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Employment History

2002 - **Univision Network**
MIAMI: Freelance News Anchor and Reporter (“Desayuno Alegre”, Noticiero Univision, Ultima Hora)

2002 - 2008 **RCN Television**
MIAMI: Chief of Bureau. Reporter and producer, covering main news like Huracane Katrina. Meeting of Presidet George W Bush and Colombian President Alvaro Uribe at Bush’s Ranch in Crowfor/Texas, Presidential Election in Phoenix Arizona on the McCain camp, court cases of the main drug dealers and paramilitars extradited from colombia, Interviews at prissions with inmates including one at the dead row, interviews at NASA with astronauts in Houston Texas, NASCAR competition, Sonny Ericsson tennis tournament, Latin Grammy awards in Miami, Los Angeles, New York and Las Vegas, one on one interviews with artists such as Shakira, Ricky Martin, Gloria Estefan among others.

2001 **Radio Unica**
MIAMI: News producer and reporter, for the only national Spanish language radio network in the US. Regular breaking news stories, exclusives and worldwide interviews.

2000 **Channel 41**
MIAMI: Director, producer, writer and presenter of a daily segment on immigration.

1999 - 2002 **Caracol Television**
MIAMI, LONDON: Foreign correspondent for one of Colombia’s main private TV channels.

1997 - 1999 **Univision and CBS Telenoticias**
LONDON: Freelance work, reporting on major international stories, such as the death of Princess Diana and the Pinochet arrest.

1997 – 1999 **BBC Open University and Independent TV** documentary voice overs, London.

1997 - 1999 **Noticiero de las Siete**
LONDON: Foreign correspondent for Colombia’s oldest TV evening news programme.

1997 - 1999 **Caracol Radio**
LONDON: Foreign correspondent filing daily news bulletins on UK current affairs. This included interviews with ministers, police and world-famous artists.

1996 – 1998 **Language Solutions, Dilke House, Malet Strett, London WC1**
LONDON: Delivering Colombia country briefs to BP executives.

- 1996 **Eurochampions News**, 127 Camelot Studios, Kensal Road, London W10
LONDON: News reader for a daily TV sports programme broadcast to Latin America.
- 1995 – 1996 **Colombian Embassy**, 3a Hans Crescent, London SW1
LONDON: Public relations officer for the ambassador, Noemi Sanin.
- 1995 - 1997 **QAP News**
LONDON: Foreign correspondent for an award-winning Colombian evening TV news programme, of which Gabriel Garcia Marquez was one of the founding owner-editors.
- 1992 - 1995 **QAP News**, Calle 27 No 4-35, Bogota, Colombia
BOGOTA: Back-up anchor and TV news reporter investigating, preparing, editing and presenting stories about drug trafficking, political violence and corruption. This often involved visiting dangerous areas at considerable personal risk. I obtained many scoops that resulted in civil and criminal prosecutions.
- 1990 - 1992 **Telestudio**, Bogota, Colombia
BOGOTA: TV reporter for midday news programme, preparing and presenting stories about drug trafficking, terrorism and violence.
- 1989 **Jorge Enrique Pulido Television**, Bogota, Colombia
BOGOTA: TV reporter for midday news programme. Research / Anchor.
- 1987 - 1989 **RCN Radio**, Bogota, Colombia
BOGOTA: Radio journalist, preparing and presenting educational information relating to health, medicine and science on live daily programme.
- 1986 - 1987 **Todelar Radio**, Bogota, Colombia
BOGOTA: Radio journalist, presenting live daily radio programme.
- 1986 - 1989 **Javeriana University Radio**, Bogota, Colombia
BOGOTA: Radio journalist, producing programmes for university radio station.
- 1985 - 1988 **Educational Television**, Bogota, Colombia
BOGOTA: TV journalist, and producer for Open University education programme.
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- Education
- 1996 - 1997 **University of London**, England
- Master of Arts in Television Documentary
- 1985 - 1989 **Javeriana University**, Bogota, Colombia
- Degree in Social Communication and Journalism.
- 1983 - 1985 **Arco Academy**, Bogota, Colombia

- Diploma in radio and television news reading.

1975 - 1982 **Santa Clara College, Bogota, Colombia**

Languages: **Fluent English and Spanish**