

Bill Mitchell

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- Retired** (at least for a while, but open to reporting, editing assignments) **2022-**
- Publisher/CEO, [National Catholic Reporter](#)** **2020-2022**
- Climate editor, [National Catholic Reporter](#)** **2019-2020**
Working with news and business-side colleagues at NCR to create [EarthBeat](#), a site within a site providing comprehensive coverage of Catholic and other groups addressing the climate crisis.
- [Freelance writer](#)** **2013-**
Published articles In Boston Globe, National Catholic Reporter, National Geographic, among others
- blogger, [A Year in a Room](#) and [Across the Hall](#)** **2013-**
A Year in a Room recounts the two years that my wife & I lived at the Beacon Hill Friends House; Across the Hall is an ongoing account of living across the hall from one of our daughters and her family near Coolidge Corner.
- Adjunct faculty, Northeastern University** **2015-2016**
Taught media ethics to graduate and undergraduate students 2015-2016. [Course description, syllabus](#), slides, etc.
- [affiliate faculty and contributor, The Poynter Institute](#)** **2012-2017**
Took a buyout from Poynter at the end of 2011, but continued to work in a various Poynter programs. Led a 12- week blended learning program for participants in Hungary, Poland, Czech Republic and Slovakia about covering world development issues. Program included eLearning as well in-person training in each of the countries.
- guest faculty, [Fachhochschule für Management & Kommunikation, Vienna, Austria](#)** **2012-2015**
Taught masters-level seminars in entrepreneurial journalism at Vienna's University of Applied Sciences.
- entrepreneurial work** **2012-2015**
Co-founded in February 2012 a community-based news start-up ([Detroit143](#)) focused on tracking the transformation of the city's 143 square miles of land and water. Here's the [final report on the project](#).
- leader of entrepreneurial journalism and international programs, [The Poynter Institute](#)** **2009-2011**
Program included reporting and writing (<http://bit.ly/newspayblog>), research (<http://bit.ly/rubbleclues>) and teaching. Also directed Poynter's work with international journalists in Poynter programs and Poynter faculty teaching in Africa, Europe, South America and Asia. In recent years, I've taught in South Africa, Austria, Poland, Denmark, Colombia, China and India.
- juror, The Pulitzer Prizes in Journalism** **2002-2003**
Served on the [public service jury in 2002](#) (prize awarded to The New York Times) and the [editorial cartooning jury in 2003](#) (prize awarded to David Horsey of Seattle Post-Intelligencer)
- director of Poynter Online & related positions, The Poynter Institute** **1999-2009**
Led the creation of Poynter Online (www.poynter.org), a global resource for journalists and journalism educators with news about news and best practices. Directed marketing & such publications as annual *Best Newspaper Writing*, quarterly *Poynter Report* & and best-selling collection of newspaper front pages, [September 11, 2001](#).
- editor and director of development, Universal New Media** **1995-1999**
Helped lead creation of digital arm of Universal Press Syndicate & Andrews McMeel Publishing. Change leadership work with creators, editors and colleagues. Based in Silicon Valley with periodic stints at KC headquarters.

director of electronic publishing, San Jose Mercury News	1992-1995
Led the creation of one of the first newspapers to be published online. (Some of the history recounted here: http://bit.ly/MercuryCenter). Served on the newspaper's operating committee and led the introduction of digital publishing to the company's news and advertising departments.	
various positions at the Detroit Free Press and Knight Ridder	1972-1985 & 1987-1992
Reporting positions included general assignment, city hall bureau chief, Washington correspondent and European correspondent (based in Vienna). Editing roles included city editor, assistant managing editor for investigations and assistant to the executive editor. Winner of Distinguished Service in Journalism medal awarded by the Society of Professional Journalists (1975) and finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in special local reporting (1976).	
bureau chief, TIME magazine	1985-1987
Led coverage of the auto industry as well as political and general news in several-state region.	
RESEARCH	
Earn Your Own Trust, Roll Your Own Ethics (w/ Bob Steele) (see p.63)	2005-2010
Clues in the Rubble: A User-First Framework for Sustaining Local News	
EDUCATION	
Sagan Fellow at Shorenstein Center on Press & Politics , Kennedy School at Harvard University	2009
B.A., theology, magna cum laude, University of Notre Dame	1967-1971
INTERNSHIPS	
New York Times Washington bureau	1971-1972
St. Petersburg Times	1970
The Day (New London, Ct.)	1965-1969
VOLUNTEER WORK	
Member of the Immigration ministry, Paulist Center (Catholic Church, Boston)	2019 -
Member of the Creation Care ministry, Paulist Center, Boston	2019-
Member of the Board of Directors , Huntington News (student paper, Northeastern University)	2018-
Clerk of the board of the Beacon Hill Friends House (residential community, downtown Boston)	2018-2019
Member of Martin Luther King Committee , Town of Brookline	2017-
Member of pastoral council, The Paulist Center , Boston)	2015-2019
Board member of the National Catholic Reporter (independent weekly)	1998-2004
Board member of Gallivan Program in Journalism & Democracy , University of Notre Dame	2004-2012
Co-director of parish youth group (St. Joseph's Church , St. Petersburg, Fl.)	2005-2007