

# SHAHRAZAD M. ENCINIAS

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Bilingual multimedia researcher, reporter and lecturer contributing to truth, social justice, environmental justice, and human rights. Exceptional oral and written communication skills. Proficiency in AP, Google Suite, Wordpress, Canva, MLA as well as Microsoft Word, InDesign, Excel, LightRoom, and Final Cut Pro. Fluent in Spanish. Novice in Portuguese.

## EDUCATION

### **SOJOWB (SOLUTIONS JOURNALISM WITHOUT BORDERS),**

Antigua, Guatemala

June 2022- July 2022

- *Four-week intensive course focused on Solutions Journalism through Solutions Journalism Without Borders*

### **UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA, Tucson, AZ**

Aug. 2012- May 2016

- *Dual M.A. in Journalism and Latin American Studies; Thesis: “La Lucha Por Un Espacio: Guatemalan Journalists Fighting Against Censorship And Violence”*

### **UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL DE COSTA RICA, Heredia, Costa Rica**

July 2013-Aug. 2013

- *Summer study abroad program focused on environmental reporting through the University of Arizona*

### **CAL STATE UNIVERSITY, NORTHRIDGE, Northridge, CA**

Aug. 2008 – Dec. 2010

- *B.A. Central American Studies with a minor in Spanish Language Journalism*

### **CIRMA (CENTRO DE INVESTIGACIONES REGIONALES DE CENTROAMERICA),**

Antigua, Guatemala

June 2010- Aug. 2010

- *Summer study abroad program focused on human rights, and Maya Cosmovision through the University of Arizona*

### **PALOMAR COMMUNITY COLLEGE, San Marcos, CA**

Aug. 2003- May 2008

- *A.A. in Liberal Studies*

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **CENTRAL AMERICAN NEWS, remote**

December 2022- present

*Coordinator*

- Assist in leading the news organization. Grant writing. Interviewing potential curators.

### **A.M. COSTA RICA, remote**

March 2020- present

*Proofreader*

- Proofreading and fact-checking articles for English language daily online newspaper in Costa Rica.

### **EL SALVADORAN AMERICAN LEADERSHIP AND EDUCATIONAL FUND (SALEF), Los Angeles, CA**

Sept. 2019- Dec. 31, 2021

*COVID-19 Response Team Manager*

- Lead SALEF’s COVID-19 Response Team by setting up pop-up vaccine clinics and testing sites all over L.A. County. Managing team of 6, plus interns. Responsible for reporting, tracking and social media. Outreached to more than 78,000 in-person and

vaccinated over 15,000 people from March through December. And reached over 465,000 viewers via media.

*Census Education Specialist*

- Successfully lead SALEF's Census campaign through education and outreach in Los Angeles County; specifically to underrepresented communities (ie Central Americans, undocumented, and indigenous from Guatemala). Outreached to more than 50,000 people despite pandemic. Created the first census PSA in Maya Kaqchikel.

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY NORTHRIDGE**, Northridge, CA

*Aug. 2019- present*

*Professor*

- Department of Central American and Transborder Studies
  - STRETCH Writing Program Coordinator. Teaching writing through an ethnic studies lens.
  - Teaching intro to speech through an ethnic studies lens.
  - Faculty adviser for student-lead literary journal *La Ceiba*.
  - Producer for partnered short-series “*El beat Centroamericano*” featured on show *Nuestra Voz* for KPKF.
- Journalism Department- Feature Writing and Reporting.

**KINO SCHOOL**, Tucson, AZ

*Aug. 2017- May 2019*

*Teacher*

- Taught Junior High and High School-level English with an emphasis on banned books and fake news. Also, teaching a course on social justice, journalism, and Latin American music and culture.

**COLEGIO BILINGUE NEW HORIZONS**, Santiago, Dominican Republic

*Sept. 2016- March 2017*

*Teacher*

- Taught 7<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies, 8th grade English and Social Studies, 9th grade World History, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade U.S. History. All courses were taught using current events and with a focus on journalism and immigration.

**PIMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE**, Tucson, AZ

*Aug. 2015- May 2019*

*Professor*

- English professor- Writing 101.
- Journalism professor-Taught six journalism courses and served as faculty advisor for their award-winning student newspaper, Aztec Press. Established first bilingual issue.

**THE NEWS JOURNAL**, Wilmington, DE

*June 2015- Aug. 2015*

*Editorial Intern*

- Ten- week summer internship covering immigration and Latinos with the daily news outlet.

**THE INSTITUTE OF THE ENVIRONMENT**, Tucson, AZ

*Nov. 2014- May 2015*

*Writer*

- Writer that covered environmental issues investigated by researchers at the University of Arizona for the Institute of the Environment website.

**ECOCHRONICLE**, Heredia, Costa Rica

*July 2013- 2014*

*Freelance Reporter*

- News writer and photographer.

- Covered nationwide politics and social issues that dealt with the country's environment that could impact tourism.

**NOGALES INTERNATIONAL**, Nogales, AZ

*December 2012- 2013*

*Freelance Reporter*

- News writer.
- Covered local politics in Nogales, AZ and human rights on the Nogales, Son., Mexico side of the border.

**A.M. COSTA RICA**, San José, Costa Rica

*October 2011- 2013*

*Reporter Intern*

- News writer, feature writer, and photographer.
- Worked as editor of A.M. Guatemala. Covered political and social events in the country, especially those of interest to the English speaking ex-pat community.

**PERIODICO EL LATINO**, San Diego, CA

*June 2011-August 2011*

*Editorial Intern*

- Entertainment editor. News and feature writer. Multimedia.
- Covered human trafficking, immigration, police, and local government beat.

**LATINO REPORTER DIGITAL**, Orlando, FL

*June 2011 – June 2011*

*Reporter*

- News and feature writer.
- Photographer and videographer for multimedia.

**EL NUEVO SOL**, Northridge, CA

*May 2008 – December 2010*

*Contributing Spanish Reporter*

- Feature writer and videographer for mini-documentaries.
- Covered important social movements in Los Angeles, with a focus on immigration reform.

**DAILY SUNDIAL**, Northridge, CA

*August 2008 – December 2010*

*Contributing Reporter*

- News and features writer.
- Attended and documented important local events related to the university and the surrounding immigrant community.

**944 MAGAZINE**, Hollywood, CA

*June 2009-November 2009*

*Intern*

- Interviewed celebrities.
- Documented in a blog about popular culture and lifestyle

**NORTH COUNTY TIMES**, Escondido, CA

*September 2007 – December 2008*

*Freelance Writer*

- News writer, published articles on political and social events in the North County area, specifically events in the Latino community.

**THE NAUGHTY AMERICAN**, San Diego, CA

*January 2008 – July 2008*

*Weekly Columnist*

- Responsible for “Girl On Girl,” was a weekly column that included interviews with adult female celebrities.

*Intern*

*May 2007- July 2008*

- Feature writer, reported alternative news online.

**THE TELESCOPE NEWSPAPER**, San Marcos, CA

*Aug 2007- May 2008*

*News Editor*

- News writer for student government beat as well as governing board beat and campus events.
- Covered breaking stories on campus and turned them around in one day.
- Contributed several weekly news briefs and maintained a weekly column for Focus.
- Average one entertainment story every issue or a sports Q&A.
- Honorable Mention recipient for News Story at the 2008 Annual Convention Award for the Journalism Association of Community Colleges.
- Persistent, Productive and Passionate Award 2007 for The Telescope Newspaper

*Staff Reporter*

*May 2005- May 2008*

- Reported on a variety of stories from news to entertainment to sports.
- Provided photographs for newspaper publishing.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place recipient for Critical Review at the 2006 SoCal Conference On-The-Spot Awards for the Journalism Association of Community Colleges

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY NORTHRIDGE**, Northridge, CA

*Adjunct Faculty, taught CAS 113A, CAS 113B, CAS 115, CAS 151 and JOURN 310. Faculty advisor for La Ceiba: The Undergraduate Journal of the Central American and Transborder Studies Department at CSUN. Former faculty advisor for the Central American United Student Association (CAUSA).*

**KINO SCHOOL**, Tucson, AZ

*Teacher, taught 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade, English, Social Studies, Social Justice, Journalism and Latin American Music and Culture.*

**COLEGIO BILINGUE NEW HORIZONS**, Santiago, Dominican Republic

*Teacher, taught 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade, English, Social Studies, World History, and U.S. History.*

**PIMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE**, Tucson, AZ

*Adjunct Faculty, taught JRN 185, JRN 285, JRN 240, JRN 102, JRN 290, and JRN 186. Faculty advisor for Aztec Press, student- run newspaper. Fall 2015 and Spring 2016.*

**UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA**, Tucson, AZ

*Teacher Assistant position for an introduction to Journalism course with more than 100 students. Fall 2012, Spring 2013, and Fall 2013.*

**CAL STATE UNIVERSITY, NORTHRIDGE**, Northridge, CA

*Supplemental Instructor for a pioneer English writing program taught through ethnic studies. Fall 2010.*

### **AWARDS AND HONORS**

- Judge for SPJ Florida’s Sunshine State Awards, 2022
- Judge for NAHJ Journalism Awards, 2015
- Judge for the L.A. Press Club Awards, 2015.

- FLAS (Foreign Language and Area Studies) Fellow for Portuguese for the 2013-2014 academic year, \$15,000 stipend plus cost of in-state tuition and registration.
- Certificate of Good Merit 2012-2013 academic year.
- Deans List Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2013, Spring 2014, and Spring 2015.

### **CONFERENCE**

- “COVID-19 Community Response: Youth Activism and New Community Education Model”, Educate Conference 2021
- “A Closer Look at Central America: A Comprehensive Conversation About the Political Climate in the Region”, Educate Conference 2021
- “Gender and Politics of Witnessing on the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands”, Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference, 2015.
- “Journalists in Guatemala: Living and Working Under the Threat of Violence”, Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference, 2015.
- Moderator, “Indigenous Languages and Cultures”, 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Tinker Symposium, 2012.

### **CAMPUS TALK**

- Latinx Welcome Panel for the USU Diversity and Inclusion Department, 2021
- “Ruben Salazar: Man in the Middle” UA film screening, Panelist alongside Frank Sotomayor, Patrisia Gonzalez, and Frank De La Cruz.

### **LANGUAGES**

- Spanish, native.
- Portuguese, novice.

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

- NAHJ (National Association of Hispanic Journalists), since 2008.
- CCNMA: Latino Journalists of California, since 2020
- Young Professionals Group, since 2020