

VANESSA G. SÁNCHEZ

Journalism Graduate Student and freelance writer

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I am freelance writer, interpreter, and Spanish teacher passionate for uncovering stories affecting unrepresented communities in the U.S. and Latin America. I am a first year Journalism Graduate student aspiring to be an investigative journalist.

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PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

Freelance reporter

La Voz Unida

October 2020

Writing and pitching stories with a focus in Latino issues in the DMV area.

Interpreter

Creative Options, Nonprofit organization

May 2020 – August 2020

Worked as a 1:1 interpreter in a youth facility in Baltimore City. My job included interpreting for a Spanish speaking young man, teaching living skills and sometimes deescalating crisis.

Data processor

Crónica de una pandemia

April-May 2020

Worked in an information-gathering collaborative project around COVID-19 in the Americas, China, and Europe. I covered China where I had to read 4 newspapers, track new COVID cases and deaths in the region, process the information on spreadsheets and write a report daily.

Editor and Producer

The Typewriter Project

February 2015 – July 2019

A project two colleagues and I launched in 2015.

I produced multiplatform content which included writing stories, producing audios, shooting video, and copyediting for public and private organizations. I worked for “Sembrando Esperanza”, a bimonthly magazine for which I traveled around Ecuador covering stories about indigenous communities and alternative economies. I was also in charge of designing the first Latin American and

Ecuadorian Literature Congress for digital platforms.

Teaching

Spanish Teacher

2015 – 2016

I taught a Literature and Grammar class focused on writing skills, critical thinking, and analysis of Latin American poetry. Also taught Spanish for second language learners.

EDUCATION

- Multiplatform Journalism Master Candidate. University of Maryland College Park. 2022
- Bachelor's in educational science, Major in Language, Literature and Audiovisuals. University of Cuenca. Ecuador, 2017.

SKILLS

- Bilingual communication. Spanish and English.
- Visual storytelling. Basic HTML/CSS, Adobe Premiere and Adobe Audition.
- Passion for long storytelling and in-depth investigations.
- AP style editing.
- Excel Training.