardian, Columbia Journalism Review, and a variety other media outlets. A regular commentator on broadcast outlets covering issues including media governance, media and technology business and economics, journalism, politics and culture.

## **Employment History**

- Director of Digital Content, Guardian News and Media, 2006 to 2010,
- Editor-in-Chief, Guardian websites and digital products,, 2001-2006
- Founder and Editor, [mediaguardian.co.uk](http://mediaguardian.co.uk), 2000
- Business Editor, the Observer, 1998-2000
- Deputy Business Editor, the Observer, 1996-1998
- Media Business Reporter, the Observer, 1990-1996
- Business Reporter, Campaign Magazine, 1988-1990
- Trainee Reporter, Big Farm Weekly, 1987-1988

## **Education**

1984-1987 Christ Church, Oxford University – MA Jurisprudence (degree category 2:1)

1980-1984 King Edward VI School, Louth, Lincolnshire – 3 'A' levels. 9 O' levels

## **Awards and Publications**

- Webby Award Winner Newspaper Website 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009
- British Press Awards Website of the Year 2006, 2008, 2009
- AOP Consumer Editor of the Year, 2003
- Number other industry awards for [guardian.co.uk](http://guardian.co.uk), Guardian podcasts, and Guardian video
- Editor, The Guardian Media Directory, 2004
- Co-Author, Post Industrial Journalism: Adapting to the Present, with CW Anderson, Clay Shirky, 2012.
- Editor, with Taylor Owen , Journalism After Snowden, 2017 Columbia University Press
- Co-author , with Taylor Owen, The Platform Press: How Silicon Valley Reengineered Journalism, 2017 Tow Center, The Platform Press At the Heart of Journalism (with others) 2018 Tow Center, Platforms and Publishers,

**Additional Positions**

Scott Trust (owners of the Guardian Media Group), non-executive director, appointed 2013

Columbia Journalism Review, board of overseers 2010 to present

Advisory Board for the Open Societies Foundation Projects on Investigative Journalism

World Economic Forum, Stewardship committee for media industry

Advisory Board to the Edward R Murrow Center for a Digital World, Tufts University,

Advisory Board for the Center for Media and Democracy, at the Max Bell School of Public Policy McGill University

Regular media columnist and writer, the Guardian, Columbia Journalism Review, other publications.