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## FREELANCE EXPERIENCE

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## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

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<b>MedPage Today</b> Washington Correspondent	<b>Washington, DC</b>	<b>April 2016–Present</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Analyze Republican efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act and redesign Medicaid through text and video</li><li>Translate FDA advisory meetings, Supreme Court decisions and changes in payment to a physician audience</li><li>Attend congressional hearings and medical meetings, (e.g. AMA, ACP, AAN) and dissect policy discussions</li><li>Explore advances in precision medicine and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome research</li></ul>		
<b>MedPage Today &amp; Misc.</b> Freelance Reporter	<b>Washington, DC</b>	<b>April 2014–April 2016</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Covered FDA panels, medical meetings, Ebola and Zika, for <i>MedPage Today, The Week, Anesthesiology News</i></li></ul>		
<b>U.S. News &amp; World Report</b> Health Reporter	<b>Washington, DC</b>	<b>Nov. 2013–March 2014</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tracked the implementation of the Affordable Care Act; deconstructed scientific studies and surveys</li></ul>		
<b>Voices of New York</b> Intern	<b>New York, NY</b>	<b>Feb. 2013–May 2013</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Reported on health and social issues; designed multimedia presentation for ethnic media awards program</li></ul>		
<b>Dulcinea Media</b> Senior Writer	<b>New York, NY</b>	<b>Feb. 2008–May 2010</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Published weekly newsletter featuring teachers, librarians and schools around the world</li><li>Wrote more than 200 educational Web-based stories focused on health, science and literature</li></ul>		

## OTHER EMPLOYMENT

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<b>National Alliance for Hispanic Health</b> Freelance Writer and Editor	<b>Washington, DC</b>	<b>May 2014–Oct. 2014</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Interviewed and profiled more than 30 Hispanic scholarship students; copyedited health-related reports</li></ul>		
<b>Regal Literary, Inc.</b> First Serial Rights' Manager	<b>New York, NY</b>	<b>Dec. 2006–Sept. 2007</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Critiqued authors' short stories and pitched their work to magazines; line-edited manuscripts</li></ul>		

## EDUCATION

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<b>CUNY Graduate School of Journalism</b>	<b>New York, NY</b>	<b>Dec. 2012</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Master of Arts; Journalism</li></ul>		
<b>Georgetown University</b>	<b>Washington, DC</b>	<b>May 2003</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bachelor of Arts; English, Psychology</li></ul>		

## CONFERENCES/AWARDS

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<b>Paul Miller Fellowship</b>	<b>Washington, DC</b>	<b>Sept. 2015–May 2016</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Selected to participate in the National Press Foundation's 10-month fellowship on political reporting</li></ul>		
<b>AHCJ/NLM Fellowship</b>	<b>Washington, DC</b>	<b>September 2016</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Selected to attend the Association of Health Care Journalists' fellowship at the National Institutes of Health</li></ul>		
<b>Precision Medicine Fellowship</b>	<b>Rochester, Minn.</b>	<b>May 2015</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Selected to participate in the National Press Foundation's program on genomics, biomarkers and epigenetics</li></ul>		
<b>CUNY Graduate School of Journalism</b>	<b>New York, NY</b>	<b>Dec. 2012</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Elected valedictorian by classmates</li></ul>		

## SKILLS

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**Software:** Wordpress, Photoshop, Reaper, Final Cut Pro; **Hardware:** Marantz PMD660, JVC HM100U, Canon 60D