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Aug. 2024-present: University of Southern California

Director of Audio News and Associate Professor of Professional Practice with the USC Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism. Teach undergraduate and graduate students in the Annenberg Media Center, providing hands-on instruction in audio journalism.

July 2010-July 2024: Southern California Public Radio, 89.3 FM (KPCC/LAist)

Sept. 2021-July 2024: Correspondent, Immigrant Communities

Planned and produced enterprise coverage of L.A.'s immigrant communities for NPR-affiliated local station across multiple platforms, including radio, web, talk shows and podcasts. Correspondent role included reporting, peer editing, mentoring, and acting as in-house immigration expert. Story highlights included an award-winning investigation into the silicosis epidemic among Latino workers, post-pandemic Latino life in L.A., and unique reporting on the Ukrainian and Afghan refugee crises. Created and edited the crowdsourced series Being American, working with contributors from L.A.'s immigrant diasporas to explore identity and Americanness. Newsroom editor for Return to Mexico, a podcast about life after deportation.

Aug. 2019-Sept. 2021: Editor (Emerging Communities, Census, Education)

Managed teams of reporters, including those covering immigrant communities, faith diasporas, the 2020 census, and education. Assigned and edited daily stories, features, and projects for radio and web. Oversaw important stories during a critical time: the embattled census, the COVID-19

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