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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Award-winning journalist, professor, and certified educator with more than two decades of experience in media, storytelling, education, and editorial leadership. Current contributor to OUTSFL and Boca Raton Magazine with expertise in lifestyle, travel, dining, and literary journalism. Recognized as one of Disney's Top 50 Educators in the U.S. and Teacher of the Year at Boca Raton Community High School. Dedicated to building inclusive learning spaces, expanding media literacy, and empowering diverse voices in journalism and creative writing.

CORE SKILLS

- Feature, travel & lifestyle journalism
- Creative Writing & Journalism instruction
- Higher education teaching (AP, AICE, undergraduate, graduate)
- Curriculum design & educator guide development
- Bilingual: English & Spanish
- Editorial leadership (digital + print)
- Public speaking & professional moderation
- YA literature expertise
- Media literacy & strategic communications

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL ROLES

Boca Raton Community High School — Boca Raton, FL

Journalism, Creative Writing & Newspaper Teacher | 2016–Present

- Teach Journalism 1, Creative Writing, Newspaper, AICE General Paper, and AP English in a cross-level writing program.
- Adviser to **The Paw Print**, an award-winning student newspaper recognized at the state level.
- Lead students through reporting, pitching, interviewing, drafting, fact-checking, photography, design, and publication.
- Develop curriculum focused on ethical journalism, media literacy, narrative craft, and professional writing.
- Recognized as **Teacher of the Year (2022)** and awarded multiple Golden Bell Journalism Grants.

Boca Raton Magazine — Boca Raton, FL

Freelance Writer – Lifestyle & Travel | 2024–Present

- Produce feature stories on travel, dining, arts, culture, and South Florida lifestyle.
- Deliver narrative-driven journalism aligned with editorial vision and magazine style.
- Conduct interviews, research stories, and craft digital-friendly copy.

OUTSFL

Feature & Literary Contributor | 2021–Present

- Author of weekly book columns “**Reading Rainbow**” and “**Hot off the Shelf.**”
- Produce travel, dining, arts, and culture features with a warm, personal, and narrative voice.
- Conduct author interviews and provide event coverage for local and national literary communities.

Professional Moderator – Literary, Bookstore & Pop Culture Events

Bookstores, Book Festivals, Comic Cons | 2015–Present

- Serve as a professional moderator for bookstores, festivals, universities, comic cons, and community literary events.
- Moderate author panels, book launches, Q&A events, and live discussions across YA, fantasy, romance, pop culture, and contemporary fiction.
- Collaborate with bookstores including **Books & Books, Barnes & Noble, and independent shops** since 2015.
- Featured moderator at **New York Comic Con (2021–Present)**, leading high-visibility panels with bestselling authors.
- Develop engaging questions and guide meaningful conversations centered on craft, storytelling, and representation.

Adjunct Faculty – Mass Communications & Journalism

University of Florida, Florida Atlantic University, Miami Dade College, FIU, NSU, University of Miami

Adjunct Professor | 2009–Present

- Teach undergraduate & graduate courses in mass communications, PR, journalism, digital storytelling, media literacy, and pop culture.
- Create student-centered curriculum for both online and in-person modalities using Canvas and Blackboard.
- Mentor students pursuing writing, media, and communications careers.

Harper Stacks / HarperCollins Publishers

***Educator Guide Writer* | 2024–Present**

- Develop standards-aligned educator guides for middle grade and YA literature.
- Create lessons, classroom activities, discussion prompts, and curriculum support materials.

Booklist & School Library Journal

***Professional Book Reviewer* | Ongoing**

- Review YA and middle grade titles for publication.
- Offer concise, professional insights for librarians, educators, and book buyers.

PRIOR EXPERIENCE

ISSOS at Yale University — Advanced Summer English Teacher | Summer 2018

Bauer Xcel Media Group — Senior Web Editor, Teen Division | 2015–2016

Where South Florida — Managing Editor | 2011–2015

The Miami Herald / Miami.com — Editor & Reporter | 2008–2011

The Lakeland Ledger (New York Times Co.) — Features Reporter | 2005–2008

The San Juan Star — Film Critic & Reporter | 2002–2004

EDUCATION

University of Oxford — Oxford, England

Certificate in English Literature (Shakespeare • Jane Austen) | 2022

Florida International University — Miami, FL

M.S. in Journalism & Mass Communications | 2005

Universidad del Sagrado Corazón — San Juan, PR

B.S. in Mass Communications | 2004

HONORS & RECOGNITION

- Disney’s **Top 50 Educators in the U.S.** (2022)
- Teacher of the Year, Boca Raton Community High School (2022)
- Multiple Golden Bell Journalism Grants

- Guest Moderator, New York Comic Con (2021–Present)
- Teacher of the Month (2019–2020)

REFERENCES

Available upon request.