

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, Premiere

Social Networks: Experienced with LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter

Learning: Python, CSS, Javascript

MEMBERSHIPS

Investigative Reporters and Editors
Online News Association

AWARDS

IRE Diversity Fellowship Recipient (January 2013)

- Awarded to minority journalists who intend to develop investigative reporting skills
- Attended Investigative Reporters and Editors' Computer Assisted Reporting Conference in Louisville

PROJECTS

VotingYoung.com

Creative Director, Webmaster
(March 2012—May 2012)

- Built a WordPress website with responsive design
- Guided, edited 14 multimedia stories to web publication

PORTFOLIO and CLIPS

sylviacarignan.wordpress.com

EXPERIENCE

The Gazette, Gaithersburg, MD

Staff Writer (September 2012—present)

- Writing daily and feature stories for weekly Gazette editions in print and online at Gazette.net
- Covering agriculture and towns of Germantown, Poolesville, Dickerson and Boyds in upper Montgomery County
- Covered city government in Gaithersburg, population: 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

IRE Campus Coverage Project, Phoenix, AZ

Student Reporter (January 2011)

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

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
- Assisted reporters by obtaining interviews and photos
- Posted breaking news updates on WAMU.org and Twitter
- Oversaw web content in August and September as interim online news producer