Björklunden Seminars

"Vacation with a purpose"

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The Beauty of Sound All Around You: Hearing the World as a Radio Host Does

Course Description

Sounds are everywhere - so much so you may likely miss many of them.

We'll explore how radio journalists hear the world, what tools they use to quiet their minds and truly listen, and what it takes to record the sounds that create vibrant pieces of audio journalism.

Learn how to use your smartphone to record podcast quality sound - by exploring the great outdoors of Björklunden and using your "radio ears" to create a sound-rich audio piece of your choosing.

We'll also explore the basic techniques of interviewing - gathering a story from your fellow classmates - and discuss the current media landscape and how radio journalism is changing in the ever evolving world of digital listening.



Instructor



Nathan Heffel ('02)

Heffel is an accomplished radio and television journalist based in Denver, CO. He's the senior host of All Things Considered on Colorado Public Radio News, and the co-host of the television show "Real Talk with Denver7 and CPR News" a local ABC affiliate.

His work has been featured on national and international radio shows including PRI's "The Takeaway," NPR's Morning Edition, Weekend Edition, All Things Considered, Here and Now, and ABC's Victoria Statewide Drive. In print, *The Denver Post, U.S. News* and *World Report* and numerous other local newspapers around Colorado

Heffel's work in journalism has been recognized by the Associated Press, the Colorado Broadcasters Association, the Society of Professional Journalists and Public Radio News Directors Incorporated.

He graduated from Lawrence University with a degree in Government in 2002. He now lives in Denver with his husband William ('00) and their daughter Maya.