

**Amelia Levin**  
**Freelance Writer**

Amelia Levin is an award-winning, Chicago-based freelance writer, editor, cookbook author, media consultant and certified chef (Kendall College) focusing on food, restaurants, chefs and other culinary topics with experience in hard news reporting and business journalism. Her work has appeared on the local and national level, including the *Chicago Tribune* and *Chicago Sun-Times*, *Edible Chicago* magazine as well as a variety of restaurant industry trade magazines. She has also developed and tested recipes for Oxmoor House's *Cooking Light* cookbook series and other editorial outlets and companies. Her first authored book, the *Chicago Chef's Table* (Globe Pequot 2012) features recipes from more than 50 Chicago chefs.

As the former senior editor for the food & hospitality group of magazines published by the now-shuttered Reed Business Information, including *Foodservice Equipment & Supplies*, *Restaurants & Institutions*, *Chain Leader* and *HOTELS* magazines, Amelia primarily covered commercial kitchen operations and design, restaurant operations, and the foodservice equipment and supply chain. She continues to write for *Foodservice Equipment & Supplies* magazine under different ownership as a contributing editor.

Amelia earned her certification as a professional chef from Kendall College in Chicago, where she went through hands-on training in classic French and other ethnic cuisines, including baking and cooking methods. As a media consultant, Amelia has also performed public relations work for various food and hospitality agencies as well as for independent restaurants.

An active member of the International Association of Culinary Professionals (IACP), Amelia is also the food writer's section chair for the Association. She also serves as secretary on the board of directors for the International Foodservice Editorial Council (IFEC), and has served as a judge for various cooking and food writing competitions. She has also taught cooking classes for the city of Chicago's Gallery 37.

Amelia's reporting training came from her work at City News Service, the 100-year-old institution where icons Mike Royko and Kurt Vonnegut began their journalism career. The 24-hour wire service, which supplied news to Chicago's newspapers, television, and radio stations, was bought out by the Chicago Tribune in 2000 and subsequently closed on Jan. 1, 2006. As a member of the last class of reporters to cut their journalistic teeth at City News, Amelia covered the police beat for the entire city of Chicago as well as Cook County suburbs. She also covered major court trials including the George Ryan trial and others relating to city and state-wide corruption cases; City Hall and Cook County board hearings; and the office of Mayor Richard M. Daley.

Amelia graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Arts in English and Psychology. During school, she was selected from a pool of applicants to study English literature and painting at the University College London in England.

