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## EDUCATION

**M.A. in Latin American Studies**  
Tulane University  
(2016)

**B.A. in History**  
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor  
(2011)

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## SKILLS

Writing, reporting, editing, high school and undergraduate case management and language instruction.

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## WRITING & EDITING

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### Freelance Writer, Reporter, Editor

2018-present

Pitch and write stories on the environment, climate and social justice for publications including *The Guardian*, *Undark*, *Truthout*, *Sierra Magazine*.

Manage editing process and create content for clients including individual academics, the University of Chicago, Grist Creative.

Designed, built and wrote content for original WordPress site:  
[www.climatekids.net](http://www.climatekids.net)

### General Assignment Reporter, New England Public Radio

2012-2013

Pitched, reported and produced spots for daily newscast.

### News Intern, Detroit Public Radio

2011

Pitched, reported and wrote copy for daily newscast.

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## TEACHING & LEADERSHIP

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**Adjunct Spanish Instructor, SUNY Oswego**  
Oswego, NY – 2020-present

**Board Member, The Literacy Alliance of Greater New Orleans**  
New Orleans, LA – 2015-2018

**ESL Adviser & Educator, The NET Charter High School**  
New Orleans, LA – 2014-2018

**Writing Workshop Facilitator, Prison Creative Arts Project**  
Ann Arbor, MI – 2010-2011