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Communications and Nonprofit Development

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Bilingual media director, nonprofit leader and author with 15 years' experience in journalism leadership, content production, communications strategy, grantwriting and nonprofit management.

SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

MEDIA LEADERSHIP, EDITING AND CONTENT PRODUCTION

From the helm of a media organization to work as a beat reporter, my experience includes documentary film development, writing in a variety of genres, translation, audio storytelling and more, in both English and Spanish. Specialty in writing and developing longform narrative, managing digital teams, and content production for and about environmental and social initiatives.

- As Director/Managing Editor of The Tico Times (2016-2019), led management and editorial operations of Central America's leading English-language news source, founded in 1956. Former reporter at The Tico Times covering politics, education, business and tourism.
- Created The Tico Times' Costa Rica Changemakers section (2017-2019) focused on storytelling by and about the country's grassroots initiatives and the solutions they are developing to the country's environmental and social problems.
- As Speechwriter and English Communications Adviser to 1987 Nobel Peace Laureate Oscar Arias, (2007-2019), researched, drafted and edited speeches and articles. Work featured in Foreign Affairs, Americas Quarterly, and The Washington Post, among others.
- Huffington Post blogger and author of the book "Love in Translation" (2016).

NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT, TRAINING AND FUNDRAISING

Extensive experience as a nonprofit founder, leader and advisor.

- Coordinator for Leadership in Philanthropy at the Costa Rica-USA Foundation for Cooperation (CRUSA, 2015-2019): Responsible for developing initiatives build capacity in nonprofits nationwide. Former grantwriter at the foundation with successful proposals resulting in green economy projects in the country's southern and central Pacific regions.
- Founding Partner and Academic Director of the Costa Rica Multilingüe Foundation (2008-2014). Worked on successful grant proposals resulting in more than USD 2 million in funding to improve foreign language education; launched a nationwide conversation group program led by volunteers.
- Co-founder of JumpStart Costa Rica, a program of intensive academic camps for children in rural areas (2012-present).
- Chair of the Board of Directors of the PeaceJam Foundation (Colorado, 2016-2018).

EDUCATION

MASTER'S IN EDUCATION: Arizona State University, 2003
B.A., American History and Literature: Harvard University, 2001
