

Silas Valentino | San Francisco Bay Area Journalist

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Travel Editor

SFGATE | February 2022 — Present

Award-winning online new website and a sister-publication of the *San Francisco Chronicle*.

- Manage and organize the travel vertical for an active online audience averaging 500,000 unique visits per week.
- Uncover original and compelling narratives pertaining to San Francisco Bay Area travel and transit.
- Assign, edit feature articles and columns; recruit and nurture a roster of freelancers.

Managing Editor

Punch Magazine | November 2018 — January 2022

Accelerated the launch of the independent print magazine focused on the Peninsula in the Bay Area.

- Developed and spearheaded monthly editorial packages for a readership of 25k on a team of three.
- Produced several monthly feature articles from story conception, on-sight interviews to editing and layout.
- Web and CMS developer; arranged online article display and oversaw social media presence.

Reporter

Point Reyes Light | September 2016 — April 2018

Pulitzer Prize-winning country weekly newspaper covering West Marin in the North Bay Area.

- Reported on local government, healthcare and education along with profiles, obituaries and human-interest features to produce an average of 4,000 words per week.
- Broadcasted stories in weekly interviews with local radio station KWMR.

Contributor

The Village Voice | March 2015 — April 2016

Foremost alt-weekly newspaper founded in New York City.

- Daily reporting on the NYC music scene and authored a bi-weekly column of concert listings.
- Provided breaking news coverage, profiled local and touring musicians, oversaw the weekly online newsletter, established an in-house writer's group and was dispatched to numerous music festivals and events.

FREELANCE

Bylines appeared nationally in the *Dallas Observer*, *Denver Westword*, *Phoenix New Times*, *PopMatters*, *East Bay Express*, *RUKUS Magazine*, *Eugene Weekly*, *Little Village Magazine*, *Queens Chronicle* and *Oregon Daily Emerald*.

VOLUNTEER

Patron to the Coalition on Homelessness and reported pro bono on homeless shelters for the non-profit's newspaper, the *Street Sheet*. Organized a fundraiser through Children of Strength, a non-profit assisting vulnerable children in Kenya, to build a windmill in the village of Kilimambogo. Delivered supplies to a small group of scientists on the Farallon Islands off the Californian coast.

EDUCATION

University of Oregon | Bachelors of Arts, Journalism | *Fall 2010 – Summer 2014*

University of Rosario, Argentina | Spanish Language & Culture | *Fall 2013*

SKILLS

On-Air Radio Interviewing, Public Speaking, Storytelling

Digital Media, Adobe Photoshop, InDesign, Squarespace, Wordpress

Mentorship, Onboarding and Training, Recruiting, Career Advancement, Strategic Development