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# Balu Completes WVIK Fellowship

WVIK, Quad Cities NPR | By [Herb Trix](#)

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Aryan Balu hosting Morning Edition on WVIK Wednesday morning.

## On Friday, we'll say good-bye to our latest WVIK Fellow, Aryan Balu.

After graduating from the University of Virginia last spring, he came to work at WVIK in August. Since then he's hosted All Things Considered and Morning Edition, and covered everything from the economy and local libraries, to local housing issues and

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We're grateful for all his excellent work, and wish him great success.

Many thanks as well to the Communityworks Endowment at the Quad Cities Community Foundation for making this fellowship, and previous ones, possible. Previous WVIK Fellows now work in Chicago, Kansas City, Philadelphia, and New Orleans.

Environment



## Herb Trix

A native of Detroit, Herb Trix began his radio career as a country-western disc jockey in Roswell, New Mexico (“KRSY, your superkicker in the Pecos Valley”), in 1978. After a stint at an oldies station in Topeka, Kansas (imagine getting paid to play “Louie Louie” and “Great Balls of Fire”), he wormed his way into news, first in Topeka, and then in Freeport Illinois. While a graduate student in the Public Affairs Reporting Program at the University of Illinois at Springfield (then known as Sangamon State University), he got his first taste of public radio, covering Illinois state government for WUIS. Here in the Quad Cities, Herb worked for WHBF Radio before coming to WVIK in 1987. Herb also produces the weekly public affairs feature Midwest Week – covering the news behind the news by interviewing reporters about the stories they cover.

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## Newsroom Fellowship, WVIK

### [Augustana College](#)

Rock Island, IL

**Type:** Full-Time

**Posted:** 03/31/2022

**Category:** [Broadcasting, Radio, and Television](#)

## Augustana College

### Company Description:

Augustana College is a private, selective, residential college of the liberal arts and sciences with enrollment of 2600 students. Our beautiful residential 115-acre campus is located in Rock Island, Illinois, part of the Quad Cities metropolitan area along the Mississippi River, 165 miles west of Chicago. Augustana awards the Bachelor of Arts in about 90 majors and related academic programs.

Employees at Augustana enjoy an excellent benefit package including medical, retirement, paid time off, tuition benefits for employees and their family members, and much more.

### Job Description:

**Job Title:** Newsroom Fellowship, WVIK

**Wage Grade:** 720

**Status:** Non-Exempt, Full-time, one year appointment

**Reports To:** WVIK News Director and WVIK News Editor

**Overview:** WVIK 90.3 FM, Quad Cities NPR is the number one public radio station in the Quad Cities area, serving the Quad Cities and surrounding 75 mile area. WVIK is a professionally operated radio station, broadcasting NPR news and classical music, focusing on arts and entertainment.

**Purpose:** The purpose of this fellowship is to give an undergraduate student a view into the world of a radio station. After completing the fellowship with WVIK, the student will have knowledge and an understanding of station programming, show preparation and execution, technical aspects such as recording, mixing, and editing, as well as an introduction to the business side of radio. The Newsroom Fellow specializes in producing daily news for radio newscasts and online presentation, produces in-depth radio features, anchors newscasts and presents locally-produced content during network programs. This person is also assists with online and social media content for the WVIK website, Facebook page, and twitter account.

### Job Duties:

- Assist talent and staff with production of on-air programming; tasks include-but are not limited to-recording talent programming for future use, set up of studio for on-air broadcasts, and ensuring advertisements and endorsements are ready for broadcasts.
- Interacting and socializing with listeners through digital means
- Produces news as assigned by News Director. Reports stories in appropriate forms for broadcast (live on-air, copy, actuality, cut & copy, voicer, wrap, feature, series, studio two-way, etc.)

- Obtains and prepares material from outside sources including The Associated Press, Illinois Public Radio and Iowa Public Radio.
- Anchors newscasts. Hosts local content breaks in network programs. Files reports for local and national wire services and networks. Participates in the creative cycle of story origination with newsroom personnel and News Director.
- Creates and manages the creation of all original news content on wvik.org, facebook, twitter and other digital platforms.

**Additional Duties:**

Work collaboratively with other members of the WVIK staff on special projects as needed.

Other duties as assigned.

**Expected hours of work:**

This is a full-time position with a 40 hour work week.

**Travel:** This position has little to no travel requirements.

**Requirements:****Education:**

High School Diploma or GED required. Additional education preferred.

**Skills & Experience:**

- 1 year of demonstrated experience in basic radio broadcasting and reporting.
- Familiarity with public radio.
- Ability to work independently with limited supervision, prioritizes work, and meets deadlines with a high degree of detail orientation and accuracy.
- Excellent in-person and phone customer service skills and ability to relate to a diverse group of students, colleagues, donors, and members of the community.

**Work Environment:** This job operates in a professional office environment located within a public radio station. This role routinely uses standard office equipment such as computers, phones, photocopiers, fax machines and filing cabinets.

**Physical Demands:**

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job.

Must be able to lift 15 pounds on a frequent basis. Also required is the ability to listen, hear, speak, read and write. Must be able to use a computer to accomplish a variety of job tasks.

**Additional Information:****EEO Statement:**

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**Note:**

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**Application Instructions:**

Interested applicants should submit a cover letter for full consideration.

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## Newsroom Fellowship, WVIK

### About Augustana College:

Augustana College is seeking qualified candidates for the position of News Fellow for WVIK.

About WVIK: WVIK is the most listened-to public radio station in the Quad Cities area, broadcasting to over 40,000 listeners each month with thousands engaging online and on the WVIK App.

WVIK offers audiences in its 75-mile listening radius access to a wide variety of music, including classical and jazz selections, all curated by beloved local hosts. WVIK's award-winning newsroom is the only local radio news department in the Quad Cities. WVIK also produces a variety of podcasts that explore arts, culture and entertainment in the region. In addition to these services, WVIK maintains translators in Dubuque, Iowa, (95.9 FM) and Moline, Illinois (105.7 FM).

WVIK also serves Quad Citizens with visual impairments or other difficulties reading via Augustana Public Radio Information Service (APRIS). More than a hundred volunteers visit the WVIK studios every month to record readings of local papers and periodicals, which are then broadcast on sub-band radios and streamed online. WVIK is also designated a lead station for disaster response communications by numerous local and regional disaster response teams, a critical community service given WVIK's listening area is situated along the Mississippi River.

Committed to maintaining its position as an indispensable community organization for years to come, WVIK recently announced an expansion of both its news and classical programming. WVIK will be creating a 24/7 news and information station on 90.3 FM while building a 24/7 classical music station dedicated to supporting local arts and culture on its HD2 and 105.7 FM translator. As part of this ongoing expansion, WVIK is upgrading its production tools and processes and is building an innovative and energetic team dedicated to serving the community both over the air and digitally.

About Augustana College: Augustana College is a selective liberal arts and sciences college of 2,400 students, including 18 percent first-generation college students, 22 percent Pell Grant students, 23 percent students of color, and 13 percent international students. Our beautifully wooded and largely residential campus is located in Rock Island, IL, a diverse Illinois-Iowa Quad Cities metropolitan area along the Mississippi River with 400,000 residents about three hours west of Chicago..

Strengthening our diverse and inclusive community is central to the college's mission and strategic plan. We seek applicants with an interest in fostering rigorous, inclusive, and high-impact work environments.

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Status: Non-Exempt, Full-time, six-month appointment

Reports To: WVIK News Director and WVIK News Editor

Purpose: The purpose of this fellowship is to give a recently graduated college student or young professional an introduction to the radio industry. The ideal candidate will have either recently graduated from a communications or journalism program or have some professional experience in the field of media or journalism. After completing the fellowship with WVIK, the student will have knowledge and an understanding of station programming, show preparation and execution, technical aspects such as recording, mixing, and editing, as well as an introduction to the business side of radio. The Newsroom Fellow specializes in producing daily news for radio newscasts and online presentation, produces in-depth radio features, anchors newscasts and presents locally-produced content during network programs. This person is also assists with online and social media content for the WVIK website, Facebook page, and twitter account.

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- Familiarity with public radio.
- Ability to work independently with limited supervision, prioritizes work, and meets deadlines with a high degree of detail orientation and accuracy.
- Ability to sight-read clearly and for meaning while broadcasting to a live audience.
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## Award Winning Newsroom

WVIK newsroom is a dominant presence in the Illinois and Iowa Quad Cities.

WVIK won several awards in the Iowa Broadcast News Association contest for entries broadcast in 2021.

- Marianna Bacallao was honored with a first in the Feature Category for Large Market Radio stations for her story "Cellist Plays for Vaccination Clinic." After participating in last year's WVIK Public Broadcasting Fellowship (funded by the Communityworks Endowment at the Quad Cities Community Foundation), Bacallao is now All Things Considered host at WPLN Radio in Nashville.
- In the Best Newscast category, WVIK News Director Herb Trix won first place, and News Editor Michelle O'Neill won second place.
- The WVIK news staff also won a first for its coverage of John Deere, in the Farm and Agribusiness Category.
- The station also won awards for Public Affairs, In-Depth Series, Sports Coverage, General Reporting, and Political Coverage.
- And in the contest for Large Market Radio stations in Iowa, WVIK won second place for Overall Excellence.

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