

Christianna Silva

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Work Experience

Associate Editor • NPR

05/2020 – present

- Work with the radio shows to decide which stories should be told not only on-air but also digitally, which I re-write and re-report for a digital audience.
- Write and report multiple original stories, including pieces on the business of board games and coverage of the Black Lives Matter movement.
- Write and report breaking news when needed, including pieces on murder hornets, COVID-19 and more.

Editor • MTV News

06/2019 – 05/2020

- Co-led a team of freelance writers for MTV News' Impact vertical. Edited Impact content, including pieces on the teens who sued the government over the climate crisis, the uprising in Puerto Rico, the climate strikes in the U.S., a wild Senate race in Maine and more.
- Wrote multiple stories a week, including features on young candidates campaigning on TikTok; facial recognition technology in high schools; the impact the pandemic has on the juvenile justice system and more. I also created an editorial series on using the internet without risking your data privacy.
- Conducted on-camera interviews for MTV News' Person Of Interest series.

Associate Editor • PHOENIX magazine

10/2018 – 06/2019

- Cultivated a team of freelancers to create the first digital-only content for the magazine in its 50-year history.
- Edited all content appearing online and in the magazine, including pieces on police brutality in Phoenix, the suicide rate of Arizona seniors and a guide to Spring in the Valley.
- Wrote interviews with Frankie Muniz and Arizona Attorney General Mark Brnovich, travel pieces on mining towns and resorts and a feature on Galápagos tortoises in the Valley.
- Led a complete relaunch of the magazine's Twitter and Facebook, increased following by 10 percent per month.

Staff Writer • Newsweek

09/2017 – 02/2018

- Wrote stories on LGBTQ+ rights, including anti-discrimination law, legislative trends, sex education and more.
- Profiled Danica Roem, the first openly transgender state lawmaker in U.S. history; David Ermold, the gay man denied a marriage license by Kim Davis who ran against her in a 2018 election; Adam Rippon, one of the first openly gay American man to qualify for the winter olympics; and more.
- Covered daily breaking news to drive over one million unique views in monthly web traffic.

Education

The University of Arizona, Bachelor of Arts in Journalism with a minor in Arabic

Graduated May 2017

- Multiple positions at The Arizona Daily Wildcat; Research Assistant for the Department of Communication; Teaching Assistant for Journalism 105; News Editor for El Independiente, a bilingual magazine; Internships at news organizations, including: the Arizona Daily Star, the Tucson Sentinel, Five Thirty Eight and NPR.

Projects, Skills and Awards

- **Projects:** Co-created The Bottom Line, a weekly newsletter with LGBTQ+-focused stories and Q&As; Media director of Gus's Goods, a nonprofit that provides families who have experienced the death of an infant with bereavement supplies.
- **Skills:** Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and public records requests; newsletter and briefing writing; data visualization with Tableau software and Google Maps API; photography with Canon DSLRs, Adobe Premier Pro, Final Cut Pro X, Photoshop CS6; basic skills in InDesign, Microsoft Office Suite, Storify, Wix, Drupal, WordPress, Squarespace, Mail Chimp
- **Awards and honors:** Gwen Ifill Scholar at the Aspen Ideas Festival; Don Bolles Fellow; Second Place in Student News Reporting by the Arizona Press Club; Philip Magelsdorf Award for Outstanding Newsperson of the Year; Douglas D. Martin Award for Courage and Integrity in Journalism; B. P. Campbell Outstanding Junior Award; Arizona Daily Wildcat Young Gun Award