

# CARLOS D. WILLIAMSON

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## JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

Chicago Tribune, Chicago, IL

Feature Writer

Dec. 2017 – Present

- Wrote a piece on the cultural phenomenon of the [friend zone](#) and how it impacts men and women.
- Pitch stories on the intersection of race and culture.

Agate Editor

July 2017 – Present

- Edit content in agate slugs for conciseness, clarity and accuracy.
- Revise and format box scores, standings and stats for sports section and affiliate newspapers.

Folha de S.Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil

Bilingual-Culture Reporter

Sept. – Dec. 2016

- Wrote in-depth features in Portuguese about Brazil's racial climate and nuanced subculture, including a piece on performer [Val Souza](#) and how she uses art to challenge systemic racism.
- Embraced gonzo-style journalism by delving into the [daily routine and nightlife](#) of Brazilians in the fast-paced city of São Paulo.
- Reported, fact-checked and copy edited in Portuguese.

Medill News Service, Chicago, IL

Social Justice and Arts and Culture Reporter

Jan. – Aug. 2016

- Wrote news and feature stories for a digital news service devoted to the coverage of the city of Chicago.
- Wrote about [Gordon Parks' revelatory artwork](#), [survivors of sexual abuse healing through art](#), [senior citizens struggling to afford food and housing](#) and other stories pertaining to social issues, culture and race.
- Wrote all headlines, decks and captions and took photographs for most of my stories.

Western Illinois Magazine, Macomb, IL

Editor-in-Chief

Aug. 2014 – May 2015

- Wrote a feature story on Western Illinois University's first black president and how he changed the culture of the institution.
- Assigned, edited and fact-checked feature stories. Supervised 12 staff writers and made final decisions on layout and design.

Managing Editor

Jan. – March 2014

- Wrote a historical feature about actor and singer Burl Ives and the impact he had on his community.
- Edited feature stories and supervised 10 staff writers.

Western Courier, Macomb, IL

Copy Editor

April 2014 – May 2015

- Edited 15 articles per day for the student newspaper.
- Wrote one news story, feature story or column per week and supervised two proofreaders.

Proofreader

Jan. – April 2014

- Edited articles for the university's student newspaper.
- Contacted numerous sources daily to verify information and fact-check.

## EDUCATION

Medill School of Journalism, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

*Master of Science in Journalism*

Dec. 2016

Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL

*Bachelor of Arts in Journalism*

May 2015

Awards: Departmental Scholar, Honors Scholar, Dean's List of Scholars (5)

## SUMMARY OF SKILLS

Languages: Fluent in Portuguese

Computer: NewsGate, Adobe InDesign, Photoshop and Premiere; HTML, CSS and JavaScript