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Environmental Journalist

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Environmental science storyteller fascinated by the relationship between humans and the natural world. I have a diverse background in urban forestry, environmental construction, and reporting. I have two years' experience as a freelance journalist covering food security, sustainability, Climate Action Plans in Chicago and tree equity. My goal is to tell intersectional climate adaptation and solution stories.

EDUCATION

Northwestern University, Chicago — *Master of Science in Journalism, focus in Health, Science and Environment, June 2023*

- Medill [Comer Scholar](#): wrote two climate science stories about glacial retreat and changes in land temperature.
- Produced an enterprise science story about mushroom mycelium, a zero-waste alternative to Styrofoam.
- Investigated the treatment and integration of Venezuelan asylum seekers bussed from Texas to Chicago.

Fort Lewis College, Durango, Colo. — *Bachelor of Arts Environmental Studies, Minor in History, May 2015*

EXPERIENCE

Freelance Journalist, San Francisco and Chicago

March 2021 - PRESENT

Published stories about healthy food access in low-income areas of Chicago, urban forest tree equity in Chicago, endangered leatherback turtles in Cape Cod, composting in San Francisco, and legacies of redlining in the Bay Area. More [here](#).

DeepRoot Green Infrastructure, San Francisco — *Marketing Manager*

May 2019 - May 2022

Strategized and executed storytelling for urban forestry soil product, Silva Cell. Curated and wrote blog posts and [case studies](#). Managed and posted on company Meta and LinkedIn.

Google, Sunnyvale, Calif. — *Healthy Building Material Researcher*

February 2018 - February 2019

Investigated building materials' toxicity for a 2.5 million square foot [Google campus construction project](#) to meet rigorous environmental building Challenge material petal compliance.

SKILLS

- Content strategy
- Fact-checking
- [Video journalism](#)
- Audio journalism
- Meta admin
- LinkedIn admin
- Research and analysis
- Strategic planning
- [Acting](#) (Indeed commercial)
- Photo editing
- WordPress
- Wix website
- Microsoft Office 365
- G-Suite
- News Writing
- Investigative Writing
- Science Writing
- HTML & CSS
- Data Reporting
- FOIA requests

LANGUAGES

- Brazilian Portuguese (Advanced)
- Spanish (Intermediate)