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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

International development researcher with seven years of experience across consulting, academic, legal, and nonprofit settings, leading studies on forced labor, migration, and climate resilience across Latin America, the Caribbean, and the U.S. Currently manage community-engaged climate adaptation projects at Northeastern University and supervise a team of research staff; previously managed five multi-country projects and fieldwork operations under a $34M U.S. Department of Labor study at ICF. Specialize in turning research findings into reports, manuscripts, and multimedia projects for government, funder, and community audiences. Native Spanish speaker from Colombia with a background in journalism and public policy communications, committed to advancing human rights in the Global South.

CORE COMPETENCIES

Research: Mixed-methods research, in-country fieldwork, participatory research, interviewing vulnerable populations, IRB management.
Research & Data Tools: Dedoose, SPSS, Zotero
Project Management: Multi-country study management, coordinating international teams, subcontractor hiring processes
Writing & Communications: Research translation, academic writing, legal writing, science communications, proposal writing, AP Style
Communication Tools: Adobe Illustrator, Adobe InDesign, ArcGIS StoryMaps, Mailchimp
Languages: English (fluent) • Spanish (native)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Global Resilience Institute, Northeastern University • September **2024 – Present**
Senior Research Associate

- Manage two community-engaged climate adaptation studies in the USVI and the Midwest, coordinating qualitative data collection and analysis.
- Co-develop climate adaptation solutions with residents of small and underserved communities, integrating lived experience and scientific evidence into project design, outputs, and community-facing resources.
- Lead development of three manuscripts (under review), reports, policy briefs, ArcGIS StoryMaps, and community-facing materials translating climate research for community, practitioner, funder, and academic audiences.
- Supervise 2–4 research staff and oversee quality control and on-time delivery across multiple projects.

ICF • April **2023 – September 2024**
International Research Management Specialist

- Managed five mixed-methods research projects under a $34M U.S. Department of Labor study on forced labor in Latin American food supplies.
- Designed and adapted research materials (interview guides, surveys, codebooks) to suit diverse local contexts; oversaw field operations; trained in-country research teams; and managed subcontractors.
- Directed multimedia storytelling projects with international media teams, producing written and video stories showcased at U.S. DOL events.
- Interviewed hard-to-reach populations in Spanish, transforming qualitative research into reports and communication products.

Brown Immigration Law • June 2019 – April 2023
Senior Immigration Writer

- Prepared immigration petitions, gaining extensive knowledge of the U.S. immigration system and contributing to more than 300 case approvals.
- Conducted technical research and translated foreign nationals' scientific work into persuasive legal narratives for petitions.
- Researched immigration statutes, regulations, and agency guidance, monitored changes in requirements, and applied findings to petitions.
- Communicated directly with immigrants, explaining complex immigration requirements and providing updates on case status.

Co-Lab for Data Impact at Northeastern University • August 2020 – May 2022
Graduate Research and Teaching Assistant

- Coordinated a mixed-methods study of 5,000 participants across four countries on misinformation and free speech.
- Conducted qualitative analysis, assisted in survey design, co-authored two peer-reviewed publications, and contributed to reports, presentations, and public-facing research communications.
- Supported two graduate journalism courses by editing student journalism assignments and providing feedback on reporting and writing.

ACLU • August 2018 – June 2019
Communications Intern

- Produced bilingual communications supporting immigrant-rights advocacy, including feature stories and Spanish-language materials.
- Developed and translated accessible legal and civil-rights content for immigrant communities, including a bilingual video and informational materials explaining individuals' rights when interacting with immigration enforcement.
- Covered advocacy events through photography and video and edited multimedia content for digital communications.

EDUCATION

Northeastern University
MS – Strategic Communications for Public Policy, Cum Laude • GPA:3.7

- *Relevant coursework*: Law, Policy and Legal Argument; Behavior, Legal Doctrine and Policy Design; Current Issues in Law and Public Policy; Law and Ethics of Advocacy; Investigative Reporting; Visualization Technology. *Newspaper*: Global Observer, Reporter & Editor (Fall 2020)

University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Bachelor of Journalism, Cum Laude • GPA: 3.9

- *Majors*: Mass Communication and Journalism; International Affairs. *Minor*: Political Science
- Communications volunteer at the Center for Legal Immigration Assistance, where I tailored legal content to immigrant communities.