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EDUCATION

Graduated in August 1989 from the University of Memphis, with a bachelor's degree in journalism, concentration in news editorial.

Graduated in August 2007 from Jacksonville (Ala.) State University, with a master's degree in history, concentration in Southern history.

AFFILIATIONS/RECENT CONFERENCES

I am a member of the Association of Opinion Journalists; the National Society of Newspaper Columnists; the Associated Press Managing Editors; the American Copy Editors Society; the Associated Press Sports Editors; and the Football Writers Association of America. I also am a past president of the Alabama Sports Writers Association.

I am a former advisor in the University of Memphis' Journalism Department Mentorship Program and an adjunct instructor with the University of Alabama's journalism department, which operates a one-of-a-kind master's degree program in The Star's newsroom.

I am a member of the University of Memphis Journalism Alumni Club board of directors; the Tau Theta Chapter of the Phi Alpha Theta International Honor Society; the Southern Historical Association; the American Journalists Historians Association; and Who's Who of American College Students.

I participated in the University of Alabama's 2006 national conference on community journalism; APME's 2004 International News Coverage Seminar in Atlanta; the 2004 Bioterrorism/Emergency Response and the Media seminar in Birmingham, Ala.; and I taught at SNPA seminars in Birmingham and the APME Convention in Louisville, Ky., in 2004. I was an attendee at APSE conventions in Phoenix, Ariz., and Richmond, Va., and the NCEW convention in Kansas City, Mo.

I am a graduate of Leadership Calhoun County, Ala., class of 2005.

EMPLOYMENT

June 2019 to present

Columnist, The Anniston (Ala.) Star

Duties include writing three columns a week, long-form takeouts and feature stories.

August 2018 to February 2019

Freelance writer, Potts Marketing Group, Anniston, Alabama

Assisted with research and script writing for a historical documentary Potts Marketing was producing for a 2020 release.

November 2018 to May 2019

Media coordinator, College of Communication and Fine Arts, The University of Memphis

Duties included overseeing the college's social media accounts, publicizing college events and writing and editing for the college's annual magazine.

September 2006 to June 2019

Commentary editor, The Anniston (Ala.) Star

Duties included daily editing and writing operations of The Star's editorial and op-ed pages and Sunday Insight section. My duties include developing content for the newspaper's social media presence on Facebook, Twitter and the newspaper's website and uploading and design of department's content for the web, including online-only content. My other duties include writing editorials and a twice-a-week op-ed column, recruiting op-ed submissions, selecting op-ed columns and screening letters to the editor.

August 2007 to 2009

Part-time instructor, The University of Alabama

I assisted with master's-level journalism classes for the University of Alabama's graduate school that operates inside The Star's newsroom.

May 2003 to September 2006

Managing editor, The Anniston (Ala.) Star

I led a newsroom staff of 42 of The Star, one of the nation's top small dailies. My duties included participation in daily budget/planning sessions; critiquing daily papers; recruiting, screening and teaching intern candidates; performance reviews of employees and handling most personnel matters in the newsroom; long-range planning for all departments, especially business and sports; setting ethics standards and guidelines for the newsroom; and overseeing entire newsroom production.

March 2002 to May 2003

News editor, The Anniston (Ala.) Star

I led a 9-person copy desk/graphics staff and assisted the executive editor in a role that ranked me as the newsroom's No. 2 editor. (The Star had no managing editor during this time.) I led budget meetings and planning sessions in his absence. My duties included overseeing department; critiquing daily layouts; planning of each day's news sections; handling wire budgets; designing new sections; assisting in news projects; managing space requirements for all news editorial departments; and paginating pages.

March 2000 to March 2002

Sports editor/columnist, The Anniston (Ala.) Star

I performed all administrative duties within The Star's APSE award-winning sports department: planning, budgeting, scheduling and personnel. I managed a full-time staff of seven that covered 38 high schools, three Division I-A colleges and a home-town NASCAR track. I also wrote three columns and paginated 2-3 slot shifts per week.

April 1998 to March 2000

Assistant sports editor/columnist, The Anniston (Ala.) Star

My administrative duties included coordinating college sports coverage for three beats and handling all travel arrangements for staff. I wrote three columns per week and paginated 2-3 desk slot shifts per week.

Sept. 1991 to April 1998

Sports contributor, The Columbus (Ga.) Ledger-Enquirer

I provided daily copy for the Ledger-Enquirer's University of Alabama sports coverage on a free-lance basis.

Sept. 1989 to April 1998

Beat writer and college sports coordinator, The Anniston (Ala.) Star

I covered University of Alabama sports for nine years. My duties included game coverage, daily reporting during the season, feature stories and breaking news. I also covered NASCAR, golf and pro sports in Atlanta and did pagination on desk shifts.

Fall 1988 Intern, The Birmingham (Ala.) News

I covered high schools, colleges, NBA and NFL exhibitions and baseball.

Other work I have freelanced for UPI (1987-89); strung for numerous papers, including the Pittsburgh Press, the Kansas City Star, the Charlotte Observer and the Biloxi Sun-Herald.

COMPUTER SKILLS

I am proficient in Microsoft Word, Photoshop, InDesign, Quark Express, Freehand, Excel, Adobe Acrobat, most Web browsers and e-mail platforms, and Macintosh, IOS, and PC-Windows systems.

SELECTED AWARDS

- Alabama Press Association, Story of the Year, 2019.
- Alabama Press Association, Feature Story of the Year, 2019.
- Alabama Press Association, Human Interest Column of the Year, 2019.
- Alabama Press Association, best editorial page or section, first place, 2017.
- Alabama Press Association, best editorial column, second place, 2017.
- Carmage Walls Commentary Prize for editorial column writing, honorable mention, 2016.
- Alabama Press Association, best human interest column, 2016.
- Alabama Press Association, best editorial column, 2016.
- Best editorial page, Alabama Press Association, 2012
- Carmage Walls Commentary Prize for editorial series on predatory lending, 2009
- Staff contributions for Public Service and News Sweepstakes awards, Alabama Associated Press Managing Editors Association, 2005
- International Perspective Award, Associated Press Managing Editors, second place, 2004
- Newspaper named to "10 who do it right" list, Editor & Publisher, 2004
- International Perspective Award, Associated Press Managing Editors, 2003
- International Perspective Award, Associated Press Managing Editors, 2002
- International Perspective Award, Associated Press Managing Editors, 2001
- Best sports section, Alabama Press Association, 2001.
- Best Sunday section, top 10, Associated Press Sports Editors, 2001.
- Best daily section, honorable mention, Associated Press Sports Editors, 2001.
- Columnist of the year, Alabama Sports Writers Association, 2000.
- Best sports section, Alabama Press Association, 2000.
- Local sports column of the year, Associated Press Managing Editors, 1999.
- Best column writing, fourth place, Associated Press Sports Editors, 1998.
- Best Sunday section, honorable mention, Associated Press Sports Editors, 1997.
- Best enterprise reporting, fourth place, Associated Press Sports Editors, 1997.
- Best enterprise reporting, first place, Alabama Press Association, 1997.
- Best game story, first place, Alabama Sports Writers Association, 1996.
- Multiple sports-writing awards from 1989 through 1995.

SALARY HISTORY

Available on request.

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