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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

CNN, Writer

-Race & Equality team, newsgathering | November 2022 - present | San Antonio, Texas

- Report stories that center on [communities of color](#) and inequality across the United States. This includes coaching and guiding reporters and interns at different skill levels, ensuring they build expertise in the beat and their content meets editorial standards
- Assign and edit daily news articles, lead meetings and fill-in as team's supervisor when needed. Created the team's coverage plan ahead of the [Supreme Court's decision that struck down affirmative action in college admissions](#)
- Collaborate with teams across the network to report and write stories to serve all platforms, including coverage of Florida's rejection of the [AP African American studies course](#)

-Race & Equality team, digital | November 2020 - November 2022 | San Antonio, Texas

- Reported breaking news, crafted explanatory and [narrative stories](#) focusing on the role that people of color have in the nation's biggest stories and how inequality impacts their lives
- Reported on [rise of anti-Asian violence](#) and [how Latinos are impacted by police brutality](#)
- Led CNN.com's first [Hispanic Heritage Month](#) coverage in 10 years, assigning and editing stories
- Produced 7-part series with CNN Entertainment featuring [people broadening the spectrum of the Latino experiences in Hollywood](#)

-National digital news team | March 2017 - November 2020 | Atlanta, Georgia

- Covered national breaking news and enterprise stories for CNN's digital platforms
- Reported extensively on how the coronavirus pandemic affected [communities of color](#) and led the network's coverage of the 2019 [Walmart shooting](#) in El Paso, Texas

Austin American-Statesman, Breaking News Reporter

April 2014 - April 2016 | Austin, Texas

- Reported on public safety, providing live blogs and editing videos from breaking news events, including a 2014 shooting rampage at police headquarters and historic flooding in the region
- Served as main writer for project on impact of synthetic marijuana on homeless population

EDUCATION

The University of Texas at El Paso, 2013

- Bachelor of Arts in Multimedia Journalism, minor in Latin American and Border Studies

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Poynter Leadership Academy for Diversity in Media, 2023
- Solutions Journalism Network's Journalists of Color Fellowship, 2023-2024
- Poynter TV Power Reporting Academy, 2022
- Mentored multiple students since 2020 as part of the [Freedom Forum's Chips Quinn Scholars Program for Diversity in Journalism](#)
- Graduated from the Chips Quinn Scholars Program in 2013

SKILLS

Native Spanish fluency, SEO, headline writing, line-editing, Chartbeat, Crowdtangle, Google Trends, Final Cut Pro, Adobe Premiere.