

CURRICULUM VITAE

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CURRENT POSITION

Fall, 2013, to present -- Professor of Practice, School of Journalism,
University of Arizona (part-time)

ACADEMIC AND SERVICE ACTIVITY

- Teaches undergraduate courses in Advanced Reporting and Feature Writing.
- Co-founder of the School of Journalism's *Center for Border & Global Journalism* in 2014. Served as co-director through the summer, 2019. Currently a member of the Center's board.
- Co-director and co-founder of *Journalism on Screen*, an ongoing collaboration between the School of Journalism and The Loft Cinema in Tucson. In its first five seasons, the program has screened 24 films and post-movie discussion about the challenges facing journalists and journalism.
- Over first 14 semesters, maintained average Teaching Course Evaluation score of more than 4.3 for overall teaching effectiveness.

- Created a “hyper-local” news blog on WordPress called *Tucsonhoods*, where students post multimedia news items on Tucson neighborhoods.
- Featured interview in December, 2013, edition of UA@Work, part of Lo Que Pasa, the campus employee newsletter.
<https://uaatwork.arizona.edu/lqp/employee-qa-journalism-professor-practice-bill-schmidt>

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1981-2013 The New York Times

- *Deputy Managing Editor, New York, NY July, 2008 – March, 2013*
Masthead editor in The New York Times newsroom, with operational responsibilities for overseeing newsroom resources.
- *Assistant Managing Editor, New York, NY July, 2008 – March, 2013*
- *Associate Managing Editor, New York, NY April, 1997 – July, 2005*
- *Deputy National Editor, New York, NY. January, 1995 – April, 1997*
Helped direct coverage of the bombing of the Federal courthouse in Oklahoma City in April, 1995, and the national Presidential election campaign of 1996.
- *London Correspondent, London, UK January, 1991 – January, 1995*
Foreign correspondent based in London, covering the U.K., Ireland and Scandinavia. Also reported from Africa, the Middle East, Russia and Eastern Europe, including the conflict in Bosnia.
- *Chicago Bureau Chief, Chicago, IL August, 1987 – January, 1991*
National correspondent based in Chicago, responsible for coverage of news and enterprise in the Midwest.
- *Atlanta Bureau Chief, Atlanta, GA August, 1983 – August, 1987*
National correspondent based in Atlanta, responsible for coverage of news and enterprise in the Southern United States. Coverage included writing and reporting on the explosion of the space shuttle Challenger.

- *Denver Bureau Chief, Denver, CO* April, 1981 – August, 1983
National correspondent based in Denver, responsible for coverage of news and enterprise in the Rocky Mountain region of the United States.
- *Reporter, New York, New York, NY* February, 1981—April, 1981
Assigned to Metro Desk.

1973 – 1981 **Newsweek**

- *Moscow Bureau Chief, Moscow, USSR* January, 1979 – February, 1981
Foreign correspondent based in Moscow. Coverage included 1980 Olympics games in Moscow and the Soviet Union’s invasion of Afghanistan.
- *Middle East Bureau Chief, Cairo, Egypt* July, 1976 – December, 1979
Foreign correspondent based in Egypt, responsible for coverage of the Arab Middle East, including Egypt, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Syria and the Gulf states, as well as Iran. Coverage included reporting and writing on Anwar Sadat’s 1977 peace initiative with Israel, and the civil war in Lebanon.
- *Miami Bureau Chief, Miami, FL* September, 1974 – July, 1976
National correspondent based in Miami, covering Florida and the Caribbean.
- *Chicago Bureau Correspondent, Chicago, IL* July, 1973 – September 1974
Writing and reporting on Midwestern region of the United States.

1969 – 1973 **The Detroit Free Press**

- *Reporter, Detroit, MI* December, 1968 – July, 1973
General assignment reporter at the Detroit Free Press, covering stories in the greater Detroit area and beyond.

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

- Shared 1988 Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting for coverage of the 1987 *Challenger* disaster.
- Shared 1974 Overseas Press Club award for coverage of civil war in Lebanon
- Shared 1971 George L. Polk award for coverage of the shootings at Kent State.

EDUCATION

B.A., Journalism University of Michigan, Ann Arbor Dec 1967

HONORARY DEGREES

Doctor of Humane Letters Coker College, Hartsville, SC May 2012

AFFILIATIONS AND OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES

- Tour and discussion leader “Canyons of the Southwest” *Times Journeys*, a travel program of The New York Times (2018 to present)
- Member, Board of Directors – Maynard Institute for Journalism Education (2006 – 2016)
- Consultant, Human Rights Watch, New York, NY (2013-2015)
- Past President, Association of American Correspondents, London, UK (1994)
- Screenwriter. Wrote screenplay for short feature film, “What About Sal?” (2008)