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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Freelance Writer: August 2012-Current

Tupelo, Mississippi

- Content and copywriting for the medical and pharmaceutical industry, as well as blog posts for a variety of markets including health and wellness, fitness, and explainers.
- English-Spanish translations for legal, medical, and health and wellness industries.

Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights: October 2012-July 2013

Consultant: Tupelo, MS

- Facilitate community trainings and workshops
- Gather data and generate reports based on work and findings.
- Collaborate with professors from the University of Mississippi and pertinent local partners.
- Act as a bridge between Latin-American immigrants and various communities in Mississippi.

Mississippi Immigrants Rights Alliance: August 2011-February 2012

Jackson, Mississippi

- Coordinate events with partner organizations at a local and regional level.
- Facilitate presentations, assist with legislative research, and form local partnerships.
- Write relevant articles to keep the community informed.
- Participate in press meetings, interviews and other media duties as requested.

New Open World Academy: March 2010-September 2010

Teacher's Assistant: Los Angeles, California

- Assist teachers during standardized test taking, help with English Language Learners (ELL).
- Translate during parent-teacher meetings.
- Supervise students during lunch, recess, and other breaks.

Public Matters: January 2010-July 2010

Intern: Los Angeles, California

- Provide documentation of projects led by the organization.
- Assist with the Market Makeovers project: The Market Makeovers project was an initiative that helped high school and college age students partner local convenience stores in food desserts with the end-goal of selling healthy food to low-income Los Angeles residents.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Ashley Furniture Industries: September 2010-July 2011

Trainer/Translator: E cru, Mississippi.

- Assist with New Employee Orientation trainings in English and Spanish.
- Translate documents for various sectors of the company.
- Assist Human Resources with translation services during accidents, safety trainings, and employee meetings.

SKILLS

- Bilingual in English and Spanish.
- Conversational Portuguese and Italian.
- Knowledge of Wordpress, HTML, and Drupal.
- Extensive organizational experience and knowledge of online tools to stay up to date on tasks: Trello, Asana, Basecamp, and Slack.
- Public speaking and interview skills.
- Editing: FinalCut Pro and iMovie.
- Screenwriting: script breakdown, writing treatments, and writing completed screenplays and teleplays on WriterDuet and Celtx.

EDUCATION

University of California, Irvine: Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art—June 2009

Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (National Autonomous University of Mexico): Semester abroad—Fall 2008.

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USA TODAY
7950 Jones Branch Drive
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Dear USA TODAY,

Truth and accuracy were some of the first tenets that attracted me to journalism and writing in general. I grew up in Huntington Park, California as an undocumented child until I got to high school, and I know that misinformation can create stress for vulnerable communities. My experiences dealing with misinformation in high-stress, high-stakes situations when I was too young to understand what was happening shaped the way I handle writing, journalism, and creative efforts now.

I'm interested in the fact-checking position at USA TODAY because I understand that it takes a village to let the world know the news. Journalism is already a tough industry, and journalists already do a lot of ground work in a variety of situations in order to get their stories together. I know that as a fact-checker I can help people on the ground cover all of their bases, continue to have a positive relationship with their readership, and bridge gaps between journalists and their sources.

Through my years as a writer I've learned how to use the AP style and feel comfortable using this as the default for any potential stories I may have to read through. I'm accustomed to working on teams using software such as Slack, Asana, Trello, and Notion, and am open to learning about additional time management software as necessary for this position. I also understand that although there are priorities, the US and another countries around the world have federal elections this year, and this may mean having to reorganize quickly depending on matters of urgency.

I find research, context-sharing, and teamwork to be exciting and an effective way to ensure that the quality of my work can elevate that of any future colleagues. I'm also fluent in Spanish at the native level, and believe this can be an asset in various news beats.

I'd love to be considered for this position and look forward to answering any questions you may have about my credentials.

Sincerely,

Ingrid Cruz

Links below

Links:

[Author page](#), *Mashable*

[We Can't Blame Our Elders for Falling for Health Scams — But We Can Help Them](#), *Refinery 29*

[Your Rights as a Photographer in the United States](#), *PetaPixel*

[Many women of color say it's hard to find a therapist who gets them. Here are resources to help.](#) *The Lily.*

[8 Purpose-Drive Businesses Uplifting Those on the Margins](#), *KCET*

['Derry Girls' reminds us that war survivors are people too](#), *Latina Media Co*