

# Vanessa Montalbano

Journalist

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## EDUCATION

**American University;** Washington, D.C.

*Masters in Journalism and Public Affairs: Investigative Specialty Candidate, May 2022*

*Bachelors in Journalism and Sociology Candidate, May 2021*

GPA: 3.77

Activities: Spring 2020 and Spring 2021 Dean's Internship Program

Achievements: Dean's List (Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020)

**American University Madrid;** Madrid, Spain

*Clashes and Alliances of Mediterranean Cultures Study Abroad Program;* August 2019-December 2019

## EXPERIENCE

**Voice of America;** Washington, D.C.

*Documentary and Special Projects Unit Intern;* January 2021-Present, January 2020-May 2020

- Assists the Central News Division with identifying subject matter experts for field and studio interviews
- Researches and investigates cutting-edge stories and transcribes interviews
- Works with producers to storyboard and craft six film proposals
- Received a production credit on VOA's [Turkey: Breaking the Silence](#) documentary

**The Tempest;** Remote

*The World Senior Editor;* January 2021-Present

*News & Social Justice Junior Editor;* June 2020-December 2020

- Manages 4-5 fellows each week, accepts pitches, edits drafts and makes publishing decisions
- Launched an investigative column titled "Media Watch," a look at free speech and other media issues globally
- Served as a head editor for 2020 presidential election coverage

*Editorial Fellow;* April 2020-June 2020

- Collaborated with vertical editors and the managing editor on pitches and marketing techniques
- Rotated every two weeks through unique verticals while writing 5 drafts per week at 700+ words, bylines can be found on [my authors page](#)

**Chrysalis Editorial;** Washington, D.C.

*Summer Intern;* March 2020-August 2020

- Worked with professional editors and writers to assist their clients in working towards publication
- Created marketing and self-publishing webinars
- Modernized the company website via Weebly

**Freelance Journalism;** Washington, D.C.

*Editing and Research Assistant;* August 2018-Present

- Helps conduct, edit, transcribe and analyze research for local author Iris Krasnow

*Contributing Reporter for FastCasual;* March 2021-Present

- [Did Uber Eats' Super Bowl ad miss the mark?](#)
- [Pandemic inspires Mighty Quinn's to make soap, save the competition](#)

## SKILLS

- Computer: HTML, CSS, WordPress, Weebly, SEO Scores, I-Movie, Power Point, Excel, Twitter, Instagram, Clubhouse, Webinar Creation, Adobe Audition
- Editing: Research, Grammar, Clarity, Creativity, Attention to Detail, Organization, Rhetoric, Style