

Jon Orbach

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Experience:

Podcast Producer and Editor / [AS/COA](#) / New York, NY April 2022 - Present

- Wrote articles on Latin American politics, with a focus on Colombia. Interviewed bureau chiefs, analysts, and economists and wrote about international relations, politics, economics, human rights and more.
- Wrote the news section of the weekly newsletter, which covers all of Latin America.
- Served as a main editor and copy editor for articles, podcast scripts and social media posts on international affairs within Latin America.

Reporting and Production Intern / [WNIN's ¿Qué Pasa Midwest? Podcast](#) / Remote Sept. 2021 - Dec. 2021

Pitched, reported and produced two narrative podcast episodes about the lives of Latinos in small-town Nebraska. Conducted on-site interviews in Spanish, recorded audio and wrote, produced and edited the stories.

News Monitoring Intern / [Universidad de Chile](#) / Remote Oct. 2020 - Dec. 2020

Created a database, in Spanish, of coverage of violence against women in Argentinian and Chilean newspapers, for a study run by the Universidad de Chile's International Relations department.

Editorial Intern / [Moment Magazine](#) / Washington, D.C. Jan. 2018 - May 2018

Conducted extensive research, edited and fact-checked for the monthly Jewish magazine. Wrote two bylined articles, including a piece about Israeli-South African relations in the wake of Cape Town's water crisis.

Copy Editor / [The Diamondback](#) / College Park, Md. May 2017 - Jan. 2018

Edited hundreds of articles for grammar, spelling, accuracy and style for the University of Maryland's flagship student-run publication. Sifted through every word for issues and veracity and called reporters for clarity.

Education:

Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism / New York Graduated Aug. 2021

Master of Science, with a focus on immigrant communities. Pieces include:

- [Despite Pandemic, New York's Poblanos Sent a Record Amount Home in 2020](#) (chosen for Columbia News Service)
- [You're not hearing about Guatemala's biggest stories](#)
- [Uyghurs: How Best to Combat the Crisis in Xinjiang](#) (video)

Master's project: Narrative story covering the growing diaspora of queer Uzbeks

Elective coursework: Conflict and Migration, Telling True Stories in Sound

University of Maryland / Philip Merrill College of Journalism / College Park, Md. Graduated Dec. 2018

- Bachelor of Arts in journalism, with minors in Spanish and Business (Entrepreneurship & Innovation)
- Elected as Student Commencement Speaker and an [SPJ Region 2 Photo Finalist](#)

Skills:

Languages: Fluent in Spanish and Hebrew; basic conversational in Russian

Multimedia: Copy editing, AP Style, WordPress, Hindenburg, HTML, Adobe Creative Suite, Final Cut Pro.

Investigative/data: FOIA, reading financial statements (such as SEC filings, 990s), digital backgrounding, Excel

References:

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