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Education / Certification

Northwestern University, Medill School of Journalism, M.S. Journalism – Chicago	<i>expected August 2026</i>
Language Link School, TEFL Certificate – St. Petersburg, Russia	<i>October 2018</i>
Occidental College, Bachelor of Arts Cognitive Science – Los Angeles	<i>May 2018</i>
Minor – Comparative Studies in Russian Literature & Culture	
Saint Petersburg State University, Russian Language and Literature – St. Petersburg, Russia	<i>Fall 2016</i>

Languages

English – native; **Russian** – fluent; **Spanish** – proficient

Experience

English as a Second Language Adult Educator

January 2025-present

Truman College; Chicago, USA

- Educate immigrants and refugees in learning English as a second language
- Nurture deep emotional connections with students as they navigate integrating into a new society
- Learn about each other, developing lesson plans that touch each learner to grant them agency in their education

Independent Journalist

February 2022-present

Independent; international

- Investigate stories of socio-political relevance in various parts of the world (e.g. Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia; Buenos Aires, Argentina)
- Plan and organize an audio-visual documentary, including find people willing to be interviewed; acquire audio-visual equipment; recruit cameramen and mic operators; develop a storyboard; plan shots both of the subject and secondary shots such as establishing and reaction shots
- Film and conduct interviews, allowing the story to direct me aided by the structure of my plan
- Edit documentary utilizing Final Cut Pro, including post production, audio editing, video editing, organizing shots, and publishing online

Canvasser

June 2017 - August 2018

The Outreach Team; Los Angeles, USA

- Engaged and educated the public about Amnesty International's "I Welcome" refugee campaign
- Worked door to door and interacted with a vastly diverse group of people on a daily basis
- Achieved highest "yes rate" of anyone at the branch, including the branch manager

Activities

- **Independent Journalist**, politico-cultural documentaries, international *2022-present*
- **ESL Teaching Volunteer**, Peer Learners weekly speaking club, online *2022-present*
- **Volunteer**, Chuco's Youth Justice Coalition, Inglewood, Calif. *2016-present*

Skills

- **Audio**: Thorough experience with audio recording, engineering and production
- **Video**: Comfortable creating montages and editing video for documentary filmmaking
- **Software/Applications**: Microsoft Office; Adobe Suite; Autodesk Maya, Final Cut Pro, Logic Pro X
- **General Computer**: application and software programming, APIs, full-stack development, computer repair (built a computer)