

# ANGELIKA ALBALADEJO

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**About Me** I'm an award-winning writer, reporter and investigative journalist with a decade of experience spanning digital, print, podcast and TV news. I make complex issues accessible by weaving compelling narratives centered around peoples' experiences, deeply-reported facts and context from historical archives.

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## Work History

### Independent Journalist

Denver, CO / Jan. 2025 to present

- I independently research, report, write and make public appearances. I am also pursuing an investigative journalism project with a seed grant from the Fund for Investigative Journalism.

### Multimedia Journalist at Denver7

Denver, CO / Jan. 2023 to Jan. 2025

- I pitched and reported breaking and general assignment news, features and investigations for an ABC-affiliate TV news station. I collaborated with the news team under tight deadlines to develop story ideas, find sources, conduct interviews, source archival footage, obtain public records and write scripts and articles, which appeared on Denver7's TV channel, streaming and website. You can [watch and read my stories here](#).

### Investigative Reporter at Capital & Main

Los Angeles, CA & Denver, CO / Aug. 2019 to Jan. 2023

- I reported long-form narrative investigations to hold law enforcement institutions and government contractors accountable. I specialized in interviewing vulnerable sources, making complex issues accessible to readers and obtaining public records (at times through appeals and litigation). I also coordinated partnerships with outlets including USA Today, the Guardian and Mother Jones.

### Independent Foreign Correspondent

Medellín, Colombia & Rio de Janeiro, Brazil / Oct. 2016 to Jan. 2019

- I reported investigative, feature and news stories for outlets such as the Guardian, CNN, Univision and the British Medical Journal.

### Contributing Writer at InSight Crime

Medellín, Colombia / Aug. 2017 to Aug. 2018

- I wrote for the top source of news and analysis on organized crime in Latin America. I worked with a multicultural, bilingual English-Spanish team to file clean copy on tight deadlines.

### Program & Financial Associate at Latin America Working Group

Washington, D.C. / April 2015 to Aug. 2016

- I collaborated with a small, fast-paced team to do research, advocacy and analysis of U.S. foreign policy and aid. I co-authored a report cited by the United Nations and utilized in numerous asylum hearings.

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## Fellowships

### Fund for Investigative Journalism Fellow & Grantee

Jan. 2019 to July 2020 & Apr. 2022 to Nov. 2022

- I investigated the private airlines profiting from deporting migrants. My story was published on the front page of the Sunday print editions of the Miami Herald and El Nuevo Herald.
- I investigated the cost and effectiveness of police helicopters in Los Angeles, California — the birthplace of aerial police patrols. My story was published by Mother Jones.

### University of Southern California Annenberg Center for Health Journalism Fellow

Mar. 2020 to Sept. 2020

- I investigated medical negligence on U.S. immigration enforcement flights. My story was published by the Guardian and won the Sidney Award.

### Latino Leadership Institute Ignite Training

Oct. 2023 to Jan. 2024

- I completed a leadership training course structured around neuroscience and cultural awareness which taught skills for prioritization, time management and creative flow.

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## Journalism Awards

Sidney Hillman Foundation - October 2020

Society for Advancing Business Editing and Writing - April 2022

California News Publisher Association - May 2019, 2021, 2022 and 2023

Los Angeles Press Club - October 2019, 2021 and 2023

Society of Professional Journalists Colorado Chapter - April 2023

Peabody Awards Nominee - April 2025

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## Education

Vanderbilt University - May 2014

Master of Arts in Latin American Studies

George Mason University - May 2012

Bachelor of Arts in Global Affairs and Minors in Communications and Conflict Analysis & Resolution

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## Languages

Fluent in English and Spanish

Working proficiency in Brazilian Portuguese