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EXPERIENCE

The Dallas Morning News

Washington Bureau Chief

2009-March 2024

Award winning reporter and editor

- As player-coach bureau chief managed team covering politics, White House, Congress and agencies with emphasis on accountability of Texas officials and how federal policy affects—or fails—Texans.
- Led DC outpost of Texas' leading news outlet to punch well above its weight on breaking news, enterprise and analysis through creativity, high standards and avoidance of pack journalism.
- Directed and edited coverage of immigration and border policy, redistricting, leadership scrambles, culture wars, energy, abortion, taxes, trade, gun violence and myriad other topics.
- As lead reporter on presidential and Senate campaigns, delivered crisp and insightful debate coverage on crushing deadlines, and lively stories from every battleground state and corner of Texas.
- Traveled with six presidents and four VPs.
- Reported from 46 states and 14 countries.
- Known for forcing Texas politicians to address subjects they preferred to avoid.
- Prompted Sen. Ted Cruz to renounce Canadian citizenship that he wasn't aware of until I revealed it.
- Recruited and coached dozens of interns and numerous staff correspondents.

Washington Correspondent

2003-2008

Responsibilities evolved from Texas delegation in Congress to White House and national politics.

National reporter

2001-2003

Senior reporter on award-winning 9/11 coverage.

Politics writer

1997-2001

Embed with Bush and Cheney. Weekly column.

City Hall/Metro

1993-1997

Exposed mayor's ethics lapses in arena talks. Covered OKC bombing probe. Weekend editor, directed team of 5.

State desk reporter

1989-1993

Rapid response reporter on disasters in four states.

Covered elections, racial tensions and abortion fights in Texas and Louisiana.

LEADERSHIP

White House Correspondents' Association

Board member

2014-2023

- Elected three times by colleagues in the White House press corps.
- Advocated and fought for media access under Obama, Trump and Biden in collaboration with other WHCA leaders.
- Provided federal court testimony that saved hard passes/access for targeted journalists.
- Trained print poolers. Upheld standards for speed, thoroughness and neutrality.
- Lauded for even-handed and transparent management of Air Force One pool.
- Secured steep cost reductions as WHCA point on travel logistics.
- Represented WHCA on scouting trips to five continents ahead of presidential travel.

Society of Professional Journalists

SPJ Foundation director (since 2001), president (2004-2006), chair of judging for annual \$75k editorial fellowship (since 2010). SPJ board (1998-2003).

EDUCATION

Harvard, Kennedy School of Government

Master's in Public Policy, 1989

Johns Hopkins

BA, 1987, with honors in international studies

MAJOR HONORS

- Sigma Delta Chi award (national) for [Washington Correspondence](#), 2019
- National Headliners award political coverage: [2d place](#) for 2022 midterms; [2d place](#) for 2020 elections; [3d place](#) for 2018 midterms
- Texas APME: [Team effort 2d place](#), 2019; [Star Breaking News 2d place](#), 2017; 2002 Sweepstakes prize and Spot News 1st for 9/11 coverage