

## Jemele Hill



Emmy Award winning journalist Jemele Hill is the Co-founder of Lodge Freeway Media and a contributing writer for *The Atlantic*.

In April of 2019, Hill debuted a new podcast on Spotify, called Jemele Hill is Unbothered. Unbothered explores the news of the day and the intersectionality between the worlds of sports, politics, music, identity, and culture. Unbothered is an honest, thought-provoking, always-entertaining analysis of American life, discussed in real-time as it unfolds. Previous guests included Senator Kamala Harris, Ava DuVernay, Common, Ice Cube, Spike Lee, and Soledad O'Brien.

On April 15, 2020, Hill along with Van Lathan launched the podcast, *The Wire: Way Down in the Hole*. The podcast will break down every episode on the HBO classic series. The podcast recaps the show, critical foreshadowing highlights signature moments, and hands out “signature” awards.

Late this summer, Hill will co-host a weekly nightly talk show with her longtime friend, former ESPN anchor Cari Champion, on the Vice Network called *Cari & Jemele: Stick to Sports*. The show will cover politics, sports, news, current events, and pop culture.

Prior to joining the *Undeclared*, Hill co-anchored the 6 p.m. *SportsCenter* with Michael Smith, which debuted in February 2017 as a more personality-driven approach to the traditional *SportsCenter*.

Hill originally joined ESPN in 2006 as a national columnist for ESPN.com. Her profile gradually rose as she began to make appearances on television, including *SportsCenter*, *First Take*, *Around the Horn*, *The Sports Reporters*, and *Outside the Lines*. She also spent a season as a sideline reporter for ESPN college football games. Her foray into daily television began in 2013, when she and Smith began co-hosting the daily, sports discussion show, *His & Hers*, which sprang from their popular podcast of the same name.

Before joining ESPN, Hill was a sports columnist for the *Orlando Sentinel* from 2005–06 – the lone African-American female sports columnist in the country. From 1999–2005, she served as a sports writer with the *Detroit Free Press* covering Michigan State football and basketball. Hill began her career in 1997 as a general assignment sports writer for the *Raleigh News & Observer*.

In August 2018, the National Association of Black Journalists awarded Hill with Journalist of the Year Award. In July 2016, Hill participated in Emmy Award winning *The President and the People: A National Conversation*, a one-hour town hall with President Barack Obama on race relations, justice, policing, and equality.

A native of Detroit, Hill graduated from Michigan State University in 1997 with a degree in journalism and a minor in Spanish. In November of 2019, Hill married Ian Wallace.



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