




JENNIFER BITTERLY

JOURNALIST, WRITER, RESEARCHER ON MIGRATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS

CONTACT INFORMATION

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LANGUAGES

- Spanish 
- English 

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Microsoft Office
- Asana
- Qualitative data analysis software
- Salesforce
- Wordpress

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

- Mixed-methods research
- Journalism and writing.
- Qualitative evaluations.
- Compilation and analysis of reports.
- Project design and development
- English - Spanish translations.
- Paralegal - Legal support.
- Administration and coordination.

PERSONAL SKILLS

- Independent and motivated
- Relentlessly resourceful.
- Cross-cultural sensitivity and adaptability.
- Efficient under pressure and stress.
- Detailed and strategic.

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

My experiences working in and writing about qualitative human rights research, social project development, and effective communications in English and Spanish in 10 countries make me an excellent researcher and journalist.

EDUCATION

Rhodes College

B.A. in English and Philosophy, Summa Cum Laude (3.97/4)
August 2014 - May 2019 - Memphis, TN, USA

Distinctions

Bellingrath Scholar (full-tuition merit scholarship), Rhodes Hall of Fame, Phi Beta Kappa, Buckman Scholar, All-American Attorney, Omricon Delta Kappa, Phi Sigma Tau, Sigma Tau Delta Honor Societies

Nebrija University, Madrid, Spain

Estudio Sampere, Cuenca, Ecuador

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Siskind Susser, PC

August 2017-Present - Bilingual Paralegal - Memphis, TN, USA

Immersive work with attorneys and clients at immigration law firm.

Activities

- Compiled and researched relevant information regarding medical, psychological, economic, and familial, suffering as evidence.
- Designed case strategies with supervisor and attorney, acting as a liaison between clients and attorney.
- Wrote cover letters succinctly summarizing relevant case facts, and assisted clients' in personal statements, translating documents in Spanish and transcribing statements for illiterate clients.

Results

- Final reports between 100 and 200 pages sent to the immigration officials, with a 100% approval rate.
- Streamlined waiver process and systems for client contact policies, and well as written and digital records..

Por le Frontiere NGO

October 2019-Present - Head of Logistics and Evaluation - Colombia

Head of logistics for project and event development (as volunteer) for Colombian NGO promoting human rights and cross-cultural exchange.

Activities

- Implementation of projects including dialogues between politicians, journalism podcasts, and press strategies for FICCI.
- Proposal and grant writing for journalistic and humanitarian projects.

Results

- Implementation of events and project proposals for USAID funding
- Formation of alliances between politicians, press, and NGOs

Watson Foundation

July 2018-September 2017 - Thomas J Watson Fellow - NYC, USA
One of forty fellows nationwide awarded \$30,000 stipend to execute personally-designed qualitative research project on migration in Colombia, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Greece, India, and Mongolia.

Activities

- Interviews with more than 200 researchers, academics, NGOs, governmental organizations connected to migration and housing
- Visits to displaced, rural, and/or indigenous communities with context analysis and mixed-methods research..

Results

- Quarterly evaluative reports, three-day final conference for the Foundation, and evaluations and collaborations with NGOs

Rhodes Institute for Regional Studies

May 2017-August 2017 - Qualitative Researcher - Memphis, TN, USA

One of twenty students awarded fellowship to implement personally-designed project on immigrant community networks via ethnography and mixed-methods research in Memphis, TN.

Activities

- Interviews in English or Spanish, and evaluation with relevant NGOs.
- Assisted protests, vigils, and community activities.
- Translated Spanish/English in focus groups, community gatherings, between individuals, and while transcribing interviews.

Results

- Publishable fifty-page paper and final presentation at symposium.

La Alameda ONG

May 2016-August 2016 - Research Fellow - Buenos Aires, Argentina

Research in city legislature and community center with political NGO.

Activities

- Evaluated international rehabilitation centers for victims of human trafficking and drug rehabilitation centers.
- Planned and participated in protests with human rights organizations regarding women's rights, economic disparity, political corruption, and police corruption.

Results

- Compiled evaluation and investigation on the creation and influence of rehabilitation centers to be used as evidence to justify legislative efforts to mandate public rehab centers.
- Contribution to and execution of six political marches.

Shasta Central NGO

August 2015-May 2017 - Community Developer - Memphis, TN, USA

Project development for community center in low-income African American neighborhood in Memphis, Tennessee.

Activities

- Planning and development of projects to enrich community
- Design and development of mentorship program for at-risk adolescents.

Results

- Creation of annual festivals and sustainable food system
- Development of mentorship program for 20 adolescents with mentors, workshops and cultural excursions.