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Wisconsin Public Radio And Wisconsin Center For Investigative Journalism Name Alexandra Hall As Simonson Investigative Reporting Fellow

Madison, Wis. - Wisconsin Public Radio (WPR) and the Wisconsin Center for Investigative Journalism (WCIJ) are pleased to announce Alexandra Hall has been named the 2017 Mike Simonson Memorial Investigative Reporting Fellow. During the one-year fellowship Hall will work collaboratively with WPR and WCIJ to deepen her skills in investigative journalism, editing and on-air radio production. "When I read about the fellowship I thought it sounded like a job designed specifically for me. I am honored to have been chosen and am truly looking forward to the experience," said Hall.

Named for award-winning WPR Reporter, Mike Simonson, who passed away unexpectedly in 2014, funding for the fellowship came from private donors who valued Simonson's legacy of investigative reporting.

Hall previously worked as a bilingual producer for NPR's Investigative Unit and at Reuters TV in Washington, D.C. Prior to that, she worked on the international desk at CNN Chile and as a freelance radio reporter covering breaking news, women's health, and politics throughout South America from her base in Santiago, Chile. Hall's reporting has aired on NPR News, LatinoUSA, Radio Ambulante, PRI's The World, and Here & Now. Her recent cover story for The Washington Post Magazine exposed child and undocumented labor in America's tobacco fields.

"Alexandra brings a passion for storytelling and for digging into issues that affect the lives of residents," said Andy Hall, WCIJ executive director. "All of us at the investigative center are honored to work with her, in the spirit of mentorship that Mike established during his career at WPR. People across Wisconsin will benefit from her work."

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About Wisconsin Center for Investigative Journalism

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