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Experience

Freelance researcher, journalist and educator

January 2017-present

Global Investigative Journalism Network, Washington D.C.

April-December 2016

- Research Director.
- Responsibilities: search, organize and offer resources useful for investigative journalists around the world, from techniques for public information requests to security and safety tips, data journalism tools, teaching and training, fellowships and grants, among other topics.
- Help Desk development: selecting and organizing the content of the GIJN Help Desk, selection of the help desk vendor, development of the custom theme using HTML and CSS, coordination with the designer.

International Consortium for Investigative Journalists (ICIJ), Washington D.C.

April 2015-April 2016

- Pulitzer Award Winning investigation: Panama Papers - researcher, fact-checking and FOIA.

Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City

June 2011-December 2015

- Full time scholar in undergraduate and graduate programs of the Department of Communication.
- Journalism area coordinator. Selecting courses and recruiting teachers. Design and organization of workshops and seminars for and with journalists, students and NGOs.
- Researcher and Coordinator of the Latin American Right to Information Program. Creation of a Seminar for Investigative Journalism and Access to Public Information in collaboration with Fundar, Periodistas de a Pie and other national and regional organizations.
- Visiting scholar at the Salzburg Academy on Media and Global Change with a special focus on the right to information, democracy and technology.

Periodistas de a Pie (PdP), Mexico City

2007-2016

- Cofounder, member of the board of directors.
- Journalist and Researcher: Used public information for investigative journalism.
- Specialist in ethics, transparency and access to public information, promotion of digital skills for journalists to access public information, storytelling, data journalism.
- Organized workshops and trainings for journalists on ethics, journalism, digital skills and the right to information.
- Co-host of the Periodistas de a Pie TV show on Rompeviento TV.

Knight Center for Journalism in the Americas, University of Texas

2012-2016

- Coordinator, instructor and moderator for various online courses about ethics and freedom of expression for Latin American journalists and lawyers.

Education

PhD, Humanistic Studies, specialization in applied ethics

2006-2014

Thesis title: Mechanisms of self-regulation: Tools needed for the development of journalism in Mexico.

Certification Date: January 23, 2014. Tecnológico de Monterrey, Mexico City.

Master, Humanistic Studies, specialization in applied ethics

2004-2006

Bachelor in Communication

1996-2000

Tecnológico de Monterrey, Estado de México. Mexico.

Skills

Languages: Spanish, English / **Technology:** web development: HTML, CSS, Tarbell, Python; spreadsheets, data scraping, content management (Wordpress) / **Information rights:** Application of right to information laws in Mexico and the US (FOIA) / **Public speaking and event organizing:** Facilitated and presented at dozens of workshops and events / **Teaching:** Academic, workshop, and informal settings; subjects include information rights, ethics, online journalism.