

# TODD J. GILLMAN

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## EXPERIENCE

### **Arizona State University**

**Director, Cronkite News DC Bureau** April 2024-

Train and direct a dozen journalism students covering Washington for Arizona's only news outlet in DC.

### **The Dallas Morning News**

**Washington Bureau Chief** 2009-March 2024

Award winning reporter and editor

- Directed and edited coverage of politics, White House, Congress and agencies for Texas' leading news outlet. Maintained focus on accountability and how federal policy affects (or fails) Texans.
- Bureau punched well above its weight through creativity, high standards and avoiding the pack.
- Delivered expert analysis and crisp deadline reports on immigration, campaign debates, abortion, redistricting, leadership scrambles, taxes, trade, gun violence and myriad other topics.
- Lead reporter on presidential and Senate campaigns, known for lively stories from every battleground state and corner of Texas and for forcing politicians to address subjects they preferred to avoid.
- Traveled with six presidents and four VPs. Reported from 46 states and 14 countries.
- Prompted Sen. Ted Cruz to renounce lifelong Canadian citizenship he learned about from me.
- Recruited and coached dozens of interns and numerous staff correspondents.

**Washington Correspondent** 2003-2008

**National reporter** 2001-2003

**Politics reporter/columnist** 1997-2001

**City Hall/Metro** 1993-1997

**State desk reporter** 1989-1993

Quickly rose from intern to rapid response reporter on disasters, racial tensions, high-profile trials and elections in 4 states. On Metro, exposed mayor's ethics lapses, covered OKC bombing probe and directed team of 5 as weekend editor. Senior reporter on award-winning 9/11 coverage. Responsibilities in DC started with Texas delegation, grew to include politics and the White House.

## 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 White House 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 1<sup>st</sup> for 9/11 coverage