

# SIMONE CAZARES

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## EDUCATION

### **Bachelor of Arts: Professional Writing**

Metropolitan State University

### **Associate of Arts**

Saint Paul College

## SKILLS

Reporting and Writing - Radio and Web  
Audio Production - News and Talk Shows, Spots and Longform Stories  
Digital Production - Web, Newsletters and Social Media  
Mixing  
Interviewing  
Voicing  
Field Recording  
Audio Editing Software - Adobe Audition and Dalet  
CMS - Belka and NPR's Grove AP Style  
News Gathering

## AFFILIATIONS

I am a member of the National Association of Black Journalists and the National Association of Hispanic Journalists.

I am also a founding member and former board member of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists' Wisconsin chapter.

## EXPERIENCE

### **MPR News - Community Engagement Reporter**

August 2022 - April 2023

As the Community Engagement Reporter for MPR News I covered good news from BIPOC communities. Each week I filed several spots and web stories on cultural celebrations, traditions and community champions. I also produced longer feature packages each month and a weekly newsletter highlighting diverse community organizations from across the state.

### **MPR News - Associate Producer**

February 2022 - August 2022

I was a producer for the state-wide news show Minnesota Now, hosted by longtime MPR Morning Edition host, Cathy Wurzer. As an associate producer, I researched, booked and produced five segments per week. I also produced and edited several pre-interviews. While the show was live I connected guests to our studio and prepared them for their interview as well as cut and edited audio to turn into podcast episodes and web posts. I also ran Minnesota Now's song of the day program working with several community radio hosts from across the state to get their favorite songs and community updates on the air.

### **WUWM Milwaukee's NPR - Reporter and Eric Von Broadcast Fellow**

February 2021 - December 2021

I reported local stories about the pandemic, race and culture and the LGBTQ+ community for our daily newscast. I learned how to report breaking news spots under tight deadlines. After six months, the station promoted me to a full-time reporter. As a reporter for WUWM, I focused on breaking news, police reform and local politics. I covered the Kyle Rittenhouse trial in Kenosha and a mass Christmas parade tragedy in Waukesha. I also pitched and produced spots on Wisconsin news for NPR.

### **Minnesota Public Radio's The Current - Associate Blogger**

September 2016 - October 2019

I worked with The Current's digital music team to report on Minnesota music news. I covered everything from news stories to longer features and profiles on local musicians. I worked diligently to build connections in diverse communities to broaden The Current's coverage to include more musical styles and bring new voices to the website. I also worked with new writers on the team. I taught them how to report on and write about local musicians for the Local Current Blog; and helped edit their stories. I researched, transcribed interviews and uploaded events for the music calendar. I also helped piece together features for The Current's in-studio sessions and Music News podcast.

### **MPR News - Intern**

July 2019 - August 2019

I wrote, recorded and produced four-minute news feature packages, and produced newscast spots. I also filed digital stories for the MPR News website.