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Education / Certification

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

Languages

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

Experience

English as a Second Language Adult Educator

Truman College; Chicago, USA	January 2025-present
• 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

Independent; international	February 2022-present
• 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

The Outreach Team; Los Angeles, USA	June 2017 - August 2018
• 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)