

# **Sharyn Obsatz**

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## **SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS:**

- 18 years of teaching college/university journalism and media classes
- 10 years of journalism experience, including government and multicultural beats, Spanish-English bilingual
- Master's degree in Communications from Cal State Fullerton, plus broadcasting and announcing classes.
- Hosted Mambo in the Cornfields, an international music show at student-run KDIC in Grinnell, Iowa
- Conducted live interviews as host and coordinator of SMC's Communication & Media speaker series

## **JOURNALISM/RADIO/MEDIA EXPERIENCE:**

<b>Interviewer and Host</b>	<b>Communication &amp; Media Speaker Series, Santa Monica College</b>	<b>2016 – present</b>
Launched and hosted the popular public series with screenwriters, directors, journalists and social media stars.		
<b>Multicultural Reporter</b>	<b><i>The Press-Enterprise</i>, Riverside, CA</b>	<b>2000 – 2004</b>
Started as a city reporter, quickly promoted to the immigration/multicultural beat.		
<b>Government Reporter</b>	<b><i>The New Mexican</i>, Santa Fe, N.M.</b>	<b>1994 – 1997, 1999-2000</b>
Started as a general assignment reporter, promoted to county and city beats.		
<b>Government Reporter</b>	<b><i>The Independent</i>, Gallup, N.M.</b>	<b>1993 - 1994</b>
Covered the Navajo Nation, tribal sovereignty, culture and misuse of public funds.		
<b>Intern</b>	<b><i>Esta Semana, El Diario Extra, Des Moines Register, Albuquerque Tribune</i></b>	<b>1992 - 1993</b>
Reported in English and Spanish at newspapers in Costa Rica, Iowa and New Mexico.		
<b>Radio Show Host</b>	<b>KDIC 88.5 FM, Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa</b>	<b>1991-1992</b>
Hosted an international music show "Mambo in the Cornfields" on the student-run station.		

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

<b>Journalism Professor</b>	<b>Santa Monica College, CA</b>	<b>2008 – present</b>
Teach journalism, media studies and "Media, Gender and Race" classes on campus and online.		
<b>Adviser, Instructor</b>	<b>Glendale Community College, CA</b>	<b>2006 - 2016</b>
Taught media, journalism and speech classes. Helped students redesign the paper and develop a news app.		
<b>Also worked as a Journalism Instructor at Pierce College, Cal State Fullerton, UC Riverside, Riverside Community College Norco and the University of Redlands between 2001-2016</b>		
<b>Peace Corps Volunteer</b>	<b>Urban Youth Development, Paraguay</b>	<b>1997 - 1999</b>
Worked with low-income youth and created an educational kids page for the national newspaper ABC Color.		

## **EDUCATION:**

<b>Master's Degree in Communications</b>	<b>Cal State Fullerton</b>	<b>2006</b>
<b>Bachelor's of Arts Degree, Political Science major</b>	<b>Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa</b>	<b>1993</b>