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AWARDS

Sigma Delta Chi Award, Goldsmith Prize Award semi-finalist, The National Press Foundation Poverty Award, Studs Terkel Award, NABJ Salute to Excellence Radio Investigative, Edward R. Murrow Award, Cecilia Vaisman Award, Illinois AP Broadcaster, best investigative report, George Foster Peabody Award, Peter Lisagor Award, Society for Advancing Business Editing and Writing.

EXPERIENCE

Invisible Institute

Investigative reporter 10/2024- present

Investigating gender-based violence at the hands of police.

The Center for Public Integrity

Investigative reporter 09/2022-05/01/2024

Investigating racial inequalities in public health, including how prolonged exposure to toxins impacts the health of disaster restoration workers.

WBEZ Chicago

Immigration reporter 11/2018-08/2022

Award-winning coverage of President Donald Trump's immigration policies.

Watchdog reporting on Chicago's water affordability crisis, the city's punitive system for collecting debt from delinquent water bills has been impactful.

Lead efforts to report COVID-19's disproportionately impact on communities of color.

American Public Media

Investigative reporter 09/2018-11/2018

Lead reporter in a nine-month investigation into the rising cost of water in the Great Lakes region and its dire impact on communities of color. Reporting led to a water moratorium in Chicago and a discrimination lawsuit in Cleveland.

AP-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research at The University of Chicago

Journalism fellow 09/2016-08/2017

"Working Longer" survey of older workers and wrote about aging for the AP.

The Memphis Commercial Appeal

Investigative reporter 06/2014-08/2016

Investigated neglected subsidized low-income housing and policing in Memphis. Traveled to Central America and Southern Mexico to document the dangers migrant women face as they travel through Mexico trying to reach the U.S.



EDUCATION

University of Illinois,
Urbana-Champaign

2007

Bachelor of Science in Journalism
Minor in Latin American Studies

The Chicago reporter

Investigative reporter 05/2011-06/2014

Reported on dangerous deportation practices along the U.S.-Mexico border, including deportations without due process. Collaborated on projects with NBC 5 Chicago, Telemundo and Univision and other outlets.

The Salinas Californian

Education reporter 12/2007-04/2010

Covered education, crime and immigration.

SKILLS

Bilingual, public records, audio and data skills