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Journalistic and Documentary Experience

Creator - **Hidden Histories of San Antonio**

- *Hidden Histories of San Antonio* is a reclamation of the identity and narrative of my indigenous ancestors' stories, countering colonial narratives of what is now southern Texas through the use of augmented reality, mesmerizing slow-motion images, and recorded oral histories shared by mission descendants
- Winner of the Magnum Foundation Migration and Religion Photography in Collaboration Grant and the inaugural FOTODEMIC Grant
- Images from this project featured in National Geographic article, "[Remember the Alamo? A battle brews in Texas over history versus lore](#)"

Editor, Colorist, Sound Designer, Camera Operator - **Sandy Storyline**

- Participatory interactive documentary featuring material from documentarians and residents of neighborhoods impacted by Superstorm Sandy
- Winner of the Tribeca Film Festival Transmedia Storyscapes Award

Creator - **My Way Home**

- Personal project exploring the reverberant impacts of the criminal justice system on incarcerated people and their loved ones
- Produced photographs, [videos](#), and interviews

Electionland Catcher, Tip Desk - **ProPublica - Electionland**

- Collaborative journalism project covering voting access, cybersecurity, misinformation and election integrity in the 2020 elections
- Documented, nationally and in real time, voting impediments such as harassment at polls, registration purges, voter ID issues, and disruption caused by hacking

Instructor - **Duke University, Center for Documentary Studies - CDS Courses**

- Teaching self-developed curriculum for *An Introduction to Decolonized Photography* and mentoring students one-on-one using this framework

Photographer, Videographer, Audio Recordist, Archivist - **NYC to Spain**

- Documentation and media production for organizers observing historic elections in Spain
- Co-produced an interview on Democracy Now! with Barcelona Mayor Ada Colau
- Double truck photo essay in The Independent, photos published by In These Times

Interviewer and Obituary Writer - **THE CITY - Missing Them**

- A searchable memorial of New Yorkers lost to COVID-19 created by THE CITY
- Interviewed people who lost loved ones to COVID-19 and wrote obituaries based on those conversations
- Winner of the 2021 OJA Knight Award for Public Service

Grants, Awards, and Honors

- Magnum Foundation Photography in Collaboration Grant
- FOTODEMIC Grant
- Tow-Knight Scholar
- Tribeca Film Festival Transmedia Storyscapes Award (in collaboration)

Education

M.A., Engagement Journalism (in-progress) - **CUNY Graduate School of Journalism**

- Engagement Journalism, Data Journalism, Research and Investigative Journalism, Aerial Photography, Audio and Podcast Production
- Graduate Student Council, AV Club Co-Chair, select committees (Diversity, Curriculum, and Outcomes), special sub-committee to develop part-time options for students, increase accessibility and improve diversity

CUNY City Tech (New York City College of Technology)

- Multidisciplinary engineering studies

Berklee College of Music

- Music Production & Engineering , Music Synthesis, Performance

Stuyvesant High School

Certifications

- Wilderness EMT, CPR
- Remote Pilot License / FAA Small UAS ("drone") certification (in progress)
- Commercial Driver License, Motorcycle License