

Five things to know about new IFP reporter Veronica Appia

For The Georgetown Independent and Free Press' newest reporter, community journalism is a type of love affair.

It's the exclusivity of stories, tight-knit communities, heart-warming tales and places that you'd never imagine yourself being in that keep her coming back for more.

But you may have guessed that, right? Here are five fun facts to know about Veronica Appia

- She began her writing career in theatre
Veronica began her writing career as a theatre critic and playwright before entering the journalism realm. She wrote and directed her first play *Muse*, an interdisciplinary theatre show on the plights of the visual artist, which was staged in 2014.
- In 2013, she began working as a freelance theatre critic, launching the *Theatre Reader*, an online magazine dedicated to covering theatre news and reviews across Ontario, which she ran as editor-in-chief until 2017.
- Skydiving is atop her bucket list, but she's not a fan of heights
Veronica likes diving head first into uncomfortable situations (quite literally), and jumping from a plane is one of the challenges you'd find on her short-term bucket list.



Veronica Appia

• If she could interview any person dead or alive, it would be William Shakespeare

Surprise, surprise (but not for the reasons that you think). Not only is Shakespeare one of the most influential writers, um, ever, there are so many theories and ongoing debates that have lasted for more than a century surrounding the question of his authorship. Now that

would be a story to break.

• She's spent the last two years in digital journalism

A graduate from the advanced journalism program at Humber College, Veronica began working as a digital editor for *Page-masters North America*, before transitioning into her previous role as digital content producer for *Metroland Digital Media*. She is passionate about engaging online audiences using multimedia tools, embeddables and interactive elements.

• Her guilty pleasure is reading Emily Giffin romance novels

Sure they're cheesy, but she can't put them down. She's read all eight (some more than once) and she has no regrets.

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