



Award-winning, investigative reporter passionate about delivering in-depth and compelling accountability projects that highlight issues of social justice and inequity while holding the powerful accountable and making real, tangible impact.

FOCUS

- Criminal Justice
- Immigration
- Social Justice
- Systemic Disparities
- Racial Justice

HIGHLIGHTS

- Bilingual
- Dogged
- Critical thinker
- Collaborative
- Nuanced
- Well-sourced
- Self-motivated & persistent
- Focused & teachable
- Firm grasp of ethics
- Communicative
- Empathetic & bold interviewer
- Data-driven

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

USA TODAY—National Investigative Reporter — (07/2021–Present)

Toxic Sewers: An investigation into how the federal government is funding a popular, but noxious, piping fix that sickening people. And it's throughout America's sewers.

Left to Rot: An investigation reveals how a collapsed condo in South Florida that killed 98 people in June 2021 was born of botched construction and evidence of money laundering.

Maynard Institute—Investigative Storytelling Track Deputy— (2020–Present)

Every year I help develop a curriculum for 15 investigative fellows and journalists of color as well as mentorship opportunities.

The Miami Herald—National Immigration Reporter — (2008–2021)

Stories have revealed major gaps in national immigration policies and procedures. They've also exposed abusive conditions at ICE detention centers pre and post the COVID pandemic. One investigation led to the release of a man who held the record for being in ICE's custody/solitary confinement the longest: 11 years. Another piece uncovered that ICE was coercing detainees to self-deport, a process that was halted after the story was published. Formerly a municipal government, breaking news reporter and web producer.

Reveal, Center for Investigative Reporting, Fellow— (2018/2019)

Broke news on how Former Trump Chief of Staff, John Kelly, was profiting off an immigrant child detention center in Florida.

The New York Times— Metro Reporter (06/2014 to 08/2014)

Covered courts, breaking news and produced long-form feature stories as an intern. Worked on teams with veteran reporters.

The Boston Globe—Part-Time Breaking News Reporter (01/2014 to 05/2014)

The Boston Herald —Reporter (09/2012 to 01/2014, full-time)

Covered municipal and state criminal court. Part of the team that covered the Boston Marathon bombings and its aftermath.

The Dallas Morning News— Public Safety Reporter (2013)

Covered the public safety beat as an intern.

El Nuevo Herald—Web Producer (04/2011 to 09/2011)

Managed online traffic and social media accounts in Spanish.

EDUCATION

Harvard University, Harvard Extension School — Cambridge, MA

Master of Liberal Arts, Journalism
Concentration/Certificate: Social Justice

Emerson College — Boston, MA

Bachelor of Science, Journalism

The Honors College, Miami Dade College — Miami, FL

Associate in Arts, Mass Communication/Journalism

AWARDS

First Place, 2021 Esserman-Knight Journalism Awards

"The Immigration Pandemic" Investigation

AWARDS (CONTINUED)

2020 Top Women in Media Honoree, FOLIO

First Place, 2019 Green Eyeshade

Deadline Reporting / Large Dailies

Miami Herald, The Fall of the Florida International University Bridge

First Place, 2019 Green Eyeshade

Disaster Reporting / All Dailies

The Fall of the Florida International University Bridge

First Place, 2018 Online News Association

Breaking News, Medium Newsroom

Collapse of the Florida International University Bridge

Harvard University, Harvard Extension School

- 2021 Graduate Commencement Speaker
- Dean's List Academic Achievement Award
- Dean's Prize for Outstanding A.L.M. Capstone Project

Victoria Snelgrove Award for Journalism Ethics

2014 Award Winner, Emerson College

National Association of Hispanic Scholars

2013 Student Projects Participant

2012 New York Times Student Journalism Institute Participant

Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Scholar

2012- 2014, Transfer Scholar + 2018, Graduate Scholar

SPEAKING-COACHING-TEACHING

- Investigative Storytelling Track Deputy – Robert C. Maynard Institute for Journalism Education, Maynard 200 Fellowship: Empowering Journalists of Color (2020-Present)
- 2021 Graduate Commencement Speaker – Harvard University, Extension School
- Guest Lecturer– Emerson College, School of Communication (2017-2021)
- Guest Lecturer–University of Miami, School of Communication (2016-2020)
- Guest Lecturer–Florida International University, College of Communication, Architecture + The Arts (2016-2019)
- WLRN Sundial's Immigration Town Hall (2019, 2020)
- Texas Southern University, School of Communication (2017-2019)
- Guest Lecturer– Miami Dade College, Journalism Speaker Series (2016-2020)
- Mentorship Coach– Miami Dade College, High School Journalism Institute (2016-2020)
- Guest Speaker–The Honors College, Miami Dade College
- Miami Dade College, College-Wide Convocation (2018)
- Panelist– Investigative Reporters and Editors, Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Journalism Roundtable, NAHJ at Columbia University

REFERENCES (DIRECT CONTACT INFO AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST)
