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Experience

The Los Angeles Times: Spanish politics freelancer **October 2017-December 2017**

Covered the aftermath of the Catalan independence referendum and the new parliamentary elections from three different Spanish regions. Wrote breaking news and features citing residents and experts. Reported in Spanish.

The Los Angeles Times: Reporting Intern **June 2017--Aug. 2017**

Reported breaking, daily, and feature stories about California and Los Angeles for the metro desk. Traveled across California to cover four wildfires and their aftermath; the impact of heavy rain on the state's rivers and hiking trails; a segregated school district, among other stories. Pitched majority of 30+ stories. Wrote three single-byline front-page centerpiece stories (each pitched); co-wrote four other front-page stories. Penned several section front stories; broke news that an Orange County rapper's body had been pulled from the deadly Kern River; led coverage of Detwiler fire near Yosemite.

The New England Center for Investigative Reporting: Reporting Intern **Jan. 2017--May 2017**

Worked with reporters at the Boston-based investigative news outlet, contributed to report on investigative story about Massachusetts private special education schools. Filed records requests with state agencies and local police departments; analyzed lawsuits; aggregated and analyzed data.

The Harvard Crimson: Managing Editor **Jan. 2016--Dec. 2016**

Oversaw a staff of 200 student-reporters and writers, designers, editors, and photographers as the paper's top content editor. Led production of an award-winning daily newspaper, one weekly magazine supplement, and a round-the-clock website, as well digital initiatives. Responded to breaking news of national interest and spearheaded long-term investigations. Led analysis team focused on producing data-driven features. Worked as a reporter for the paper between Sept. 2013 and Dec. 2015, covering faculty and student life.

The Boston Globe: Reporting Intern, Politics **June 2016--Aug. 2016**

Reported a mix of print and digital stories for the Boston Globe's political team, covering all levels of politics from national to state to Boston-specific while traveling across the region. Reported breaking news and on-deadline stories, including the passage of the state's transgender public accommodations law and campaign events, as well as enterprise pieces about third-party and independent politicians. Contributed to front-page stories; penned one above the fold front-page story and several metro front stories.

The Chronicle of Higher Education: Reporting Intern **June 2015--Aug. 2015**

Reporting out of The Chronicle's D.C. newsroom, analyzed higher education trends and localized political news to the higher-ed world, with a focus on enterprise. Pitched most stories, including website-leading story about effect of the gay marriage ruling on Christian colleges. Covered topics ranging from campus cops and crime to watchdog academics. Worked with Chronicle's data team to analyze every Title IX case reported at colleges and universities for past four years.

Let's Go, Inc.: Researcher-writer **March 2014--Sept. 2014**

Traveled to Spain and Portugal alone in the summer of 2014 to write guide for budget travelers. Visited 14 cities, reviewed more than 100 accommodations, restaurants, top sights. Posted to Let's Go blog regularly. Published in Let's Go Europe 2015 edition; helped edit the edition.

Education

Harvard University **Aug. 2013--May 2017**

- A.B. History and Literature (cum laude, Latin America field). Citation in Spanish. GPA: 3.77. Wrote honors thesis titled "A Storied History: The Journalism of Gabriel García Márquez, 1948-1996."
- Selective research grants: History Department Justice grant; David Rockefeller Center for Latin American studies travel grant; Harvard College Research Program grant.
- Recipient of Michael C. Rockefeller Memorial Fellowship for purposeful travel in Spain, Oct. 2017-Oct. 2018

Skills

Excel, InDesign. Spanish professional working proficiency (ie, can conduct interviews in Spanish)