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Experience

English & Spanish Reporter, KRGV, McAllen, TX

January 2019 – Present

- Produce, report, and present enterprise daily stories live
- Granted access inside the U.S. Customs and Border Protection McAllen Immigrant Processing Center (pad & pen only)
- Story on CBP storing facial recognition data for over 200,000 travellers and giving data to private companies
- Ride-along with Border Patrol agents telling the story of the lack of agents working the U.S Mexico Border
- Team of journalists who broke the story on a car dealership run by a Palestinian terrorist group member
- Sit down interview with DEA agent tortured in Mexico as he investigated DEA agent “Kiki” Camarena’s death
- Story on bank giving customer bank statements to 3rd parties for envelope sealing

Bilingual Video Journalist Fellow, Miami Herald & El Nuevo Herald

June 2018 – Dec 2018

- Produced, shot, edited, and aggregated enterprise or breaking news bilingual digital pieces for 5 McClatchy regional newspapers
- Used Adobe After Effects to create social media stories (Facebook and Instagram)
- Produced and shot bilingual Facebook Live shows in Miami Herald Studios (entertainment, breaking news, special analysis)
- Covered daylong caravan protest to Mar-a-Lago, honoring the nearly 3,000 Puerto Ricans who lost their lives due to Hurricane Maria. (Submitted print piece, video, and photographs for a daily deadline in both English & Spanish)
- Covered the Florida Temporary Shelter for Unaccompanied Children during the separation of families
- Produced and edited Miami Herald’s special video project covering the 1 year anniversary of Hurricane Maria hitting Puerto Rico

Intern, ABC News, Specialized Units, New York

January 2016 – May 2016

- Assisted investigative producers with news packages for Good Morning America and 20/20
- Edited a pitch video using Avid News Cutter for Diane Sawyer’s story on a female ISIS survivor who escaped from Syria
- Created research dossiers including North Korean and Chinese nuclear plants, Flint Militia, and 2016 RNC Convention

Intern, WTNH Investigative Unit and News Desk, New Haven, CT

June 2015 – August 2015

- Vetted, pitched, and produced digital and newscast content

- Shadowed reporters during on-site live reporting and assisted in finding interviewees in Spanish and English
- Edited anchor scripts for newscast, booked interviews, and set up shooting logistics

Intern, Entravision, Connecticut

July 2014 – August 2014

- Selected as actor for PSA's encouraging Latinos to vote and promoting college education
- Constructed and edited news content for Univision's social media and websites
- Created news briefs for news anchors; translated (Spanish-English) content

Education

Columbia University, New York

May 2018

Master of Science, Journalism

- Produced enterprise, feature, and day stories for print, video (broadcast), and audio
- Video/print multimedia coverage on the educational system in Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria. Featuring children who stayed and those who were displaced to NY. Video received over 15k views on Facebook. Project was awarded honors by the j-school.
- Wrote in-depth print story on a housing proposal that was alleged to be discriminatory against Latinos and Blacks
- Video profile on a Haitian business owner affected by the call to end the TPS Program for Haiti
- Feature video on a revenge porn victim and how NY laws went against her

Sacred Heart University, Connecticut

May 2017

Master of Science, Criminal Justice and Media Arts (Journalism Concentration)

Skills

- Fluent in Spanish (Writing and Verbal)
- Adobe (Premiere, After Effects, Audition, Lightroom)
- Final Cut Pro X
- Avid Technology (News Cutter & iNews)
- AP Style Writing
- Facebook Live (Webcast), Twitter, Instagram
- C100
- Brightcove
- Cue
- Dejero
- ENPS

Affiliations

- National Association for Hispanic Journalists, member