

# JIMENA AGUILAR

JOURNALIST / DIGITAL CONTENT DESIGNER

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## BIOGRAPHY

I'm a journalist from El Salvador and I'm now living in Germany. I started my career in 2009 in El Faro, an influential online newspaper in the region, and later joined La Prensa Gráfica, the largest newspaper in the country. Most of my work there focused on subjects such as politics, social issues, violence, and security.

In September of 2016 I moved to Köln, Germany, to study in the master's program MA in Digital Narratives at the Internationale Filmschule Köln (ifs), where I have been developing a project focused on the exploration of collective memory in relation to space through digital media.

## EXPERIENCE

### WRITER, DESIGNER & PRODUCER

Sexo SinVergüenzas

November 2017 - August 2018

In 2017, together with three female colleagues from El Salvador, Laura Aguirre, Lya Cuellar and Gabriela Rivera, won the entrepreneurship prize "Premios IDEA" to develop a transmedia journalistic project called "SexoSinVergüenzas" to research access to information and services on sexual and reproductive rights in El Salvador. The project will be published at the beginning of August and includes feature texts, a sex-ed chatbot and an interactive map.

### TEACHING ASSISTANT

Comparative Media Studies - ifs Köln

April 2018 - June 2018

Teaching Assistant for Prof. Dr. Gundolf S. Freyermuth's "Comparative Media Studies" course for the Bachelor of Art Film.

### JOURNALIST

Séptimo Sentido, La Prensa Gráfica

January 2015 - April 2016

Writing features for Séptimo Sentido, the sunday magazine of La Prensa Gráfica, one of the biggest newspapers in El Salvador. Noteworthy work was focused around: corruption, politics, poverty and inequality, security and violence, migration, mental health, culture and education, among others.

### JOURNALIST

Mundo, La Prensa Gráfica

July 2014 - January 2015

Reporting and writing for the international section and the subsection "Departamento 15" of La Prensa Gráfica.

### JOURNALIST

Judicial, La Prensa Gráfica

May 2014 - July 2014

Investigate and write daily articles and features about homicides, relevant court processes and stories around the Judicial Power, General Attorney's Office and the Ministry of Security.

### FREELANCE JOURNALIST

El Mundo de España

February 2014

Feature, titled "Sobreviví bebiendo sangre de tortuga" (I survived drinking turtle blood), for the Spanish newspaper El Mundo about a Salvadoran castaway who foundered at sea for more than a year from Mexico's south coast to the Marshall Islands.

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## RESEARCH ASSISTANT

### FUSADES

January 2014 - March 2014

Systematization of data of public policies, programs and projects about violence prevention and public security that were executed between 2004 and 2014 and an analysis of their monetary investment for the Consulting Services "Violence Prevention and Social Capital Empowerment in Urban Communities in El Salvador", led by the researcher Elisabeth Hayek.

## RESEARCH ASSISTANT

American University (Washington, D.C., U.S.A)

May 2013 - August 2013

Documentary research, interviewing sources and writing profiles and reports for the research project about the infiltration of the Salvadoran police by organized crime structures for the Center for Latin American and Latino Studies ("CLALS") of the American University in Washington, financed by the Open Society Foundation and led by the journalist Héctor Silva Ávalos.

## PRODUCER

"Paul Rosenmöller en..." (IKON, the Netherlands)

26 - 30 April 2013

Production in El Salvador and English-Spanish translation during filming for "(El Salvador) Paul Rosenmöller en de strijd van Latijns-Amerika: Gevangen in Geweld", an episode of the TV documentary series from IKON.

## JOURNALIST

El Faro

January 2009 - September 2012

Reporting and writing articles and features for the politics section of the digital newspaper, as well as other subjects such as culture: social issues such as the criminalization of abortions and irregularities in the reconstruction of the national hospital system after the 2001 earthquakes; and even sports. She was also part of the team that processed the diplomatic cables given to El Salvador by Wikileaks in 2011.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

### IDEA Award 2017 (Planned Parenthood)

Quito, Ecuador

November 2017, project to be published in August 2018

### Douglas Tweedale Meomrial Fellowship

Washington, D.C. (USA) and Mexico D.F. (Mexico)

November 2011

### Internationale Journalisten Programm (IJP)

Berlin, Germany

February 2011 - March 2011

## EDUCATION

### M.A. Digital Narratives

IFS Internationale Filmschule Köln

Expected graduation August 2018

### Bachelor in Social Communication

Universidad Centroamericana "José Simeón Cañas" (UCA)

2015

## LANGUAGES

### SPANISH

Native Language

### ENGLISH

Advanced

### GERMAN

Advanced

## SKILLS

### WRITING

### RESEARCH

### DIGITAL CONTENT DESIGN

## REFERENCES

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