

# Jennifer Cortez

## Experience

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### La Quinta High School

*Teacher* • Aug. 2020 to present

I teach English I Honors, IB English HL1, Journalism I-IV, and advise the student newspaper. I serve on the school district's secondary curriculum council, and manage the functionality of the school's website as the webmaster.

### Global Reporting Program

*Reporting Fellow* • Sept. 2019 to May 2020

As part of a year-long international journalism course through the University of British Columbia, I traveled to Detroit, Mich. as part of a team to investigate how deportation affects students' social-emotional wellbeing and education.

### Mission Local

*Contributing Reporter & Reporting Intern* • Oct. 2018 to Nov. 2019

I covered inequity, K-12 education, homelessness, and general assignments in San Francisco's Mission District.

### University of California, Berkeley

*Graduate Student Instructor* • Aug. 2019 to Dec. 2019

I was responsible for attending Sociology 167: Virtual Communities and Social Media lectures, holding office hours and grading midterm and final papers for 70 undergraduate students.

### La Quinta High School

*Teacher* • Aug. 2016 to June 2018

I taught English II CP, English III CP, Journalism I-IV, and advised the student newspaper. I developed the Journalism II University of California A-G approved course, and supported the English department as the StudySync Trainer of Trainers.

*Student Teacher* • Oct. 2015 to June 2016

I was responsible for the teaching of two English III CP class periods, including classroom management, grading of all assignments, and co-designed lesson plans.

## Projects

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"Tar Wars" • 2013 - 2014

I served as co-producer, co-cinematographer, and editor as part of a team on a documentary short film that investigated the relationship between natural oil seepage and offshore drilling in the Santa Barbara Channel.

## Education

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University of California, Berkeley • 2020

Master of Journalism, with a specialization in multimedia

UC Berkeley Extension • 2020

Career Technical Education Teaching Credential in Arts, Media and Entertainment

California State University, San Bernardino • 2016

Single Subject Teaching Credential in English

University of California, Santa Barbara • 2013

Bachelor of Arts in Film and Media

College of the Desert • 2011

Associate of Arts in Communication

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## Skills

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### Design & Editing

Adobe Creative Suite, Google Suite

### Web

WordPress, HTML/CSS

### Data

Open Refine, Google Sheets, Excel

### Language

Spanish

## Curriculum Design

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Journalism II • 2017

University of California A-G Approved

La Quinta High School

## Honors

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Project Grant • 2020

DSUSD Goldfish Bowl

Diversity & Inclusion Scholarship • 2020

Online News Association

Rubén Salazar Scholarship • 2019

National Association of Hispanic Journalists

Dean's Merit Fellowship • 2018-2020

UC Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism

Teacher of the Year • 2018

La Quinta High School

Student-Voted Teacher of the Year • 2018

La Quinta High School

Student-Voted Top 20 Teacher of the Year • 2017

La Quinta High School

Classroom Grant • 2017

Desert Sands Educational Foundation

Official Selection • 2014

Santa Barbara International Film Festival

Official Selection • 2013

Ojai Film Festival

## Professional Organizations

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