

SYLVIA CARIGNAN

EDUCATION

American University

Bachelor of Arts, Journalism, '12

Minors: Economics, Psychology

MEMBERSHIPS

Investigative Reporters and Editors

AWARDS

MDDC Awards, Division B

- **First place:** Investigative Reporting (2016, 2015, 2014), Business Reporting (2015), Medical/Science Reporting (2014), Feature Story: Profile (2014), Best Web Video (2016)
- **Second place:** Multimedia Storytelling (2016), Local Column (2015), Environmental Reporting (2014)

2016 National Press Foundation Fellowship, "What's New in Covering Cancer"

- Chosen to attend four-day workshop on cancer reporting in Washington, D.C.

2013 IRE Diversity Fellowship Award

- Awarded to minority journalists developing investigative reporting skills
- Attended NICAR conference in Louisville, Kentucky via fellowship

2011 IRE Campus Coverage Project

- Chosen to attend workshop in Phoenix, Ariz.
- Wrote seven-part investigative series on chemical munitions in Washington, D.C. for American University's campus newspaper

EXPERIENCE

Bloomberg Environment

Pollution Reporter (Dec. 2016-present)

- Reporting on EPA's Superfund program, Science Advisory Board, hazardous material, coal ash, pipeline safety
- Advising reporters on data-based stories
- Pitching data stories and graphics to reporters and editors
- Using Access, Excel, Fusion Tables to create and manipulate databases and maps
- Leading weekly, 15-minute meditation sessions

The Frederick News-Post, Frederick, Maryland

Investigative Reporter (March 2014-Nov. 2016)

- Reported on federal biocontainment labs at Fort Detrick as well as the military, the environment, energy, veterans, health
- Used Access and Excel to create and manipulate databases
- Published four-part investigative series on safety flaws and researchers' exposure to biological toxins at federal labs
- Shot live-streaming video and edited multi-camera videos of local music performances for "Frederick Playlist" blog

The Gazette, Gaithersburg, Maryland

Staff Writer (Sept. 2012-March 2014)

- Wrote daily and feature stories for weekly Gazette editions
- Covered agriculture and town governments in Germantown, Poolesville, Dickerson and Boyds in Montgomery County
- Covered city government in Gaithersburg, population 60,000

The Washington Post, Washington, D.C.

Local Homepage Production Assistant (May-Aug. 2012)

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

Metro Reporting Intern (Sept. 2011-May 2012)

- Reported on local social issues for the Post's Metro section
- Wrote weekly posts for various locally-focused blogs

National Public Radio, Washington, D.C.

Intern, Digital News (June-Aug. 2011)

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

Online Editor, Intern Edition (June-Aug. 2011)

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

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