

SERGIO CHAPA

Multimedia Journalist

Professional Experience

San Antonio Business Journal
Energy/Manufacturing Reporter

December 2014 to Present
San Antonio, Texas

Covering business news and economic development in the Eagle Ford shale as well as reporting on Mexico's energy reforms and San Antonio's diverse manufacturing sector. Data-based journalism for daily web stories and weekly newspaper.

KGBT-TV
Interactive Managing Editor

January 2008 to December 2014
Harlingen, Texas

Award-winning work producing original content for station's website in addition to making regular appearances on television to report drug cartel violence, drug trafficking, illegal immigration, crime, business news and other topics.

Al Día / The Dallas Morning News
Crime and Courts Reporter

July 2006 to January 2008
Dallas, Texas

Award-winning work writing in Spanish and English documenting the "cheese" heroin epidemic, crime, natural disasters, court cases, public safety issues and social change impacting the Hispanic community in northern Texas.

Brownsville Herald / El Nuevo Herald
Crime and Courts Reporter

October 2004 to July 2006
Brownsville, Texas

Award-winning work writing in English and Spanish reporting on crime on both sides of the border. Assignments included extensive travel time in Mexico.

Education

The University of Texas at Austin (Bachelor of Journalism/Public Relations)

Class of 2002

Organizations, Professional Activities, Awards & Achievements

San Antonio Association of Hispanic Journalists (Board Member)
Texas AP Broadcasters Award - "Valley Criminals on Death Row"
SXSW Panelist - "Life on the Line: Tweeting the Drug War"
Texas AP Broadcasters Award - "Mass Graves Near San Fernando"
Lone Star Award - "Fuera del Closet: Gay Latino Immigrants in Dallas"
GLAAD Award - "Tacos y Tacones"

July 2015 to Present
April 2014
March 2013
May 2011
June 2008
April 2008

Skills

- Mass Media: Identifying stories with news value; deadline writing; creating and maintaining sources; document-based and on-line research; using PACER; monitoring police radio communications
- Computers: Microsoft Office programs, Web page design; HTML; CSS; PHP; MySQL; ASPX; PC or MAC
- Multimedia: Creating interactive Google maps; Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and other social media
- Photography: Panasonic P2 Card Camera; 35mm digital photography; Cell phone photography; Digital photo editing;
- Television: Non-linear video editing with Avid NewsCutter; Writing newscast scripts with Avid iNews; Operating & broadcasting LIVE using Dejero; Ustream: YouTube; Wirecast or Adobe Live Encoder
- Languages: English/Spanish bilingual with significant experience in French. Some coursework in German, Italian and Arabic.