

LIAM HALBERG

WRITER | RESEARCHER | INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Multilingual writer, researcher, and communications professional with experience across Africa, Southeast Asia, Latin America, and the Caribbean. Combines field reporting, human rights research, and conservation storytelling to illuminate complex political, social, and environmental issues. Published journalist with strengths in interviewing, multilingual analysis, campaign writing, and cross-cultural communication. Fluent in English and French, with conversational Spanish.

EXPERIENCE

Media and Communications Intern | Wild Africa

June 2026-Present

Cape Town, South Africa

- Research and develop conservation stories that place wildlife protection within the political, cultural, and human realities shaping environmental issues across Africa.
- Translate research, campaign objectives, and field material into precise, persuasive copy for digital media and cross-platform conservation campaigns.
- Contribute to pan-African media initiatives involving broadcasters, conservation organizations, governments, and prominent cultural voices; selected for a competitive UCSB Carsey-Wolf Center Internship Scholarship.

Research Intern | Coalition for Human Rights in Development

2026-Present

Remote | Latin America and the Caribbean portfolio

- Reviewed and synthesized 80+ case records documenting how development projects affected water access, community rights, and local livelihoods across Latin America and the Caribbean.
- Built a comparative Excel tracker that revealed recurring patterns, surfaced representative cases, and guided outreach to affected communities and partner organizations.
- Selected three cases for in-depth study and authored Spanish-language briefs that transformed complex internal records into rigorous issue analysis, community-centered narratives, and proposed advocacy actions.
- Prepare interview research and outreach materials to deepen engagement with communities and regional organizations.

Contributing Writer | Prachatai English

2025

Bangkok, Thailand

- Reported from Bangkok on Thai politics and culture through original interviews, field research, and on-the-ground observation.
- Published English-language journalism for an international readership, placing local developments within their broader political and cultural contexts while meeting editorial deadlines.

Social Media Coordinator | Kuruvungna Village Springs / Gabrielino-Tongva Springs Foundation

2025-Present

Los Angeles, California

- Co-manage the Instagram presence of a Gabrielino-Tongva cultural and ecological site, shaping how its history, programs, and environmental work are communicated online.
- Write captions, curate visual materials, and develop coverage of community events, Indigenous history, and local ecology in collaboration with a small team.

Independent Writer | The Archives

2025-Present

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- Publish researched essays examining international politics, political violence, protest movements, media, and press freedom.
- Develop long-form analysis on cartel violence in Mexico, youth-led protest movements, and journalism in Gaza while building a distinctive independent editorial portfolio.

EDUCATION

University of California, Santa Barbara | B.A. Comparative Literature

2024-2026

American University of Paris | Undergraduate coursework

2022-2024

SKILLS

Research and editorial: Field reporting, interviewing, case analysis, long-form writing, copywriting, editing, multilingual research

Communications and digital: Campaign writing, content development, social media, WordPress, Blogger, Canva, Photoshop

Production and data: Final Cut Pro, iMovie, Excel

Languages: English and French (fluent); Spanish (conversational, with research and brief-writing experience)