Bobby Calvan

Bobby Calvan is a reporter, watchdog, writer and editor.

His mission is to enlighten, empower and even entertain. Bobby has worked in some of the country's best newsrooms, from the Detroit Free Press, Sacramento Bee to the Boston Globe. He’s covered the war in Iraq, Congress, the 2012 presidential race and numerous beats, including health care. His storytelling transcends platforms. Bobby produces stories for print, digital, radio and television.

Bobby was most recently on temporary assignment for The Associated Press, where he focused on politics and the statehouse. He thrives on aggressive reporting and held public officials and institutions of power accountable.

Prior to his stint with The AP, he led The Heartland Project, a collaboration based in Nebraska to enhance coverage of communities of color and LGBT issues.

The project showcased his wide range of skills. Bobby wrote and edited stories for newspapers and for broadcast. He gathered sound, wrote scripts and narrated reports for radio. As a television field producer, he helped reporters sharpen their reporting, writing and on-air performance. As a journalist-in-residence at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, he lectured on diversity, reporting, and ethics.
Nima Kulkarni is the founder and managing attorney of Indus Law Firm. Her practice focuses on corporate, employment-based, and family-based immigration law. Ms. Kulkarni holds an MBA in Entrepreneurship and a B.A. in English Literature from the University of Louisville. She also holds a Juris Doctor from the Antioch-UDC School of Law. Ms. Kulkarni has been practicing law since 2007 and is licensed in Kentucky and Georgia.

In 2018, Ms. Kulkarni was elected as the first Indian State Representative in Kentucky history. She represents the 40th District in Louisville, which includes the University of Louisville and Churchill Downs.

Throughout her career, Ms. Kulkarni has established partnerships with crucial stakeholders from the legislative, corporate, nonprofit and educational arenas. She is a board member of the Community Foundation of Louisville, the Indian Professional Council of Kentucky, the Greater Louisville Outstanding Women (GLOW), and serves as a Country Ambassador for the Greater Louisville International Professionals (GLIP). She is also a member of the Rotary Club of Louisville, serving on the International Service Committee, and a co-founder of the Human Rights Section at the Louisville Bar Association, which was named Section of the Year in 2017.

Ms. Kulkarni has been awarded the Global Visionary Award from the World Affairs Council and named an Emerging Leader by Greater Louisville Inc. She was also named a Business First 40 under 40 honoree and was a Presentation Academy Tower Award recipient in the category of Government & Law. Ms. Kulkarni has been profiled in several Business First publications, including Business Women First and 20 Lawyers to Know, and has appeared numerous times on KET's KY Tonight and One along with numerous other community forums.

Ms. Kulkarni is a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association and has established relationships with legislators on a state and national level through her advocacy work. She is a strong proponent of rational immigration policies that will benefit and sustain economic and cultural growth both for our region and the country as a whole. Ms. Kulkarni has also established the New Americans Initiative, a nonprofit dedicated to educating, engaging and building awareness of immigrant and immigration-related issues in our community.
Serving her first term as a State Representative, Samantha Vang was elected in 2018 to serve Minnesota House District 40B. As the Chair of the Minnesota Asian Pacific Caucus and a housing advocate, Rep. Vang has been a strong leader in fighting for the Asian Minnesotan community. Rep. Vang represents the communities of Brooklyn Park, Brooklyn Center where she lives. Rep. Vang currently serves as the Vice Chair of the Property and Local Tax Division. Rep. Vang also serves on the Agriculture and Food Finance, Capital Investment, and Higher Education Finance and Policy Divisions.
San José City Councilmember Lan Diep graduated from the University of California, San Diego in 2005 with dual bachelor degrees in Political Science/International Relations and History, with a focus on war, revolution, and social change. He obtained his law degree from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law and is licensed to practice in California, Mississippi, Texas, and the District of Columbia.

In the aftermath of the BP Oil Disaster in 2010, Diep moved to Biloxi, Mississippi to serve as an Equal Justice Works/AmeriCorps legal fellow at the Mississippi Center for Justice, where he provided assistance to fishermen, small business owners, and other victims looking to file claims against BP. Fluent in Vietnamese, he particularly focused his efforts on aiding the limited-English-proficient Vietnamese-American community in the Gulf, who account for over one third of the fishing industry in the area.

After two years of public service in the Gulf, Diep returned to San José and took a job with the Legal Aid Society-Employment Law Center, directing the Vietnamese-American Workers’ Rights Project, where he again used his Vietnamese language skills to help disenfranchised Vietnamese-Americans learn about and pursue their rights, this time in the context of employment law. In this role, Diep helped improve the condition of low-income workers while simultaneously combating the anticompetitive business practices of unethical employers.

Diep first ran for San José city council in a 2015 special election but lost by 13 votes. He ran again in 2016 and won by 12 votes. Since taking office, he has worked to build a stronger San José and a more inclusive city by focusing on economic development, building affordable housing, improving transportation options, and smart land use.

Lan Diep’s record of service has won national recognition. The Huffington Post hailed him as the Greatest Person of the Day for April 27, 2011; President Barack Obama deemed him a White House Champion of Change in 2011; and President George H. W. Bush selected him as a Daily Point of Light awardee in 2012. Most recently, he was featured in the Washington Post, CNN, Upworthy, and Nerdist.