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EXPERIENCE

Law Enforcement/Island Reporter, *Bradenton Herald*, Bradenton, FL March 2014 – Present
Cover breaking news, crime and courts in Manatee County and three cities on Anna Maria Island, as well as write about the many challenges facing residents due to tourism. As a night reporter, I also cover general assignments and often photograph own stories. Produce and edit videos to complement stories for Bradenton.com.

Associate Editor, *Lossip.com*, New York, NY August 2013 – March 2014
Wrote and edited engaging entertainment, news and culture content for Lossip.com. Helped plan and execute exclusive interviews with celebrities for the website. Maintained the site's social media presence via Facebook, Twitter & Instagram. Oversaw the website in Deputy Editor's absence, as well as managed freelancers.

Editorial Assistant, *Latina.com*, New York, NY December 2012 – August 2013
Maintained the website's engaging social media presence via Facebook, Twitter & Instagram. Wrote and built/edited web-savvy content for Latina.com. Provided administrative support to the publication's entire digital editorial team.

Assistant Entertainment Editor, *Univision News*, New York, NY January 2012 – September 2012
Helped plan and write entertainment, pop culture, and arts content for univisionnews.tumblr.com, the initial platform for the digital joint venture between Univision News and ABC (Fusion). Oversaw and maintained the entertainment Twitter account (@UniNewsEnt) around the clock, and covered events such as red carpets, music and film festivals, etc. Also produced, shot, and edited own video stories.

Correspondent, *Tampa Bay Times*, St. Petersburg, FL Summer, 2007 and 2010
Wrote features and local news stories for various sections, including *Clearwater Times* and *Neighborhood Times*.

EDUCATION

Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, New York, NY May 2011
Master of Science, print concentration with coursework in digital journalism, photojournalism, and video. Wrote day, features, and crime stories for *The Brooklyn Ink*. Rotated as live wire editor, for which I searched for breaking news, and as day editor of the website.

University of South Florida, Tampa, FL May 2009
Bachelor of Arts in Magazine Journalism with coursework in Research Methods, Advanced Reporting, and Critical Writing. Won numerous awards, including *St. Petersburg Times* Career Journalism Scholarship, USF Scholars Award, USF Golden Bull Award and Pillar of the Community Award for Greek Life.

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Languages: Fluent in Spanish

Skills: Photography, Microsoft Office (Word, PowerPoint, Excel), Final Cut Pro, light Adobe InDesign, light Adobe Photoshop, Pro Tools, Videolicious, Tumblr, WordPress, Social Networking (Twitter, Facebook, TweetDeck, HootSuite, Instagram, LinkedIn, WhoSay), Vimeo, Skype, and research skills such as LexisNexis & Factiva.

References are available upon request.