

Sylvia Carignan

EDUCATION

American University

Bachelor of Arts, Journalism, '12
Minors: Economics, Psychology

SPECIAL SKILLS

Software: Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite; Audacity; Adobe InDesign, Photoshop

Social Networks: Experienced with LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter

Learning: Python, HTML, CSS

MEMBERSHIPS

Investigative Reporters and Editors
Asian American Journalists Association

IRE AWARDS

2013 Diversity Fellowship Recipient

- Awarded to minority journalists who intend to develop investigative reporting skills
- Attended NICAR Conference in Louisville via fellowship

2011 Campus Coverage Project, Phoenix, AZ Student Reporter

- One of 75 student reporters chosen from national pool for investigative news workshop
- Wrote seven-part investigative series on chemical munitions in Washington, D.C. for American University's campus newspaper

PORTFOLIO and CLIPS

sylviacarignan.com

EXPERIENCE

The Frederick News-Post, Frederick, MD

General Assignment Reporter (March 2014-present)

- Covering Fort Detrick and military and environmental issues in Frederick County
- Using Access, Excel, Open Refine to manage and draw stories from databases

The Gazette, Gaithersburg, MD

Staff Writer (September 2012-March 2014)

- Wrote daily and feature stories for weekly Gazette editions in print and online at Gazette.net
- Covered agriculture and towns of Germantown, Poolesville, Dickerson and Boyds in upper Montgomery County
- Covered city government in Gaithersburg, city with a population of 60,000

The Washington Post, Washington, DC

Local Homepage Production Assistant (May-August 2012)

- Updated local news on washingtonpost.com/regional
- Built out local news stories for homepage placement
- Copyedited; wrote blurbs, headlines, captions
- Curated PostLocal's social media (Facebook, Twitter)

Metro Reporting Intern (September 2011-May 2012)

- Reported on local social issues for the Post's Metro section
- Wrote weekly posts for various locally-focused blogs
- Spoke on panel at American University about this position

National Public Radio, Washington, DC Intern, Digital News (June-August 2011)

- Produced and edited stories from All Things Considered and Morning Edition for publication on NPR.org

Online Editor, Intern Edition (June-August 2011)

- Guided and edited 20 digital multimedia stories from initial pitches to final August deadline

WAMU 88.5 Public Radio, Washington, DC Multimedia Intern (May 2010-January 2011)

- Wrote, produced and voiced my own radio stories for WAMU's Weekend Edition, Metro Connection
- Posted breaking news updates on WAMU.org and Twitter
- Oversaw web content in August and September as interim online news producer