

# CATHERINE E. SHOICHET

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## JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

**CNN Digital**, Latin America Newsdesk Editor April 2011-present  
Worked closely with CNN en Español to cover immigration issues in the United States and breaking news in Latin America; reported, wrote and edited stories on tight deadlines about a wide range of topics, including Mexico's drug war, Central American immigrants, Venezuelan politics, Guatemalan drug policies, violence in Puerto Rico and Iran's influence in Latin America; traveled to Mexico to write enterprise and spot news stories about the presidential election; wrote in-depth profiles of an undecided Puerto Rican voter in Florida and a small-town mayor who sued Georgia over the state's immigration law.

**The CNN Wire**, Newsdesk Editor April 2010 – April 2011  
Wrote and edited domestic and international breaking news stories used by CNN shows, CNN.com and external clients; regularly conducted interviews in Spanish and translated material from scripts and video; pursued colorful enterprise stories on FBI bandit nicknames, same-sex honeymoons in Mexico City and National Punctuation Day.

**The Associated Press**, Mexico City Bureau, Intern September 2009 – February 2010  
Reported regularly in Spanish on a wide range of topics, including fake Frida Kahlo paintings, immigration, swine flu, kidnapping, pink taxis and police; traveled across the country to cover two hurricanes; wrote an enterprise feature story about how Mexico's Catholic bishops are dealing with drug violence; translated and edited stringers' stories.

**St. Petersburg Times**, Staff Writer July 2004 – July 2008  
Covered real estate, including a computer-assisted analysis of rental homes in suburbia and an investigative story about an international scam that ran on 1A in the Sunday paper; wrote about local politics, environmental issues and taxes as a county government beat reporter; told quirky tales about school bus racing and alpaca farming; covered statewide storm news as part of the hurricane team; filed Web updates on tight deadlines.

**Atlanta Journal-Constitution**, National Desk Intern June 2003 – August 2003  
Covered the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention beat for two weeks; wrote several front-page stories on medical and scientific topics, including smallpox vaccination, hormone replacement therapy and SARS; daily general assignment stories included coverage of Supreme Court decisions and the U.S. government's funding of an Arabic-language magazine to promote American culture in the Middle East.

**The Chronicle of Higher Education**, National Intern June 2002 – August 2002  
Wrote short weekly assignments, in-depth features and daily breaking news stories; covered science policy, financial aid and student life, including stories about the nationwide nursing shortage, laboratory theft and a creative writing student who rode a donkey across the American south.

**The Harvard Crimson**, Executive Editor January 2003 – January 2004  
Assigned, edited and copy edited stories; created curriculum and taught weekly journalism seminars.

**The Harvard Crimson**, Staff Writer January 2001 – January 2003  
-- **Christopher J. Georges Fellowship** for investigative reporting February 2002

## EDUCATION

**M.A., Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism** May 2009  
Politics concentration; coursework included study of radio and new media skills, immigration and international affairs; **Gray Fellowship for International Reporting**, funding for language study abroad after graduation.

**A.B., History and Literature, Harvard University** June 2004  
Specialized in France and America; graduated *cum laude*

**Livit Immersion Center**, Puebla, Mexico July-August 2009  
Completed two months of daily intensive Spanish classes.

## ACTIVITIES AND SKILLS

**Languages:** Fluent in Spanish, proficient in French

**Multimedia Skills:** Working knowledge of Pro Tools, Final Cut Pro, Dreamweaver, Photoshop.