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EXPERIENCE

Heart and Soul Design Communications, Los Angeles, CA — *Video Producer*

AUG 2017 - Present

General video production and classroom media instruction work for LA-based communications firm.

Los Angeles Unified School District, Los Angeles, CA — *Digital Multimedia Instructor*

AUG 2017 - PRESENT

Design and implement curriculum on digital media, video production, community journalism and creative arts for South Central LA schools.

Alternative Schools Network, Chicago, IL — *Digital Media Instructor / Mentor*

FEB 2017 - JUN 2017

Leading and facilitating digital media projects for students focusing on civic / public affairs and social justice. Producing lesson plans and curriculum for educators.

City Bureau, Chicago, IL — *Reporter / Educator*

SEP 2015 - FEB 2017

Facilitated a multimedia reporting project with a teen group, published web stories, and worked on CB's documentary project on police abuse.

The Columbia Chronicle, Chicago, IL — *Metro Reporter*

DEC 2015 - APR 2016

Submitted reports on public affairs issues, produced/edited copy and photos for Metro desk and participating in editorial meetings.

Social Justice News Nexus, Chicago, IL — *Reporting Fellow*

AUG 2014 - JUL 2015

SKILLS

Photo / Video / Audio pre and post production.

Copy editing, research, data analysis, web scraping.

Mac OS / PC OS, Adobe Suite, Google Apps, and Office apps.

Social media / marketing engagement strategy.

Curriculum development and classroom instruction.

Group facilitation and conflict mediation.

Yoga and yoga nidra instructor.

AWARDS

Emerging Innovator Fellowship 2016 - Illinois Humanities in support of *Digital Natives* journalism training project for youth.

SJNN Fellowship, a year-long reporting award to cover mental illness for the Social Justice News Nexus (2014-15)

UIC College of Urban Planning Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement in 2013-2014.

EDUCATION

Columbia College, Chicago, IL — *Journalism M.A*

AUG 2015 - DEC 2016

University of Illinois, Chicago, IL — *Urban Planning B.A*

AUG 2013 - MAY 2015

President of UIC Students Against Sweatshops, Latino Cultural Center
Advisory Board member.

PROJECTS

Digital Natives — Founder / Lead Facilitator

Fall / Winter 2016 - a digital journalism / storytelling workshop for
Southwest Side youth.

Next City, Remote — *Equitable Cities Reporter*

MAY 2017 - PRESENT

LANGUAGES

English, Español, Portuguese

AFFILIATIONS / CLUBS

NAHJ Chicago Chapter