

# Mariano Castillo

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## EXPERIENCE

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**Texas A&M University** · College Station, Texas, 08/2024 - present

**Professor of the Practice, Department of Communication and Journalism**

Brings industry experience to the classroom to train journalism students to the highest standards of writing, editing and preparation in ethical considerations and decision-making under deadline.

**CNN** · Atlanta, Ga., 01/2023 - 07/2024

**Senior Director, News Standards and Practices**

Upholds and protects CNN's reputation by ensuring the network's reporting is ethical, fair and responsible. Provides leadership to journalists and managers on how to approach sensitive questions.

**Senior Editor, The Row** 10/2017 - 12/2022

Provide editorial oversight for all CNN platforms, including TV, digital and audio. Manage weekend team, working with producers, writers and editors to review scripts and copy.

**KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY** · Kennesaw, Ga., 8/2016 - 5/2017

**Adjunct Instructor**

Taught journalism course on news writing and editing at School of Communication & Media.

**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS** · Atlanta, Ga., 6/2016 - 10/2016

**South Regional Desk Editor**

Under deadline pressure, edited stories filed by AP correspondents across 13 states.

**CNN** · Atlanta, Ga., 6/2009 - 4/2016

**News Desk Editor/Writer**

Collaborated with producers, correspondents and assignment editors to write the day's biggest stories for desktop and mobile sites. Leading reporter on Latin America and immigration.

**SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS-NEWS** · Texas-Mexico border, 6/2003 - 8/2007

**Border Bureau Chief**

Broke news on Mexican drug cartels, border security and immigration in daily and investigative pieces.

## EDUCATION

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**Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs** · New York, N.Y.

Master of International Affairs with concentration in international media and Latin American studies.

**Texas A&M University** · College Station, Texas

Bachelor of Arts in journalism, international studies. Leadership roles in newspaper and Corps of Cadets.

## SKILLS & AWARDS

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**Languages:** Fluent Spanish; intermediate Portuguese

**Latin American Studies Association Media Award:** For contributions to US-Latin America understanding  
**Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans**