

XIMENA BUSTILLO

JOURNALIST

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EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF ARTS

MAJOR IN MEDIA STUDIES

BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY | 2016 - 2020

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

MAJOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY | 2016 - 2020

SKILLS

- Bilingual: Spanish and English
- Video/audio production
- Public speaking
- SEO and Google Analytics certified
- Social media strategy: Facebook, Twitter and Instagram
- Web development

AWARDS

SOCIETY OF ENVIRONMENTAL JOURNALISTS

2023 - Uproot Diversity Fellow

AGRICULTURE JOURNALISTS ASSOC.

2022 Feature writing; 2nd and honorable mention

NATIONAL PRESS FOUNDATION

2022 - PAUL MILLER FELLOW

IDAHO PRESS CLUB

Top 3 placings in General News, News Feature, Online Editing, Spot News and Watchdog Reporting categories.

2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

POLITICO JOURNALISM INSITUTE

Selected to be one of 15 participants
2019

EXPERIENCE

NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO

MULTIMEDIA POLITICS REPORTER | MAY 2022 - PRESENT

- Covering general assignment politics out of the White House, Congress, federal agencies and campaigns through radio, video and print.
- Filing newscast spots daily and turning around packages on larger feature stories.
- Rotating in White House briefing room seat and radio pool.
- Traveling across various states for elections and policy-focused stories. Focuses include rural communities, immigration, labor, agriculture and climate.

POLITICO

AGRICULTURE POLICY REPORTER | MAY 2020 - MAY 2022

- Authored the Weekly and Morning Agriculture newsletters.
- Traveled cross country with the U.S. Agriculture Secretary and his team.
- Reported on agriculture legislation and equity from the Hill. For nearly two years, I focused on farmworkers, farmers of color, Western climate issues and diversity in rural America while investigating inequity within USDA.
- Managed the Morning Ag Twitter boosting engagement by 406 percent.
- Converted my stories into podcasts and Google newscasts.

LEGISLATIVE REPORTER | OCT 2020 - APRIL 2021

- Tracked U.S. congressional legislation pertaining to agriculture, cannabis, cybersecurity, education, health care and trade.
- Wrote bill analyses, feature stories, recording audio for podcasts.
- Authored the "Day Ahead" nightly newsletter on Capitol Hill happenings.

POLITICO

SUMMER/FALL EDITORIAL INTERN | MAY 2020 - OCT 2020

- Pitched and wrote features analyzing federal policy for and contributed to daily newsletters.
- Covered trade, agriculture and rural issues and helped record audio for podcasts.

IDAHO STATESMAN - MCCLATCHY

BREAKING NEWS REPORTER | NOV 2019 - AUG 2020

- Covered courts, crime, police, coronavirus and general assignment. Sub-beats included education and civil rights.
- Spearheaded a Spanish-language Covid-19 news project translating news online, print and radio and produced and hosted web panels.
- Took photos for stories published both in print and online.

ABC IDAHO NEW 6 - E.W. SCRIPPS

PRODUCTION SPECIALIST | APR 2017 - NOV 2019

- Ran control room equipment, edited video and lower thirds for the 4 a.m. - 9 a.m. newscasts.
- Communicated with anchors, producers and directors prior and during live broadcasts.