



Max Radwin

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER

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Bilingual journalist who investigates and exposes the corruption and systems that fuel the most pervasive environmental challenges of our time. Brings bylines across 10 Latin American countries and unwavering dedication to journalistic excellence. Leverages proven strengths in data and policy analysis, source development, and storytelling to create factual, compelling pieces that speak to a global audience. Bridges gaps in language and culture to build rapport and generate trust with sources and colleagues alike.

CORE COMPETENCIES

Investigative Reporting
Environmental Journalism
Source Development
Writing & Editing
Copy Editing
Social Media
Creative Collaboration
Research & Analysis
Public Record Requests

EDUCATION

BA in English Language & Literature
Spanish Minor, *cum laude*
University of Michigan | Ann Arbor, MI

LANGUAGES

English
Spanish

TECHNICAL SKILLS

WordPress
iMovie
Slack
Microsoft Office
Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Investigative Reporter

InSight Crime | Guatemala and Mexico | 2020 to Present

- Investigated the connection between rampant deforestation in Mexico and Central America and the beef industry as a conduit for drug trafficking and money laundering.
- Led a six-month investigation into Chinese-funded illegal logging operations in Guatemala and Southern Mexico. Partnered with military, local officials, community, environmental organizations, and sources to expose transnational criminal networks.
- Established *InSight Crime* as a leading international source on Bolivian criminal activity, filling a major coverage gap. Leveraged insight and experience gained from years of reporting in the area to secure inside information and interviews that fueled the creation of feature articles on environmental crimes, drug trafficking, and contraband.
- Wrote, edited, and fact-checked over a dozen policy and intelligence reports on over 30 guerrilla groups, drug cartels, and extremist militias in Venezuela, providing threat analysis and formulating recommendations for government client to uproot and dismantle obstacles to humanitarian aid distribution.
- Delivered daily bilingual reports on Latin American news to identify opportunities for possible stories and long-term investigations.

Independent Journalist

Freelance | Central and South America | 2016 to 2020

- Worked across 10 countries to investigate and write deep-dive feature articles on environmental, political, and sociological issues for notable publications, including *The Washington Post*, *Mongabay*, *USA Today*, and *World Politics Review*.
- Partnered with NGOs, local law enforcement, and community members to gain critical insights, secure information, and safely access hostile locations, including illegal mining sites in Peru and drug production camps in Paraguay.
- Investigated deforestation in Honduras, overcoming dangerous conditions to expose unethical palm oil business practices.
- Spent three months investigating narco-cattle ranching in the Guatemalan jungle. Slowly built relationships with military, park rangers, and local citizens, developing a strong pipeline of reliable sources for future articles.

Student Journalism Fellow

Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting | Bio Bio Region, Chile | 2015

- Conducted a four-month investigation into the environmental and sociological impact of a hydroelectric dam that threatened a fragile Patagonian ecosystem and forced the relocation of several hundred indigenous people.
- Positioned self as a community advocate, working within the schools to build trust with local residents.
- Cultivated relationships with local officials to bypass high-level gatekeepers and secure access to sensitive documents.
- Wrote, edited, and produced a short video package and photo presentation to highlight the devastation and bring awareness to viewers worldwide.

EARLY CAREER includes diverse reporting roles with *Newsday*, *The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, *The Michigan Daily*, and *Bleacher Report*.