

# Kristopher Fortin

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## SKILLS

### **Languages:**

Ability to speak, read and write in Spanish and Portuguese

### **Audio and video editing software:**

Edited video with iMovie, Final Cut Express, Final Cut Pro, Adobe Premier CS3, Soundslides; edited audio with Audacity and Garageband

### **Web assisted reporting programs:**

Flickr, Dipity Timeline, Google Maps, Ustream, Splice and Delicious

### **Social media:**

Facebook, Twitter, Delicious and Tumblr

### **Competent with most recent video, audio and photo equipment**

## Honors

Participated in the 2010 NAHJ Student Projects in Denver and 2008 Student Campus for Unity Journalism Conference in Chicago  
Awarded third place for Best Breaking News from the California College Media Association in 2009

## EXPERIENCE

### **Daily Sundial – California State University, Northridge student newspaper**

*Staff Writer – August 2009 to Present; August to December 2009, Los Angeles, Calif.*

- Covered student government meetings, student marches and protests; did a series of stories following the Nov. 2009 CSUN student senate elections; wrote various feature articles that profiled students, professors, and student organizations
- Produced podcasts and videos to accompany stories online; blogged, photographed and streamed live video to the Daily Sundial website using an iPhone during a protest at CSUN over Calif. budget cuts to higher education; created and updated an online timeline for student government meetings

*Contributing Writer – February 2008 to May 2009, Los Angeles, Calif.*

- Wrote articles about business revitalization models in blighted neighborhoods, funding increases to election budgets, safety changes for student events, and a brush fire near the university, which I was a co-recipient for the third place breaking news award from the California College Media Association

### **CAPS-FIPSE Urban Planning and Sustainability Project**

*Student Participant – January 2010 to May 2011 Los Angeles, CA; Goiânia, Goiás, Brazil*

- Awarded a \$5000 grant to study and research sustainable theories and practices in urban planning for one semester in Goiânia, Brazil. Produced a photovoice, a group of photos that includes an analysis of the images, which will be included in a final portfolio in May 2011 about the different forms of sustainability in the U.S. and Brazil

### **Café Media**

*Contributing reporter, Los Angeles correspondent - August 2009 to July 2010*

- Reported and wrote feature stories for Café Media about the arts, music, culture and health in the acculturated Latino population
- Wrote a feature story about the new generation of Latino merchants in Olvera Street, and two Peruvian sisters campaign to bring awareness to healthy living for Café Magazine, Café Media's print platform
- Researched for, managed, reported, and photographed unique stories for the biweekly online newsletter Cafecito. Featured an independent Latino bookstore trying to survive during the most recent economic downturn, a bar that bridges contemporary Latinos with the past generation, and Latino puppeteers in a historic marionette theater

### **El Nuevo Sol – CSUN Spanish-language newspaper and television program**

*Staff reporter - January 2010 to present, Cal State University, Northridge, Los Angeles, CA*

- Worked in a four-person team to produce Spanish-language content in print and video formats
- Produced, reported and edited three, seven-to-10-minute video packages, which included stories about Latino families with autistic children, transnational motherhood and undocumented unaccompanied homeless youth
- Wrote a 2000-word article for the El Nuevo Sol newspaper about undocumented unaccompanied homeless youth in Los Angeles, and profiled one of the homeless youth

### **Latino Reporter – NAHJ Student Projects**

*Staff reporter – June 20 to June 27, 2010, Denver, Colo.*

- In addition to writing an explanatory article on Arizona's Senate Bill 1070 law, created a map with Google Maps that described copycat SB 1070 bills that were introduced into state legislatures across the nation

### **Los Angeles Times**

*Editorial Assistant, Contributing Writer - December 2007 to May 2008, Los Angeles, Calif*

- Wrote a 900-word feature profile under the supervision of assistant national editor Steve Padilla that was published in the inside page of the former weekday California section

## EDUCATION

### **California State University, Northridge**

- Bachelors in Journalism and Urban Studies and Planning
- Expected graduation in May 2011

### **East Los Angeles College**

- Associate of Arts, Journalism
- Graduated in May 2010