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Work experience

April 2016-present Global Investigative Journalism Network
Research Director

- Design and development of responsive theme for the GIJN Help Desk.
- Maintain and operate help desk.
- Organization of the Resource Center, to be finished by the end of 2016.
- Curate databases useful for investigative journalists around the world.

October-December 2015, and April-May 2016 Knight Center for Journalism in the Americas.

University of Texas at Austin, UNESCO

Course Moderator

Moderator of the massive open online course (MOOC) "International Legal Framework of Freedom of Expression and Right to Information" in collaboration with UNESCO.

April 2015-April 2016 International Consortium of Investigative Journalists
Researcher

- Research and fact-checking for the Panama Papers investigation.

January 2014-December 2015 Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City
Coordinator, journalism area. Department of Communication

- Organize and coordinate courses in the journalism area.
- Hire new professors.
- Organize activities with and for alumni, journalists and NGOs.

June 2011-December 2015 Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City
Full-time scholar. Department of Communication

- Undergraduate Program in Communication: Ethics and communication, Communication and technology, Online Journalism.
- Masters Program in Communication: Media and messages, Ethics, Communication and media, Right to information and human rights.

August 2011-April 2015 Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City
Coordinator, Latin American Right to Information Program. Department of Communication

- Creation of the Seminar for Investigative Journalism and Access to Public Information.
- Participation in discussion meetings and panel with the Accountability Network (Red por la Rendición de Cuentas).
- Organization of workshops oriented towards research, access to public information and databases, security, investigative journalism, and other tools that help the quality of research and reporting.
- Collaborate in the organization of hackathons to create collaborative spaces for journalists, academia, NGOs and students, in collaboration with ICFJ, Connectas, Migrahack, Periodistas de a Pie, Institute for Justice and Journalism, Hacks & Hackers.

January 2011-April 2015 Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City
Editorial Coordinator, Iberoamerican Journal of Communication. Department of Communication

- Selection of topics for upcoming volumes.

- Coordinate call for papers.
- Design of the peer review evaluation forms.
- Coordination of each volume's release.

November-December 2014 Knight Center for Journalism in the Americas. University of Texas at Austin, UNESCO

Course Moderator

Moderator of the course "International Legal Framework of Freedom of Expression and Right to Information" in collaboration with UNESCO and Universidad Iberoamericana.

June-July 2012 Knight Center for Journalism in the Americas. University of Texas at Austin

Course Coordinator and Instructor

Coordinator and instructor of the course "Ethics in coverage of violence and interviewing victims".

January-February 2012 Knight Center for Journalism in the Americas. University of Texas at Austin

Course Coordinator and Instructor

Coordinator and instructor of the course "Strategies for news coverage in areas of risk". In collaboration with Periodistas de a Pie, International News Safety Institute, and the Knight Center.

August 2006-June 2011 Tecnológico de Monterrey, Mexico City Campus

Professor

Courses: Ethics, Profession and Citizenship, Values in Professional Practice and Ethics, Self and Society (online course).

August 2010-May 2011 Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City

Adjunct Professor

Masters Program in Communication: Selected Topics in Communication and Ethics, Communication and Media.

January 2009-June 2010 Tecnológico de Monterrey, Mexico City Campus

Assistant

Administrative and academic assistant at the School of Humanities and Social Sciences.

November 2009 Tax Service Administration (SAT), Mexico

Workshop instructor

"Perception of the institution and self-perception." Held at the office of SAT foreign trade.

September 2005-October 2007 24xsegundo magazine (México)

Contributor

Writer of short film review section, feature movie reviews, interviews, events coverage.

April 2005-February 2007 Sónika Magazine (México)

Contributor

Reviews of albums, concerts, and events.

August 2005-December 2006 Secretariat of Public Education, National Reading Program (México)

Advisor

Advisor during preparation of the Report of the National Reading Program 2001-2006. Writing the history of the National Reading Program, script-writing and informational videos. Support coordinating presentations at the Guadalajara International Book Fair.

August-December 2003 Tecnológico de Monterrey, State of Mexico Campus

High school teacher

Language and communication.

March 20 - May 5 2008

Research stay

California State University, Long Beach. Journalism department.

Taught two sessions in the course "Media Ethics" about media diversity and codes of ethics in journalism.

August 2007 – May 2011

Researcher. UNESCO Chair on Human-Rights. Tecnológico de Monterrey, Mexico City Campus

Member of the Research Chair on Human Rights. Research Interests: Citizenship, participation and right to information.

Contributed chapter: "Reflections on the journalistic work to the exclusion and marginalization" in the book for *Dignity and Exclusion: Challenges and theoretical and practical challenges of human rights*, Porrúa 2010.

Congresses and seminars

April 2014

International Symposium on Media Innovations. Oslo, Norway

Presentation: Investigative journalism in digital platforms in Latin America. Four cases in review.

February 2014

Symposium "Horizons research in journalism studies." Mexico City.

Report: Journalistic Professionalism: the ideal ethics are applied ethics.

October 2013

Global Investigative Journalism Conference. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. (Professors track)

Lecture: Access to public information as a tool of investigative journalism in Mexico.

June 2013

IAMCR Conference 2013. Dublin, Ireland

Lecture: Why do I do what I do? Media self-regulation in 21st Century Mexican Media

April 2013

International Symposium on Online Journalism. Austin, Texas.

Participant.

April 2013

Sixth Ibero-American Colloquium on Digital Journalism. Austin, Texas.

Participant

April 2012

International Symposium in April 2012 on Online Journalism. Austin, Texas.

Participant

April 2012

Fifth Ibero-American Colloquium on Digital Journalism. Austin, Texas.

Participant

November 2009

7th International Congress on Ethics and Right to Information. Valencia, Spain.

Communication "The reporter and the company. How social conditions and labor can strengthen journalistic ethics. "

October 2008

II Congress of the Americas. Mexico City.

Communication "The role of codes of ethics in strengthening public accountability of the press in Mexico."

May 2008

IV International Congress of Journalism and Specialized Press. Guadalajara, Spain.

Introduction to communication: "From the general to the particular. Ethics that no journalism can escape. "

October 2006

First International Congress on Ethics ITESM-CCM

Moderator of the Ethics and Communication round-table

October 2004

XVIII Annual Congress of the Mexican Association for International Studies

Presentation of the paper "How can we all carry our voices in the media?"

Publications

Panama Papers

Power Players: Interactive produced by ICIJ that explores the stories behind the use of offshore companies of politicians and their relatives and associates.

Responsibilities: Researcher

Published: April 3, 2015.

https://panamapapers.icij.org/the_power_players/

Other stories:

Panamanian law firm is gatekeeper to vast flow of murky offshore secrets (ICIJ). (Contributor)

<https://panamapapers.icij.org/20160403-mossack-fonseca-offshore-secrets.html>

Giant leak of offshore financial records exposes global array of crime and corruption (ICIJ).

(Contributor)

<https://panamapapers.icij.org/20160403-panama-papers-global-overview.html>

El constructor de la casa blanca de EPN ocultó una fortuna en paraísos fiscales (Aristegui

Noticias. (Co-author)

<http://aristeguinoticias.com/3103/mexico/el-constructor-de-la-casa-blanca-de-epn-oculto-una-fortuna-en-paraisos-fiscales/>

Más de 72

Investigative journalism website focused on the massacres of immigrants in Mexico. The first investigation presents questions that authorities haven't answered and the contradictions in official accounts that have arisen in the five years after the massacre of 72 immigrants in San Fernando, Tamaulipas.

Responsibilities: FOIA researcher, Editor, Developer.

Published May 27th, 2015.

<http://masde72.periodistasdeapie.org.mx/>

Ethical Investigative Journalism Syllabi. Co-authored with Manuel Alejandro Guerrero.

Teaching for Sustainable Development. UNESCO Series on Journalism Education. Pp. 95-105. UNESCO, 2015. ISBN 978-92-3-100118-5

Transparency and Accountability: Journalism and access to public information in Latin American and the Caribbean.

An e-book report of the 2013 Austin Forum on Journalism in the Americas. Chapter about Mexico. Edited by the Knight Center for Journalism in the Americas, from the University of Texas at Austin.

<https://knightcenter.utexas.edu/ebook/transparency-and-accountability>

The (Im)possible Relationship: access to public information as a tool of investigative journalism in Mexico.

Paper published by the Investigative Journalism Education Consortium

<http://ijec.org/2014/02/07/the-relationship-im-possible-access-to-public-information-as-a-tool-of-investigative-journalism-in-mexico-spanish/>

Reality and representation in digital journalism. Co-authored with Monica Restrepo Luengas.
Journal of Philosophy. Universidad Iberoamericana. Number 134. Year 45. January-June 2013.
Pp. 271-282. ISSN 0185-3481.

Presentation: Professionalism, informative quality and journalism transformations.
Number 21 Editor of the Iberoamerican Journal of Communication. Universidad Iberoamericana. ISSN. From 1665 to 1667.

Reflections on journalism: exclusion and marginalization.
In Garcia, Dora E. (ed.) (2010) Dignity and exclusion. Challenges and theoretical and practical challenges of human rights. Editorial Porrúa, UNESCO, Tecnológico de Monterrey. Pp. 185-203.
ISBN 978-607-09-0400-4.

The reporter and the company. How social conditions and labor can strengthen journalistic ethics
Publication with papers discussed during the 7th International Congress on Ethics and Freedom of Information 2009.
ISBN 978-84-613-4584-7.

Brief overview of labor and union the journalists in Mexico. In collaboration with Elia Baltazar and Marcela Turati. Presented as part of the regional meeting of the FIP, October, 2008. (Unpublished)

The return to the human: Interview with Javier Darío Restrepo
En-Claves del Pensamiento, Journal of Humanities. ITESM-CCM. No. 3. June 2008
ISSN: 1870 879X

From the general to the particular. The ethics no journalism can escape
Publication with papers discussed during the Fourth International Conference on Journalism and Specialized Press. Guadalajara, Spain. (Not printed).

Support research for the article "New: Under-reporting and disinformation" by Claudia García Rubio. Opinion Democracies. Media and Politics. Lucrecia Escudero Chauvel and Claudia García Rubio (coordinators). The Centerline Ediciones, 2007.

Conferences and other events

September 23-25, 2016 Panelist. The Second Asian Investigative Journalism Conference, Kathmandu, Nepal.

June 16-19, 2016 Attendee at the Investigative Reporters and Editors (IRE) Conference 2016, New Orleans, Louisiana.

June 3-5, 2016. Contributor at Chicago Migrahack 2016. Team Mentor for hackaton.

March 10-13, 2016 Attendee at the CAR Conference, Denver, Colorado.

February 5-6, 2016 Instructor at Colorado Migrahack Training Weekend 2016. Instructor in two sessions about how to use access to public information. Boulder, Colorado.

June 25-26, 2015 Attendee at the SRCCON Conference 2015, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

June 12, 2015 Panelist. Open Impact Day organized by the World Bank. Panel "InfoMEDIARY: Catalyzing Open Data Impact", Washington, DC.

April 29-30, 2015 Attendee at the Global Media Freedom Conference "Building stronger societies through independent media", Copenhagen, Denmark.

March 20-22, 2015 Instructor at Arizona Migrahack 2015. Instructor in two sessions about how to use access to public information in Mexico

March 5-8, 2015 Attendee at the CAR Conference, Atlanta, Georgia.

October 18, 2014 Participation at the Regional Conference of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists. Discussion Panel: Ethics in Mexican Journalism.

September 24-28, 2014. Participation the Regional Conference for the Investigative Journalism in the Americas. Organised by ICFJ and Connectas Initiative. Participation in the panel about Journalists Networks and Professors sessions. Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

November 8-9 2013. Invited to participate in the 11th Austin Forum on Journalism in the Americas organized by the Knight Center for Journalism in the Americas. Subject: "Transparency and Accountability: Journalists and Access to Information in Latin America and the Caribbean."

May 3, 2013. Participation in Commemoration of World Day of Press Freedom, organized by the Office of Human Rights of the United Nations High Commissioner in Mexico.

May 3, 2013. Participation in academic culture Tertulia "By a free country with a free press," organized by the University Extension, Faculty of Political and Social Sciences of UNAM.

May 2, 2013 Participation in the forum "Freedom of speech and press in Mexico: the defense mechanisms of journalists and government bonds", organized by the Human Rights Commission of Mexico City.

April 5, 2013 Participation in the 5th National Forum for Analysis and Reflection "Constitutional Reform in transparency and access to public information in Mexico", organized by the Mexican Conference on Access to Public Information and Transparency Institute and Access to Public Information of the State of Guerrero. Acapulco, Gro.

June 18th, 2012 Participation in the Regional Forum "Autonomous Bodies and Policy Proposals for Accountability. Centralism, Federalism and Cooperation ", organized by the Network for Accountability. Oaxaca, Oax.

October 19, 2010 Conference "Communication, Ethics and Human Rights", organized by the UNESCO Chair in Human Rights and Ethics. Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Learning, Mexico City Campus, Mexico City Campus.

October 20, 2010 Participation in the launch of "Dignity and exclusion: theoretical challenges and practical challenges of Human Rights." Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Learning, Mexico City Campus

Other professional and academic activities

January 2007 - present

Network of Journalists "Periodistas de a Pie"

Co-founder of the Network of Journalists "Periodistas de a Pie", a support organization for journalists who seek to share investigative techniques, strategies, reporting, narrative styles, ways of addressing ethical issues and to strengthen coverage. Responsible for the area of ethics and access to public information.

February to November 2014

Reforma newspaper

Editorial Advisor "Revista R", Sunday publication about culture and politics.

July 2014

The Salzburg Academy on Media on Global and Change

Faculty member.

May 19-23, 2014

CodeCamp. *Using Data to Strengthen Citizen Voices.* Bellagio Center, Italy

Member of the strategic group. Event organized by ICFJ.

February to November 2013

Reforma newspaper

Editorial Advisor "Enfoque", Sunday supplement on political culture.

January 2012 – February 2015

Accountability Network (Red por la Rendición de Cuentas)

Participation in activities, forums and panel discussions of the Network as a representative of the Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City. Subject of work: public participation and accountability.

April 29 to May 5, 2013

Member (by invitation)

Delegation of Freedom House, 2012 World Freedom Day in Washington DC

May 3, 2013

Speaker

Panel "Breakthroughs and Pushback in the Middle East" at the National Press Club President with Theresa Werner in Washington, DC

2013

Jury

6th Essay Contest "University students Building Transparency", convened by the InfoDF.

February 2013

Jury

2nd Prize for Investigative Journalism and Access to Public Information.

5 to 9 May 2012

Member (by invitation)

Delegation of Freedom House in 19VA session Human Rights Council of the UN. Geneva, Switzerland. 5-9 March 2012.

Other activities

September 2013 – February 2015

Co-host of the program "Periodistas a de Pie" ("Grassroots Journalists") by Rompeviento.tv
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLwmZxTO8J4pOcGJJ4ysvN-6yChpFTr--h>

August 2007

Seminar "Twentieth Century Latin America: Analysis of the primary Dictatorships and Conflicts." UNAM and International Committee of the Red Cross.

February 2007

Workshop on Child Rights. Network for the Rights of Children in Mexico. - "Children from a human rights journalistic approach."

November-December 2006

Diploma in Social Policy Development. Social impacts B.C.

June 2002-July 2002

Journalism Workshop. Reforma newspaper.

Course: journalistic writing.

July 1999-December 2000

TELMEX Foundation Fellow

Languages

English: Fluent in writing (90%) and speaking. **Spanish:** native speaker.

Technology

Web development: HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Python; data analysis, spreadsheets, content management systems (Wordpress) and online data visualization tools (Infogram, Storymapper, TimelineJS, Tableau).