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**UAA appoints Julia O’Malley as new Atwood Chair of Journalism**

[Julia O’Malley](http://juliaomalley.media/), a well-known independent journalist with deep roots in Anchorage, will serve as the University of Alaska Anchorage’s 21st Atwood Chair of Journalism.

“Julia will be a great addition to the program given her professional experience and sense of community,” said John Stalvey, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. “We are excited to have her join us at UAA.”

Within UAA’s Department of Journalism and Communication, O’Malley will engage students in digital journalism and entrepreneurial mass communications, which she practices as a freelance reporter and writer. During the 2015-16 school year she will teach an introductory reporting course, and an Alaska food journalism course that uses cuisine as a gateway into stories about the state’s changing culture.

Before becoming a freelancer, O’Malley wrote a popular column about Alaska life and politics for the Anchorage Daily News from 2009 to 2014. Prior to that, she wrote about court cases, military culture and Anchorage’s immigrant and ethnic communities. Her work has appeared in Al Jazeera America, the Oregonian and [PBS.org](http://pbs.org/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank), among others. Learn more at uaa.alaska.edu.

ATWOOD CHAIR OF JOURNALISM

Anchorage Times publisher Robert B. Atwood established the Atwood Chair at UAA in 1979. Among the many positive contributions Bob and Evangeline Atwood made to Alaska’s civic life, the Atwood Chair of Journalism has helped educate the state’s next generation of journalists.

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