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ABOUT ME

Award-winning Florida journalist and editor with over 15 years of daily newspaper, book, magazine and alt-weekly publishing experience.

I'm a film and TV-obsessed junkie who loves immersive storytelling and meeting the brightest heavyweights in TV, film, food, music and visual arts.

I work in a deadline-driven environment where my work depends on having expert entertainment knowledge while maintaining relationships with national players in film, TV and food.

EXPERIENCE

Senior Entertainment Editor and Writer

South Florida Sun Sentinel / Deerfield Beach, FL / Feb. 2012 - Present

Lead TV, film, food, drink, music, festival and arts coverage for South Florida region, edit stable of five freelancers, produce photo/video packages and biweekly newsletter (5K subs)

- Produce 5-10 short and longform entertainment features weekly for regional newspaper with 250K circulation/70K digital subs
- Drove over 10K digital subscriptions over past two years for SunSentinel.com
- Won 2019 Pulitzer Prize for Public Reporting for staff work on Parkland
- Helped launch entertainment site SouthFlorida.com (5 mil. unique visitors/mo.)

Arts & Entertainment Editor, Staff Writer

Forum Publishing Group (Tribune Publishing) / Fort Lauderdale, FL / April 2008 – Dec. 2011

First journalism job after graduation taught me to work fast and be resourceful while honing interviewing, photography and editing skills.

- Supervised, edited six-person staff
- Designed print packages for 30 weekly/monthly publications
- Wrote 25 monthly news stories for six publications

Freelance Contributor

Entertainment features have appeared in various publications:

- National: Food & Wine Magazine, Los Angeles Times, Baltimore Sun, New York Daily News, The Morning Call, Hartford Courant
- Regional: Purehoney Magazine, Boca Raton Magazine, Broward-Palm Beach New Times

PUBLICATIONS

"LAIR: Radical Homes and Hideouts of Movie Villains."
Co-authored with Chad Oppenheim, Michael Mann, Sir Christopher Frayling, Joseph Rose, Amy Murphy and Andrea Gollin. Miami: Tra Publishing, 2020.

AWARDS

Pulitzer Prize for Public Service, Staff Parkland Shooting Coverage (2019)

First place, Food Writing Portfolio, Society for Features Journalism (2022)

Second Place for Short Feature, Food Feature and Food Writing Portfolio, Society for Features Journalism (2021)

First Place, Breaking News Reporting, Florida Society of News Editors (2019)

Third Place, Integrated Storytelling, Society for Features Journalism (2017)

EDUCATION

B.A. / Multimedia Journalism & English

Florida Atlantic University, 2004-2008