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EDUCATION

1994 University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus
BA-Arts

SKILLS

- Computer literate in Adobe Lightroom CC, Photoshop CC, Premiere CC, Illustrator CC, Encore, Apple Final Cut Pro X, Photomechanic, MS Office
- Proficient in DSLR cameras and equipment in both photo and video modes
- Excellent internet navigation skills
- Excellent written and verbal communication capabilities in both English and Spanish
- Enthusiastic, articulate and very effective working with people of different cultures, back-grounds, and temperaments
- Fast and willing to learn, active listener
- Ability to meet tight deadlines and resolve unexpected issues
- Capable of completing multiple tasks with little supervision and under pressure.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

"Tamboricua - Al golpe del tambor" 2017. Short documentary feature. Director, camera operator and editor

Coverage for nonprofit organizations like Planet Water, Foundation for Puerto Rico, Impact Experience

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

Over 19 years of experience in photojournalism. Coverage of Hurricane Irma and María and subsequent coverage of diverse aspects of recovery in Puerto Rico 2017-2018. National and international photo and video coverage including the 2012 RNC in FL and DNC in NC. 2012 US presidential elections. Coverage of humanitarian aid after hurricane Mathew in Haiti 2016. 2010 IAAF Diamond League at Lausanne, Switzerland. The 2010 Central American and Caribbean Games at Mayaguez. Boxing events at Las Vegas, Mexico, Philadelphia and Alabama. Editing experience in Final Cut Pro X and Premiere Pro CC 2018.

SELECTED EXPERIENCE

July 2017 – Present DBA - RamírezPortela Multimedia

Photographer / Videographer

- Human Interest Features
- Commercial, Editorial Photography and Event Photography

July 1998 – July 2017 GFR Media – El Nuevo Día – Primera Hora Staff

Photographer / Videographer

- Hard news and current events coverage
- Sports coverage
- Human Interest Features
- Business section editorial photography
- Editorial Photography.

May 1995 – July 1998 University of Puerto Rico Mayaguez - Imprenta

Graphic Artist – Printing Press Supervisor

- Supervised and directed prepress and printing personnel
- Prepared, verified, and finished stationary, booklets and books.
- Improved technology with software upgrades and equipment.
- Created and maintained LAN of small office network.
- Proficient with Adobe Illustrator, Paint, Photoshop for prepress

August 1991 – May 1995 Periódico Visión News Photographer

- Feature news for bi-weekly regional publication
- Developed and printed black and white in local darkroom

AWARDS / TRAININGS / CERTIFICATIONS

- 2017 ASPPRO "Mención de Honor" - Multimedia Special - "Isla ¿sin playas?" for GFR Media
- 2016 USHHS Children's Bureau Adoption Excellence Award "Un hogar para mi" series for GFR Media
- 2013 Overseas Press Club (OPC) Finalist "Periodismo Gráfico -Interés Humano"
- 2011 Academia Mac – Final Cut X course
- 2010 NPPA Multimedia Immersion - Syracuse, NY
- 2009 Academia Mac – Final Cut course
- 2003 NPPA Northern Short Course – Jersey City, NJ
- PADI Certified Advanced Open Water Diver / SSI Certified Nitrox Diver