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EXPERIENCE

Community Engagement Producer, KTOO Public Media

June 2022 - Present | Juneau, Alaska

- Produced radio segments “Tongass Voices” and “Chefs’ Talk”, multimedia features, and social media using Audition, Lightroom & PhotoShop, WordPress, and Meta
- Directed and produced award-winning oral history podcast “Mga Kuwento”, advising research, developing narrative, and managing four reporters & two editors
- Curated a museum exhibit and archive on local Filipino-American history, two websites of Filipino-American stories, and a pop-up display about KTOO’s founding
- Executed project operations at three organizations for “Mga Kuwento”, including creating community relationships, overseeing budget, and hosting three public events

Youth & Engagement Specialist, Alaska Conservation Foundation

September 2021 - February 2023 | Remote

- Developed a communications strategy for the Arctic Youth Ambassadors program, consolidating key impact data and feedback from three government & NGO groups
- Designed program booklets, brochures, and one sheets using Canva & InDesign

Freelance Writer & Educator, Self-Employed

June 2016 - May 2021 | Remote

- Published written features for Edible Alaska and MTV Founders, and wrote a daily history segment and bimonthly column for two years at the Juneau Empire
- Taught over 30 workshops on civic engagement with audiences of 5 to 75 people

Office of the President Intern, Emerson Collective

June - August 2020 | Remote

- Analyzed citizenship law, COVID-19 ‘seat time’ policies, and all-staff meeting metrics when preparing policy briefs and organizational presentations
- Assembled eight newsletters on food insecurity and briefs on meeting participants

Salmon & Political Engagement Intern, The Alaska Center

June - August 2018 | Juneau, Alaska

- Organized a campaign parade float, weekly canvassing tables around Southeast Alaska, and endorsement interviews with Juneau legislative candidates
- Coordinated statewide campaign action by managing a youth fellowship program

Sen. Stevens Legislative Intern, Alaska Rep. Ivy Spohnholz

January - May 2018 | Juneau, Alaska

- Facilitated the passage of Sobriety Awareness Month by researching, arranging, and presenting supporting documents and testimony to legislators & staff
- Prepared binders for energy committee meetings and drafted legislative citations

PROJECTS

Co-Founder and Curation & Partnerships Lead, Mana Alaska LLC

November 2022 - Present | Juneau, Alaska

Mana Alaska LLC is a media collective reclaiming, preserving, and telling the histories of Filipinos in Alaska. The collective launched with a photo exhibit in October 2023.

- Stewarded organizational vision, managed team operations, and formed partnerships with community members and venues interested in displaying media
- Supported media production by organizing story tips, interviewing over 20 elders and scheduling production in other communities, and editing stories before publication

Lynk Grantee Producer, Filipino-Americans Against Military Aid

September 2020 - May 2022 | Portland, Oregon & New York City, New York

Filipino-Americans Against Military Aid is a photo-audio series that explores why Filipino-American activists are against the U.S. sending military aid to the Philippines.

- Interviewed and photographed 15 activists about their perspectives on American imperialism, producing over 30 audio stories centering personal experiences

Almara Grantee Researcher, Alaska State Museum

December 2019 - January 2020 | Juneau, Alaska

The Almara grant, administered by Mount Holyoke College, supports student research conducted at a museum. The grant funded my research on Filipino labor in Alaska.

- Processed the Karen Hofstad collection by sorting archival labels, photographs, and marketing materials from seafood and maritime companies in Alaska
- Researched archives for labor activist Larry Itliong's time working in the canneries, sharing reports for the "Mug Up!" exhibit

EDUCATION

Mount Holyoke College | South Hadley, MA

B.A. in History, Business, Asian Pacific American Studies