

# Steve Rhodes

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## Employment

- 10/05 to current     **The Beachwood Media Company**  
Editor, Publisher, Founder  
Created [The Beachwood Reporter](#), the world's wittiest Chicago-centric news and culture review. Developed innovative coverage in [music](#), [TV](#), [books](#), [sports](#), [politics](#) and [beyond](#). Edited site and wrote the daily [must-read Papers](#) column.
- 10/99 to 10/05     **Chicago magazine**  
Senior Editor, Politics, Media, Business  
They call it "[The Clout Beat](#)." Plus: "[And Now, A Few Words On Behalf Of The Worst Writer In Chicago](#)," "[Ode To An Eyesore](#)." Also created the popular online weekly media column *Press Box* ([samples here](#).) Edited two editions of annual dubious awards.
- 11/94 to 10/99     **Newsweek**  
Special Correspondent  
From the economics of Michael Jordan's contract to Fargo's remarkably low unemployment rate. [Sent on the road to follow Sammy Sosa's 1998 home run chase](#); part of the Unabomber and Versace killer reporting teams.
- 6/93 to 11/94     **Chicago Tribune**  
Reporting resident  
Numerous page one stories included this [debunking](#) of an anti anti-smoking backlash. Also revealed deaths attributable, separately, to a failed [domestic abuse](#) and [child welfare system](#).
- 09/92 to 06/93     **Newspaper Management Center**  
Staff Assistant  
Worked on innovative local news research for both NMC and Knight-Ridder. Attended executive management-level advanced education programs.
- 09/91 to 06/92     **The Waterloo Courier**  
Police Reporter  
Uncovered paramedics who falsified training documents for annual recertification, and fought to open up public inspection of police reports for the first time in the paper's history.

- 11/89 to 05/91      ***The Lakeland Ledger***  
 Police Reporter, Sunday Writer  
 Uncovered a wildly unconstitutional sheriff's office drug sting, and reprioritized police beat to deepen institutional and policy reporting over random crime coverage.
- 1986 to 1988      ***The Minnesota Daily***  
 Managing Editor, Assistant Managing Editor, Reporter  
 Led a 50-plus member staff. Impact including resignations, firings, early retirements and a conviction: two presidents, three vice presidents, one athletic director, one director of minority affairs, and one physical plant director. Edited two annual humor editions.

### **Selected Awards:**

- 2010                      Chicago Headline Club: Best “blog,” *The Beachwood Reporter*.
- 2004                      National Magazine Award, General Excellence: *Chicago* magazine, including “[The Sad Saga Of Bob Greene](#).”
- 2004                      City and Regional Magazine Association Silver Medal, Reporting & Chicago Headline Club, In-Depth Reporting: “[Anatomy of a Crash](#).”
- 2001                      Chicago Headline Club, Reporting: “[The Day Clout Struck Out](#).”
- 2000                      Chicago Bar Association, Kogan Award: “Is Everyone Really Out To Get Peter Francis Geraci?”
- 1988                      Best College Daily, Best Spot News (Daily Extra), Society of Professional Journalists.

### **Education**

*Northwestern University:* Self-designed, [pioneering](#) M.A. in newsroom management combining coursework from the Medill School of Journalism, the Kellogg School of Management, and the School of Communication.

*University of Minnesota:* B.A. in Journalism, emphasis on media law, ethics and history, as well as political and investigative reporting.