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EDUCATION

New York University, Arthur Carter Journalism Institute

M.A. degree in Magazine Writing and Digital Storytelling GPA: 3.9/4.0

Columbia University in the City of New York, Columbia College

B.A. degree in English and Political Science GPA: 3.8/4.0

New York, NY May 2023 New York, NY May 2021

EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

The Takeaway, WNYC Studios and PRX

New York, NY

Associate Producer

September 2022 - June 2023

- Covered the cultural significance of pickleball and diversity issues across the sport in a 20-minute on-air segment called "The Polarizing Popularity of Pickleball," which included extensive field reporting
- Produced daily segments for The Takeaway across a variety of topics by pitching ideas, booking and pre-interviewing guests, creating research documents, writing interview prep documents, crafting scripts for the host and creating original reportage

Weekend All Things Considered, NPR

New York, NY

News Assistant

May - August 2022

- Covered entertainment, which included a 1200-word digital piece and a three-minute audio piece on Harry Styles' "One Night Only" concert for the release of his album "Harry's House" that examined the cultural phenomena of musical pilgrimages
- Produced segments for the show's weekly news broadcast, from pitch to final tape
- Covered the culture, arts, immigration and politics beats for the show's digital page

Alt.Latino Podcast, NPR Music

New York, NY

Intern, part-time host

October 2021 - April 2022

- Produced and hosted the podcast's "Archive Deep Dive" series, which covered interviews with artists like Dayme Arocena, Residente and Ivy
- Synthesized the show's 10-year history through an original project that archived all episodes of Alt. Latino, cataloguing them based upon episode synopses, guests, episode format and genre
- Crafted content strategies for the Alt. Latino rebrand for NPR Music executives
- Wrote, edited and published content for the Alt.Latino blog at NPR Music, which included coverage of major Latin music events like the Latin Grammys and cultural criticism deep-dive essays on artists like Reggaetón producer J. Balvin
- Published music criticism for the NPR Music #NowPlaying blog, including reviews of singles by Jensen McRae and Harry Styles

V Magazine x V MAN New York, NY

Digital Editorial Intern

July - October 2021

- Covered entertainment and culture, which included a 1000-word explainer on Britney Spears' conservatorship battle
- Wrote and published music, fashion, movie and T.V. news coverage for both print and digital
- Used SEO trends and keywords to maximize audience engagement with digital stories

WKCR FM 89.9 Radio, Columbia University: News & Arts Department

New York, NY

Co-Founder: Freedom Radio Hour & PRIMEROSAS Podcast; Radio Host; Head Content Creator

- September 2017 October 2021 Created and hosted PRIMEROSAS: a podcast dedicated to generating diverse news coverage on pop culture with a focus on Latinx
- perspectives that ran in both English and Spanish, which earned national recognition by Glamour Magazine as a 2020 "College Woman of the
- Covered entertainment for WKCR as a News and Arts correspondent, which included the impact of @DeuxMoi's Instagram surveillance on celebrity culture, the controversy surrounding the release of "American Dirt" by Jeanine Cummins, and Netflix's cancellation of "One Day At A Time"
- Worked on-camera as a host to interview popular culture figures for the publication's digital pages

That Which Remains Creative Writing Journal at The Eric Holder Initiative, Columbia University

New York, NY

Nonfiction Editor

January 2020 – June 2021

 Served as a nonfiction editor for the Initiative's justice-focused creative writing journal That Which Remains by editing nonfiction submissions and curating stories to highlight for the publication's print and website format, which included pieces by Nnamdi Asomugha, Akemi Kochiyama and Ian Manuel

SKILLS & HONORS

- Software: Substack Newsletters, WordPress, NPR Seamus Content Management System, Google Suite, MailChimp, Microsoft Office Suite
- Multimedia: Adobe Audition, Photoshop and Premiere Pro; Audacity; Canva; Hindenburg; NPR's Multitrack Editor; WNYC's DAVID software; TikTok, Facebook, Instagram, Threads and Twitter
- Honors: New York University Alpine Fellow, Columbia University Harry J. Carman Fellow, Glamour Magazine's "College Woman of the Year" 2020, Hispanic Scholarship Fund Media & Entertainment Fellow