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Journalism Experience

theguardian

 **THE TICO TIMES**

 **Smithsonian**

Freelance Multimedia Journalist

2011 - Present

I write, photograph, shoot video and produce virtual reality stories for publications including The Guardian, The Tico Times and The Smithsonian Magazine. Topics range from FARC guerillas reintegrating into urban life in Colombia, the political crisis in Nicaragua and Costa Rican fishermen getting caught up in the drug trade.



The Wall Papers

Contributor, September 2015 - June 2017

I interviewed academics and scientists at the University of British Columbia's premiere research institution and helped turn their research into easily digestible articles for the The Peter Wall Institute's publication: The Wall Papers.



Semanario Universidad

Investigative Intern, 2016

I worked with Ernesto Rivera, one of Costa Rica's most prominent investigative journalist and ICIJ reporter, to investigate the negative effects overfishing and drug trafficking are having on Costa Rica's Pacific coast.



The Tye

Intern, 2016

I pitched and wrote in-depth feature stories for The Tye, an award-winning, reader-funded publication in British Columbia. I also shot and edited photos and helped with data analysis.



The PokerStars Blog

International reporter, Aug. 2011 - Present

Assistant reporter, Mar. 2008 - Aug. 2011

I write live updates and feature articles at the largest poker tournaments throughout Latin America, Europe and Asia.

Education



Masters of Journalism
International Reporting Program Fellow
2017



Bachelor of Arts in Journalism
2011

Awards

Excellence in Writing - Small Digital News Organization

“Surviving the City”
2018 RTDNA Regional Murrow Awards

Finalist - Pro-Am Student Award

“Surviving the City”
2017 Online Journalism Awards

First place - Best Article or Series / Academic

“BCs Unregulated Tugboats Court Danger”
2016 Canadian Online Publishing Awards

First place - Data Verification and Fact Checking

Team Veridex
2016 3rd Annual Journalism Hackathon

First place - In-Depth Series; Newspaper Below 18,000 Circulation

“Trying their Hand: The Profits and Perils of College Gambling”
2010 Society of Professional Journalists Excellence in Connecticut Journalism Contest

Skills, Tools and Traits

Spanish fluency
Photography
Videography
360 videography

HTML
Web layout
Data analysis and visualization
Social media management

Team player
Persistent
Tries to be funny
Self-motivated

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