# KATRINA VENTURA

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## SUMMARY

Data Visualization Developer with five years of journalism and news production experience, holding an M.S. in Data Journalism from Columbia University. Skilled in data analysis, visualization, web scraping, mapping, and web development. Recent projects include [regression analysis](#) on racial disparities in mandatory reporting, an interactive NYC [COVID case map](#), and a [scrollytelling timeline](#) of Columbia University's Gaza Solidarity Encampment movement.

## EDUCATION

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| **M.S. in Data Journalism, Columbia University, New York** | **August 2024** |
| **Product Immersion Program, City University of New York** | **Feb 2023** |
| **B.A. in Broadcast Communication, University of the Philippines** | **June 2018** |
| Graduated Magna Cum Laude | |

## SKILLS

**Technical Skills:** Python, R, SQL, HTML/CSS, D3, Datawrapper, Adobe Illustrator, BeautifulSoup, Playwright, QGIS, Mapbox, Svelte, React, JavaScript, BeautifulSoup, Playwright, and Git.
**Analytical Skills:** Data cleaning, preparation, and visualization; extracting insights and identifying trends from complex datasets.

## NEWSROOM EXPERIENCE

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| **Teaching Assistant, Lede Program for Data Journalists** | **June 2024** |

Provided additional support in Python programming and assisted in mapping and interactive data projects.

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| **Senior News Producer, CNN Philippines** | **March 2023 - May 2023** |

Managed daily news agenda and newscast flow for flagship evening programs. Wrote and edited scripts for national and political stories.

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| **Executive Producer, PumaPodcast** | **April 2019 - June 2023** |

Launched and managed Philippines' first daily news explainer podcast. Hosted and produced an award-nominated podcast on election propaganda and disinformation, recognized by the Society of Publishers in Asia.

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| **Executive Producer, CignalTV One News** | **September 2018 - September 2022** |

Managed editorial, production, and promotion for current affairs and election programs across multiple news channels. Oversaw newscast flow and script writing for flagship evening news and hourly breaking news programs. Produced award-winning medical show during COVID-19 pandemic, recognized by 2021 Catholic Mass Media Awards for Best Public Service Program.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

Received [Columbia-Nikkei Journalism Scholarship](#) for exceptional candidates (2023)
Earned finalist recognition from [Society of Publishers in Asia](#) for excellence in audio reporting (2023)
Won Best Public Service Program at [Catholic Mass Media Awards](#) for impactful medical show during COVID-19 pandemic (2021)
Gained Merit Award in Audio Category from [Human Rights Press Awards](#) for investigative podcast (2021)