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EDUCATION

Missouri School of Journalism, University of Missouri-Columbia
Columbia, Mo. — M.A., journalism, December 2005

University of Georgia
Athens, Ga. — A.B., history, magna cum laude, Phi Kappa Phi, May 2003

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

The University of Arizona | Fall 2022—present
School of Journalism, Assistant Professor of Practice
Course taught: Reporting the News, Advanced Reporting

California State University, Chico | August 2019—Spring 2022
Professional-in-Residence, Adviser to The Orion
Courses taught: The Orion News Lab, Media Editing, Public Affairs Reporting, Media Law

Georgia College | 2007—2019
Senior Lecturer, Adviser to The Colonnade
Courses taught: Media Law and Ethics; Community Journalism; Professional Media Writing; Publication Editing; Public Affairs Reporting; Narrative Journalism; Investigative Journalism

Augusta State University | August 2006—May 2007
Adjunct professor, Department of Communication
Courses taught: Fundamentals of Human Communication, Travel Writing

University of Missouri-Columbia School of Journalism | August 2004—December 2005
Graduate Teaching Assistant
Oversaw the writing projects and grading of 25 students, led weekly Friday classes

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Article

"Full Disclosure: Using FOIA requests in a college newsroom," *College Media Review: Journal of College Media Advisers*, July 2019 online

Trade Books

Klandestine: How a Klan Lawyer and a Checkbook Journalist Helped James Earl Ray Cover Up His Crime (Chicago Review Press, April 2015)

Operation Chrysler: Stolen Valor Behind Enemy Lines during WWII (May 2020, self-published via Amazon)

Chapter in a Trade Book

"The Last Casualty," The Bitter Southerner Reader, vol. 3, Fall 2019

"The Big Payback," Words Matter: Writing to Make a Difference, University of Missouri Press, 2016

Screenplay

"Conspiracy King" An original screenplay by Pate McMichael, adapted from "Klandestine"

Longform Multimedia-Magazine Journalism

"Operation Chrysler: A WWII Murder Mystery Behind Enemy Lines" (ebook, December 2019)

"The Last Casualty," The Bitter Southerner, Parts I and II, June 2016

"Proof of Guilt," Atlanta Journal Constitution, March 20, 2015

"Vidalia, Michoacán," Zocalo Public Square, Dec. 4, 2011

"Saving Captain Furat," Atlanta Magazine, April 2009

"Invisible Colonia," Immigrant Experience Part 5, Lake Oconee Living (LOL), Fall 2008

"Starving for Peace," Immigrant Experience Part 4, LOL, Summer 2008

"Refuge from Home," Immigrant Experience Part 3, LOL, Spring 2008

"Dry Foot," Immigrant Experience Part 2, LOL, Winter 2008

"The Big Payback," Atlanta Magazine, August 2007

"The Pre-Pandemic Puzzle," St. Louis Magazine, August 2007

"Tarimoro's Atlas," Immigrant Experience Part 1, LOL, Fall 2007

"The Plot to Kill a King," St. Louis Magazine, January 2007

"A Wing and a Prayer," Athens Magazine, March/April 2007

"Finding Fred Orr," Athens Magazine, 2006

"Losing the Moon," St. Louis Magazine, May 2006

Columns

"Long Ago and Nearby" in Athens Magazine. 2007

Editing

Latinos in Missouri: Gateway to a New Community, Cambio Center Conference. University of Missouri Extension, 2007.

Master's Graduate Project
Covering Terrorism Intelligence (2005), Missouri School of Journalism

PRESENTATIONS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Associated College Press | March 2022 | Long Beach, California
I took 12 students to the national conference and Presented my lecture "Finding the smoking gun"

National Constitution Day facilitator | American Democracy Project | September 2021 | Online

College Media Association | October 2021 | Online
Presented "Coding through the pandemic"

GoFlex Training | Chico, California | July 2021
Learned to use HyFlex and ChicoFlex technology for better virtual learning

Dow Jones Multimedia Training Academy June 2021 | Virtual
Completed this week-long multimedia training for faculty of Hispanic-serving institutions

Solutions Journalism Network Academy Online | July 2021
Completed the academy and received a certificate

Go Virtual Technology and Learning Program | Chico State | July-August 2020

College Media Advisers Conference | October 2019 | Washington, DC
Presented with students: "Full Disclosure: Using state open records laws to break bigger stories"

THREAD at Yale writing workshop | Yale University | New Haven June 2019
Attended the weeklong writer's workshop, presented my work and stayed on campus

Constitution Week at Georgia College | October 2018 | Milledgeville, Georgia
Served on a First Amendment panel called "Haters Gonna Hate"

College Media Advisers Conference | October 2018 | New York City
Presented a session entitled "Asking Better Profile Questions"

Power of Narrative (Journalism) | March 2017 | Boston University
Book proposal selected for "Pitching a Literary Agent" panel

Quality Matters online teaching certificate | May 2019 | Georgia College

The National Civil Rights Museum | March 2016 | Memphis, Tennessee
Invited to give a presentation on my book, Klandestine

Georgia Center for the Book | June 2016 | Decatur, Georgia
Public reading for my book, Klandestine

AEJMC Convention | August 2012 | Chicago 2012
Panel Co-presenter: "Managing Curriculum Change in a Small Department"

Georgia Communication Association Convention | February 2009 | University of West Georgia
"Using Media" panel presenting "Using News in Persuasive Speeches"

USG Seminar to Nigeria: African Council | May 2008 | Lagos, Nigeria
Three week University System of Georgia-funded faculty development seminar across Nigeria, Africa

Georgia Communication Association Convention | 2008 Augusta, Georgia
Presenter in the "Great Ideas for Teaching Speech" seminar

Study abroad in Senegal for Augusta State University | March 2007 | Senegal, Africa
Took 10 students to Africa for a Spring Break travel writing class in conjunction with Senegal's Seed Academy

Computer Reporting Bootcamp | Investigative Reporters and Editor 2005 | Columbia, Missouri

SERVICE

Associate Director, School of Journalism, University of Arizona, Jan. 2022

Director of Undergraduate Studies, University of Arizona, Sept. 2022

Member, University of Arizona Student Media Advisory Board, Dec. 2022
Helped hire the new editor for the Daily Wildcat

Partnership, Office of Civic Engagement, Chico State
Helped rural highschool students in Willows, California, gain better access to journalism education and media literacy through my position as The Orion advisor

Member, Department Chair Hiring Committee, JOUR/PR, Chico State
Revised chair responsibilities, oversaw the call, vote and election of our new Fall 2022 chair

Assessment Committee, JOUR/PR, Chico State | Fall 2020-Spring 2022

Adviser to The Orion, Chico State's independent student newspaper, Spring 2020-Spring 2022

Adviser to The Colonnade, Georgia College's independent student newspaper 2017- 2019

Digitized The Colonnade student newspaper archive, 2019

Founding adviser of Bobcat News Network 2017-2019
Created a website for a collaborative student media organization integration

The New York Times "Times Talk" | American Democracy Project, 2007-2019
Led dozen public discussions with Georgia College students on controversial topics

Various hiring committees, Georgia College, 2007-2019

Georgia College Mass Communication Curriculum Committee, 2012-2017
Overhauled the entire curriculum to update it for the digital age

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Author, 2015-2022

I have published two book length works of narrative journalism. I'm currently working on my third.

Freelance Reporter, 2003-2022

I have worked as a freelance reporter throughout my academic career. My work has appeared in The Atlanta Journal Constitution, Atlanta Magazine, The Bitter Southerner, Zocalo Public Square, St. Louis Magazine, Athens Magazine, Vox Magazine, Lake Oconee Living, and Georgia's Backroads

Enterprise Reporter, 2004-2005 | The Columbia Missourian, Columbia, Mo.

Intern Reporter, Summer 2003 | The Brownsville Herald, U.S.-Mexico Border

AWARDS and HONORS

Finalist for the 2009 Livingston Award, a prestigious award for young journalists

2009 GAMMA (Magazine Association of the Southeast) silver

For a five-part series in Lake Oconee Living called "Immigrant Experience"

2008 GAMMA bronze for "Flashpoint" in the Lake Oconee Living "Survivors of War" series

Nominated by Atlanta Magazine for a 2008 City and Regional Magazine Association Award in the reporting category for "The Big Payback"

2008 Chancellor's Award for University System of Georgia Faculty Development Seminar to Nigeria

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, May 2003

Phi Alpha Delta Honor Society, History Department, University of Georgia 2000

GRANTS & FUNDRAISING

Hearst Foundation donation, University of Arizona School of Journalism

Helped the SOJ director to secure \$125,000 from the Hearst Foundation

William Jamieson endowment, University of Arizona School of Journalism

Helped the SOJ director to secure a \$230,000 endowment for public affairs reporting scholarships

Giving Day 2022, Chico State

Raised more than \$7,000 for The Orion student newspaper

Giving Day 2021; Chico State

Raised more than \$10,000 for The Orion student newspaper

Data Journalism Certificate, Chico State

Successful USDA NIFA HSI Education grant of \$275,000

I played a small role supporting this grant application that was ultimately successful

Faculty Research Grant, Georgia College School of Arts & Sciences

2008, 2010, 2012, 2016

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Spycraft 101 podcast, Feb. 13, 2023

Podcast downloaded more than 5,000 times; 60 minute long interview on my 2019 book Operation Chrysler

KGUN9 interview for News Literacy Week; Jan. 26, 2023

Represented the SOJ and discussed current disinformation and challenges in journalism

WRGC, Times Talk

I recorded more than seven hour-long interviews to promote Times Talk each semester at Georgia College from 2012-2019