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## **EXPERIENCE:**

### **Freelance Writer, 08/2004 – Present – Hora Hispana/Viva NY, New York Daily News, NY**

· Report and write general interest articles including, but not limited, to community service, health, education and entertainment. Cover local events, interviews, and photography. Translate newspaper's weekly immigration column from English to Spanish.

### **Translator and Podcast Producer, 04/2009 – Present – University Relations Department, City University of NY**

· Responsible for translating CUNY's press material from English to Spanish and from Spanish to English. Cover academic events and prepare press material for distribution to the Spanish media. Record and produce podcasts for CUNY Radio.

### **Social Media Manager, 06/2009 – Present – The Humpty Dumpty Institute, NY**

· Responsible for developing and maintaining communication strategies to strengthen the presence of The Humpty Dumpty Institute in social networks like Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and YouTube. Introduce and train staff to blogging.

### **Senior Editor, 02/2009 – 11/2009 – Dollar & Sense magazine, Baruch College CUNY, NY**

· Responsible for preparing editorial content for the college publication. Editing and fact checking, writing headlines and captions according to publication requirements. Write articles for the 2009 issues about local politics.

### **Assistant Editor, 10/2006 – 09/2008 – Hora Hispana, New York Daily News, NY**

· Responsible for preparing editorial content for a 200K weekly Spanish newspaper. Editing and fact checking, writing headlines and captions according to publication requirements. Copy editing in Adobe InCopy.

### **Online News Editor, 11/2006 – 09/2008 – 'Español' section, New York Daily News' Website, NY**

· Maintenance of Spanish website news. Select and publish original editorial content from staff writers. Select and publish news content and breaking news from Associated Press for regular daily update. Select photo material and publish photo galleries. Create special online sections. Maintain online events calendar.

### **Entertainment writer, 06/2005 – 10/2007 – Siempre Mujer magazine, Meredith Group, NY**

· Responsible for writing a bi-monthly entertainment content in Spanish for the magazine. Interviews and selection of photo material. Responsible also for book, music and movies review section.

### **New York correspondent, 02/2005 – 10/2006: El Mundo (Caracas, Venezuela), El Vocero (San Juan, Puerto Rico), La Raza (Chicago, Illinois).**

· Report and write of general interest articles including, but not limited, to community service, health, education and entertainment. Cover local events, interviews, and photography.

### **Film and Theater Producer, 2001 –2002 – New York**

· Responsible for the production of two 16 mm short films: "The Bugchaser," directed by Daniel Bort; and "Bus Stop," directed by Jose Bayona. Responsible for the executive production of the play "Requiem for a Life," by Tony Macy-Perez for the Merkin Concert Hall, Lincoln Center.

### **Production Coordinator - International Theater Festival - Caracas, Venezuela**

· Responsible for the transportation logistics of more than 50 theater companies participating in the VIII (1990) and the X (1994) International Theater Festival in Caracas, Venezuela. Executive Assistant of the director of the IX (1992) International Theater Festival in Caracas, Venezuela.

## **EDUCATION:**

### **· CUNY Baccalaureate Program for Unique and Interdisciplinary Studies / Baruch College, New York**

B.A. in Journalism and Political Science, dual degree. December 2009. *Magna Cum Laude*.

### **· New York University, New York. Film Production Certificate, December 2001.**

### **· National Theater Workshop, Caracas, Venezuela. Associate Degree in Performing Arts, February 1989.**

## **SKILLS:**

Bilingual: Speaks and writes Spanish and English fluently. Computer Skills: Experience in Web developing tools like Dreamweaver, FTP, Photoshop, Adobe InCopy and Basic HTML. Internet research. Translation English to Spanish.

### **HONORS AND AFFILIATIONS:**

- New York City Council Proclamation for his volunteer work as founder of Paper Children USA, the New York support committee for Niños de Papel, a Colombian organization that helps disadvantaged children in Colombia.
- Recipient of the 2009 Donald W. Reynolds National Scholarship for Business Journalism
- Recipient of the Thomas W. Smith Fellowship – CUNY Baccalaureate for Unique and Interdisciplinary Studies
- Recipient of the Baruch College Alumni Scholarship 2009
- Recipient of the Paul and Miriam Odess Scholarship 2007, 2008 and 2009, Baruch College CUNY
- Member of the National Association of Hispanic Journalist
- Member of the Advisory Council on Ethnic Media at the Department of Journalism, Hofstra University

### **NOTABLE INTERVIEWS:**

*Actors:* Javier Bardem, Gael García Bernal, Salma Hayek, Andy Garcia, Catalina Sandino. *Filmmakers:* Fernando Meirelles, Alejandro Amenábar, Walter Salles. *Singers:* Ricky Martin, Obie Bermúdez, Oscar D'Leon, Andrea Echeverry, Simón Díaz. *Writers:* José Rivera, Laura Restrepo, Laura Esquivel. *Spanish Personalities:* María Antonieta Collins, María Elena Salinas.

**REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.**