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SUMMARY

International, bilingual journalist and award-winning filmmaker with expertise in live broadcast, investigative reporting, election operations and documentary film. Wrote, directed, produced and edited the feature documentary *Backstreet to the American Dream*, distributed by New Day Films. See [Work Samples](#).

EXPERIENCE

DOCUMENTARY FILM

Director | Producer | Writer | Editor

***Backstreet to the American Dream* (Feature Documentary) – L.A., CA | 2010 – Present**

Watch and read: [Trailer](#) • [5-Minute Highlights Reel](#) • [EPK English](#) • [EPK Español](#)

- Wrote, directed, produced and edited a bilingual feature documentary about race, labor, class and economic survival, following entrepreneurs from opposite worlds on L.A.'s street-food scene
- Screened at 14 film festivals in the U.S. and abroad, including Dances With Films, Newport Beach and Ethnografilm Paris, earning 18 awards and commendations
- Secured Dolores Huerta as executive producer, Jarritos as promotional partner, the International Documentary Association as fiscal sponsor and [New Day Films](#) as national educational distributor ([One-Sheet](#))
- Created [Cinema. Cultura. Comunidad.](#) (2025), a daylong film and cultural festival at the historic Gardena Cinema, recognized by U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters and Mayor Karen Bass

BROADCAST JOURNALISM & ELECTION OPERATIONS

Segment Producer | Producer/Editor (Preditor) | Field Producer

Nexstar Media Group/KTLA 5 – Tournament of Roses Parade – L.A., CA | 2021 – Present

- Spearhead coordination with on-air talent, camera crews and onsite technical teams for live coverage along the parade route under tight deadlines
- Contributed to KTLA's [Rose Parade coverage](#), which won a 2025 Los Angeles Area Emmy
- Produced and edited feature packages for two live pre-parade specials: *Backstage at the Parade* and *Parade Countdown*

Behind the Scenes (BTS) Producer

Dances With Films Festival – L.A., CA | 2024

- Led all BTS production, including interviews, shoots and editing of exclusive content with filmmakers, for a 10-day festival at the TCL Chinese Theatre, which draws 20,000-plus attendees annually ([6 Vignettes](#))

Election Operations Field Service Technician (FST)

Riverstreamz, for the L.A. County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk – L.A., CA | 2024 – 2026

- Set up, tested and troubleshoot voting equipment, and supported L.A. County vote centers in three elections: the November 2024 presidential general, the November 2025 statewide special election and the June 2026 primary

Election Assistant I, Mobile Vote Unit

L.A. County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk – L.A., CA | 2022 – 2024

- Operated voting devices, checked in voters and set up mobile vote centers across the nation's largest election jurisdiction

Reporter: Health | Immigration | Housing

KPCC 89.3 FM (now LAist) – L.A., CA | 2006 – 2011

- Won 12 awards and honors for daily reporting and long-form stories under tight deadlines
- Reported in English and Spanish, filing live shots, daily spots and taped reports for NPR and other affiliates while advancing long-form features ([Listen](#))

Fill-in Anchor | General Assignment Reporter

WLRN Miami Herald News 91.3 FM – Miami, FL | 2004 – 2006

- Delivered breaking news live shots, multiple daily spots and long-form features under tight deadlines
- Earned a Florida Associated Press award for “The Mariel Migration: 25 Years Later”

International Correspondent

NPR | Marketplace | The World (co-produced by the BBC World Service) – Buenos Aires, Argentina | 2002 – 2004

- Enterprised spots and features on Argentina's social, economic and political crisis
- Covered Argentina's contested 2003 presidential election and filed from Ecuador, Colombia and Costa Rica ([Listen](#))

Fill-in Anchor | NYC Bureau Reporter

WFUV 90.7 FM – Fordham University, Bronx, NY | 2001 – 2002

- Covered the 9/11 terrorist attacks and New York City's early recovery
- Anchored drive-time headline newscasts; earned an SPJ Mark of Excellence Award, Region 1, for “East Harlem Mural”

Fill-in Anchor | General Assignment Reporter

Central Florida News 13 – Orlando, FL | 1997 – 2000

- Shot, wrote and edited breaking news and enterprise stories as a multimedia journalist (MMJ), delivering multiple daily live shots for a 24-hour local news channel

Coordinating Producer | Segment Producer | Field Producer

KTTV FOX 11/Good Day L.A. – L.A., CA | 1992 – 1997

- Wrote packages, coordinated live remotes and booked guests for a live regional morning show
- Associate producer on the Emmy-winning half-hour special *KTTV: A 45-Year Legacy*

PRINT & EDITORIAL

Newsletter Editor (volunteer) | Fairwind Yacht Club – Marina del Rey, CA | 2021 – 2025

Monthly Mailchimp newsletter for Southern California's largest volunteer sailing club ([Sample](#))

Freelance Writer | Latin Trade Magazine – Buenos Aires, Argentina | 2003 – 2004

Economic features in Spanish and English for a Miami-based pan-regional business monthly ([Read](#))

Editor | Writer | Buenos Aires Herald – Buenos Aires, Argentina | 2002 – 2003

Feature stories and Lifestyle section editing for Argentina's English-language daily

SKILLS

Live Reporting and Anchoring • Breaking News • Investigative Reporting • International Reporting • Field Producing
Live Event Production • Bilingual Interviewing (English/Spanish) • MMJ: Shoot, Write, Edit • Nonlinear Video Editing
Multitrack Audio Editing and Sound Design • Documentary Production • Long- and Short-Form Storytelling
Nonfiction Scriptwriting • Public Speaking

Tools: Adobe Premiere Pro • After Effects • Photoshop • Final Cut Pro • Pro Tools • Audacity • iNews
WordPress/Elementor • Mailchimp • Canva • Microsoft Office

Languages: Bilingual in English and Spanish: on-air reporting, interviewing, writing, editing and translation

SELECTED HONORS

- Emmy Award, associate producer, *KTTV: A 45-Year Legacy*
- Golden Mike honors (5) • L.A. Press Club honors (4) • Congressional recognitions (3)
- NAHJ Ñ Award, Best Radio Reporting • Florida Associated Press Award, Best Public Affairs [See All Honors](#)

CERTIFICATIONS & FELLOWSHIPS

Google AI Professional Certificate (via Coursera) | 2026 [Verify](#)

ASA Sailing Instructor (ASA 201, 202, 203, 204) – CSU Northridge and Windjammers Yacht Club | 2023 – Present

Fellowships: Health Journalism Fellow and Senior Fellow, USC Annenberg (2006–09); Knight Digital Fellow, UC Berkeley (2009); Covering Disasters, International Center for Journalists (2008)

EDUCATION

Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism – Master of Science | 2002

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) – B.A., Political Science | 1991