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Investigative reporter and documentary news producer from Colombia, based in New York City. My work is centered on the experiences of people facing failing political and social systems, blending strong investigative reporting techniques and storytelling skills across a diverse set of beats with local and international scopes, such as immigration, lobbying and corruption in the US, and political and criminal violence in Latin America.

I have received various awards, including a News and Documentary Emmy, a Peabody, an Overseas Press Club, and an Edward R. Murrow in the Hard News category. Additionally, I was a finalist for a Livingston Award, recognizing the best reporting and storytelling by journalists under the age of 35.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Freelance Investigative Reporter/News Documentary Producer (01/24-)

As freelancer, I have collaborated with documentary, news video, and podcast projects, providing my research, language and investigative reporting skills. Among the outlets I have worked for are This American Life, the Wall Street Journal, and UpNorth Films. I also authored a UNESCO report exploring the violence faced by environmental journalists across the globe.

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism (01/24-06/24)

Co-teach the Investigating with Data Across Borders course for students enrolled in the Master of Science degree. This hands-on course walks the students through building an investigative project, from collecting and analyzing data in several countries to identifying the stories hidden across borders.

Reporter/Producer, VICE News Tonight, VICE Media Group (01/20-11/23)

In this role, I was **responsible for reporting and producing short to mid-length documentaries, features, and breaking news stories with both domestic and international scopes**. My duties encompassed all aspects of pre-production and production (research, developing and interviewing sources, pitching, budgeting, field producing, managing field crews, scripting, fact-checking, vetting archival clips and user-generated content), and coordinating with post-production teams (archive, graphics, editing, color and mix) for delivery to both broadcast and digital platforms. Some of my reporting also appeared as enterprise and short news pieces on the VICE News website.

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism (9/19-06/20)

I assisted the Stable Center for Investigative Journalism's core investigative course for students pursuing the investigative concentration, and co-taught an Investigative Techniques class for students enrolled in the general Master of Science program.

Investigative Fellow, Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism (06/18 – 08/19)

As a fellow, **I reported investigative and enterprise stories for ProPublica, The Atlantic and NBC News.**

Human Rights Defender/Researcher, ARTICLE 19 (02/15 – 12/16)

Researcher based at the Mexican office of the world's largest freedom of speech organization. **I researched hundreds of public records about gross human rights violations cases** and mapped legal strategies to access government information, including a lawsuit at the Supreme Court of Justice.

Human Rights Defender/Researcher, Fundación para la Justicia (02/13 – 01/15)

I researched court records, public databases, news articles, and gathered victims and witnesses' testimonies to support criminal and civil rights lawsuits in cases of torture, illegal executions and enforced disappearances committed against Mexican and Central American migrants in Mexico.

EDUCATION

Columbia University, Graduate School of Journalism (class of 2018)

Master of Science in Investigative Journalism. Stabile Center for Investigative Journalism Fellow and Brown Institute Fellow.

Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Mexico (2012)

Study Abroad, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences. GPA: 9.45/10.

Universidad Externado de Colombia (class of 2011)

BA International Relations. Cumulative GPA: 4/5.

LANGUAGES AND SKILLS

Languages: Spanish (native), English (fluent)

Skills: Research Skills, Journalism, Evidence Collection, Investigative Reporting, Field Production, Human Rights Research, Analytical Skills, OSINT Research, Film Production, Video Production