

Laura Lucas - Producer

Laura Lucas is an Emmy award winning and five-time Emmy nominated producer who has served on a variety of local and national productions for the Houston-based PBS affiliate, HoustonPBS/KUHT-TV. She has been honored with over 10 national, regional and local awards during her career thus far. Most recently, Laura was awarded the prestigious 2010 Anson Jones, MD, Award from the Texas Medical Association for co-producing a community-based, live Town Hall Forum, which focused on "Health Care Reform."

Laura began her career with HoustonPBS, the number 10 DMA public broadcasting station, as an intern from the University of Houston where she was studying Media Production and Broadcast Journalism. Upon graduating, she native joined the television station as an employee, serving as Assistant Producer for the live daily show, *Weekday*.

Since joining the team, Laura's work has covered a variety of topics and touched upon vital issues within the Houston community. She has produced with the station the highly-popular "Houston Hidden Treasures" segment of the eight-time Emmy Award winning program *The Connection*, the public art documentary *Art is All Around Us*, the Emmy nominated documentary, *Journey of Hope*, a program that focused on three Holocaust survivors living in Houston, the national interview show *Innerviews with Ernie Manouse* and the weekly political program *Red, White & Blue*, as well as a series of Spanish language children's interstitials *Rima, Fuego and the Children*. Additionally, Laura produces a series of Town Hall Forums that tackle a multitude of issues relevant to the state.

Most recently, Laura helped create and produce HoustonPBS' newly launched weekly news-magazine styled program, *Houston 8*. This prime-time discussion program focuses on current local and national stories and garnered a Lone Star Emmy award for *Best Informational Program* in its first season. In 2009, Laura began co-producing and line producing the annual *HoustonPBS Spelling Bee*, the largest regional spelling bee in the country. This program was awarded the local Texas Emmy for Special Event Coverage (Other than News or Sports).

During her career, Laura has been able to cover many subjects that affect the community on a local and national level including, illegal immigration, the struggles to educate our youth, the state of the economy and affordable healthcare.