SEBASTIÁN A. SILVA HERNÁNDEZ

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Puerto Rican journalist, editor and Master of Public Policy candidate. I report on government, politics and public policy in Spanish and English, with a focus on public records, data and the people affected by public decisions.

EDUCATION

University of Denver, Josef Korbel School of Global and Public Affairs – Denver, CO — Expected June 2027
Master of Public Policy, specialization in journalism • Policy Writing; Environmental Conflict and Policy; Housing Policy

Universidad Ana G. Méndez – San Juan, PR — May 2023
B.A. Social Sciences, Criminal Justice and Criminology • Summa Cum Laude, GPA 3.93/4.00

JOURNALISM AND EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

The Territorial Journal | Founder and Editor-in-Chief — October 2026 – Present
- Founded an independent publication on U.S. affairs, Puerto Rico and global issues; lead its editorial direction and Puerto Rico reporting.
- Wrote and published four pieces in English and Spanish on U.S. politics, voting rights and national identity.

El Calce | Journalism Intern – San Juan, PR (Hybrid) — June 2026 – October 2026
- Reported and wrote 12 published stories in Spanish on Puerto Rico's government, politics and social issues.
- Built a public-records investigation into the Governor's 17 official trips and roughly $56,000 in travel during a water crisis.
- Compared official and independent femicide counts (29 vs. 81 cases in 2024) and traced how classification gaps hid its scale.
- Reported on Puerto Rico's birth collapse (71% drop, 1990–2020) with data requested from the Institute of Statistics.
- Interviewed former Governor Acevedo Vilá, former Senate President McClintock and former House Speaker Aponte.

El Nuevo Día | Guest Opinion Columnist, *Desde la diáspora* — October 2026
- Published an opinion column on Puerto Rico's status debate in the island's largest newspaper.

POLITICAL AND POLICY EXPERIENCE

Michael Bennet for Governor | Political Team Intern – Denver, CO — March 2026 – July 2026
- Researched legislative issues and drafted policy memos supporting campaign strategy; managed campaign databases and led Spanish-language outreach, relaying community concerns to senior staff.

Daniel Hassler for Congress | Political Team Intern – Colorado's 8th District — Nov 2025 – Feb 2026
- Conducted outreach to Latino and Spanish-speaking voters.

Puerto Rico Police Bureau | Investigative Support Intern – Bayamón, PR — March 2023 – May 2023
- Drafted briefs, reports and case summaries for active fraud and robbery investigations; handled confidential records.

DATA AND ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Independent | Software Developer and Data Analyst – Aurora, CO (Remote) — Oct 2025 – Present
- Build Python tools for statistical analysis and visualization of public datasets to support reporting and policy work.

Best Buy | Retail Sales Associate – Aurora, CO — Nov 2026 – Present
- Assist customers with product selection and complete sales in a high-volume retail store.

Old Navy | Brand Associate – San Juan, PR and Aurora, CO — June 2025 – May 2026
- Served customers in Spanish and English in a high-volume store.

Retail Group | Promotions Supervisor – Bayamón, PR — May 2025 – Aug 2025
- Supervised field promotion teams, tracked performance metrics and ensured compliance with labor standards.

The Walt Disney Company | Disney College Program – Orlando, FL — June 2024 – May 2025
- Resolved complex guest issues under time pressure on a team of cast members from Latin America, Asia and Europe.

Supermercados Selectos Quiñones | Bagger (part-time) – Bayamón, PR — June 2020 – June 2024
- Provided customer service, bagged groceries, verified prices and worked the cash register.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

"Feminicidios: ¿Una emergencia que Puerto Rico tiene en el olvido?" | *El Calce* — July 2026
"El velorio de los 'superpoderes' del ELA" | *El Calce* — July 2026
"Bad Bunny: El político que nunca se postuló" | *El Calce* — August 2026
"Good enough to die for America, not good enough to vote in it." | *The Territorial Journal* — October 2026
"Con el ay bendito no se arregla la casa" | *El Nuevo Día* — October 2026

POLICY WRITING

"The Collapse of Puerto Rico's Commonwealth Model" | *Country analysis* — Josef Korbel School
"Poland at a Crossroads" | *Country analysis* — Josef Korbel School
Denver Immigration Policy | *Policy options memo* — Josef Korbel School

SKILLS

Languages: Spanish (native), English (fluent).
Technical: Python, statistical analysis, data visualization, database management, Google Workspace, Microsoft Office.