

Summary: Oral History of Corrie MacLaggan, Managing Editor for the Texas Tribune
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Texas Tribune managing editor Corrie MacLaggan was interviewed about her experiences regarding journalism by University of North Texas (UNT) graduate students Emily Olkkola and Rebecca Najera. The interview was then transcribed using Rev.com. After the interview was transcribed via Rev.com, members of a group in Dr. Tracy Everbach's graduate-level class, Qualitative Research Methods, corrected any mistakes that were prevalent by the Rev.com translator. The group corrected transcript was submitted to Dr. Tracy Everbach, following the requirements that the interviewee was influential journalistically, has completed reporting within the state of Texas and identifies as a woman. The following is a short summary of MacLaggan's oral history.

MacLaggan, the current managing editor of the Texas Tribune, is a native of Austin, Texas. She studied both journalism and Spanish at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and graduated in 2002, where she has pursued journalistic endeavors until present day.

Before she was managing editor of the Tribune, MacLaggan started her journalism career at the *El Paso Times*, where she covered education alongside working close to the United States and Mexico border. After working at the borders for a year, she moved to Mexico City, Mexico. There, she became the Latin America correspondent for the Jewish Telegraphic Agency and also worked part time for *The Herald*, which was a joint partnership between the *Miami Herald* and *El Universal*, the largest newspaper in Mexico City the only English language daily paper in Mexico at that time.

After staying in Mexico for a year, the *Austin American-Statesman* contacted her about an opportunity with a Spanish newspaper they had planned to start. MacLaggan accepted the job, moved back to Austin and began working for *Ahora Sí*, the Spanish publication created by the *Statesman*. *Ahora Sí* differed from other publications in that the target audience was comprised of recent Mexican immigrants. MacLaggan wrote stories that helped recent immigrants in a variety of ways, including learning how to purchase homes in the United States or how to enroll their children in school.

After working for *Ahora Sí* for a year, MacLaggan switched to the English side of the *Statesman*, where she became a health and human services reporter. Since 2005, MacLaggan has been covering the Texas capital in some manner.

In 2013, MacLaggan started off at the Texas Tribune as a demographics reporter, eventually becoming managing editor, where she remains to this day. On top of running day-to-day operations in the newsroom, MacLaggan also runs the Texas Tribune fellowship program.

Throughout her journalistic career, MacLaggan has prided herself on her ability to interview both English and Spanish speaking sources, leading to diverse stories that journalists who are not at least bilingual would be unable to report. Although she has not been exposed to many anti-semitic views with her being Jewish, she has been subjected to various incidents of sexism. One of these instances happened while she was pregnant, covering a story about abortion

at the Texas Capital, where a man inappropriately questioned her about whether she had an ultrasound wand inside her.