LEO ROCHA

MULTIMEDIA JOURNALIST



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EDUCATION

University of Missouri

Bachelor of Journalism — Radio-Television Producing, Cum Laude

Aug. 2020 Minor in Political Science Honors College

ACHIEVEMENTS

75th Writers Guild Awards Digital News nomination Jan. 2023

Out100 Honoree Nov. 2020

GLAAD & Teen Vogue 20 Under 20 Inaugural Honoree June 2020

Missouri School of Journalism Walter Williams Scholar Admitted in Aug. 2017

SKILLS

Languages: Bilingual (fluent in Spanish and English), French (basic)

Editing software: Adobe Premiere, Final Cut Pro, Avid, InDesign, Photoshop

Technical: iNews, WordPress, DSLR, AP Style, Microsoft Office, Sprout Social, Later, CrowdTangle

Social media platforms: TikTok, Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram, YouTube, Facebook, Tumblr

EXPERIENCE

Mic (Bustle Digital Group) | New York, NY

Social Media Strategist (Nov. 2021 - present)

Write copy to accompany articles on social media channels, track and present analytical insights, brainstorm headlines, edit videos and images, create social-first content, monitor trends, manage interns

VICE Digital | New York, NY

Digital Fellow (Jan. 2020); Creative Manager (May 2020); Production Coordinator (Jan. 2021); Social Producer (Aug. - Nov. 2021)

Pitched and produced stories, shot, edited and subtitled vertical video, conducted interviews, designed Google Web Stories, wrote Snapchat copy (headlines, articles, quizzes, polls) and scheduled posts

International Crisis Group | Brussels, Belgium

Communications Intern (May - July 2019)

Edited videos for ICG's social media, translated interviews

amp (GLAAD) | Columbia, MO

Lead Junior Editor (Aug. 2018 - May 2019)

Pitched and edited stories, worked with a team of college-aged writers to promote the visions of young LGBTQ+ students

KOMU 8 News (NBC) | Columbia, MO

Reporter, Producer, Digital (Aug. 2017 - July 2020)

Pitched stories, shot and edited video, conducted interviews, wrote scripts and web stories, went on-air, organized newscasts, maintained station's social media

PROJECTS

Keep the Cameras Rolling | Documentary feature

Writer, Producer, Social Media Strategist (Completed March 2021)

The true story of AIDS activist Pedro Zamora, his life, his joy, and his influence, as told by people who knew and loved him, and by those who witnessed the strength of his commitment and its impact.