

LEYLA SANTIAGO

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

May 2019- May 2023 CNN Miami, FL

National Correspondent

Reported on politics, healthcare and education, with emphasis on Covid-19 and its impact on the state of Florida. Covered Hurricane Ian and was the first journalist to broadcast live from Sanibel island and show the aftermath and devastation. Created content for digital and TV platforms for general assignments.

May 2019- Apr. 2021 CNN Washington, D.C.

National Correspondent

Covered the 2020 Presidential Election. Traveled across the country to give viewers insight on the campaigns of Congressman Beto O'Rourke and Senator Elizabeth Warren. Reported on federal agencies, including FEMA's Covid-19 response and supply chain issues.

Oct.2016- May 2019 CNN International Mexico City, Mexico

International Correspondent

Covered Latin America and its relationship with the U.S. for CNN US, CNN International and CNN Digital. Reported breaking news in live reports, including award-winning coverage of Hurricane Maria and its aftermath.

Oct. 2012- Oct. 2016 WRAL Raleigh, NC

Anchor/Reporter

Covered daily beat: Latino community and immigration. Reported breaking news and enterprise stories in live reports from the field for weekday evening newscasts. Anchored a two-hour weekend morning newscast. Produced *The Journey Alone* and *Inside Cuba*, two award-winning documentaries.

Nov.2009- Oct. 2012 KBAK/KBFX Bakersfield, CA

Anchor

Anchored a daily four-hour morning newscast. Produced and anchored a half-hour noon newscast. Reported breaking news from the field for evening newscasts, including award-winning coverage of wildfires in California. Produced in-depth series on a range of issues, from local politics to the agriculture industry.

Mar. 2008- Nov. 2009 KTUU Anchorage, AK

Reporter/Fill-in Anchor

Covered daily general assignment stories. Traveled to rural Alaska for in-depth reports on energy and climate change. Anchored newscasts, when needed. Produced *Daytripping*, A weekly Summer-travel series.

Mar. 2006- Mar. 2008

WVIR

Charlottesville, VA

Multimedia Journalist

Reported breaking news and enterprise stories live from the field for daily newscasts, with an emphasis on Madison and Albemarle County. Filmed and edited video for stories. Investigated and produced in-depth reports on crime.

Apr. 2005- Mar. 2006

WCJB

Gainesville, FL

Weekend/Nightside Assignment Editor

Managed five news crews daily. Developed and assigned stories for newscasts. Maintained relationships with key sources in local agencies. Edited and approved scripts for newscasts. Coordinated satellite feeds.

HONORS AND AWARDS

2019 Crain's NewsPro's 12 to Watch in TV News (National)

2018 Edward R Murrow Award (National)

2018 Peabody Award Nominee (National)

2017 Emmy Award- Documentary/Topical (Regional)

2015 Alfred I. DuPont-Columbia Award (National)

2015 Emmy Award- Breaking News (Regional)

2011 Emmy Nomination- Writing (Regional)

2011 Associated Press: Mark Twain Award- Best Anchor (Regional)

2010 Emmy Award: Best Newscast (Regional)

2010 Emmy Nomination: Best Political Reporting (Regional)

EDUCATION

University of Florida B.A. Public Relations Gainesville, Florida

SKILLS

Bilingual: Spanish/English