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EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, Los Angeles, California

Lecturer; Managing Editor, Annenberg Digital News, August 2009 to present
Advise student-run Neon Tommy, the 24/7 multimedia Web site of the School of Journalism, about coverage plans and story development. Also teach two classes a semester. Started as an adjunct instructor in 2003.

LOS ANGELES DAILY JOURNAL, Los Angeles, California

Associate Editor, August 2008 to January 2009
Supervised six reporters covering courts and legal issues for city's leading legal newspaper.

LOS ANGELES CITYBEAT, Los Angeles, California

News Editor, July 2007 to June 2008
Directed a half-dozen interns and assorted freelancers in covering the top issues facing Southern California. Wrote a weekly political column called L.A. Sniper that showed no mercy toward the misguided or smug.

LA WEEKLY, Los Angeles, California

News Editor, September 1999 to November 2006
Supervised five, full-time staff writers and a dozen freelancers. Revamped the news staff and built a hard-hitting core of reporters to chase down exclusive stories at City Hall and institutions throughout the city. Specialized in investigative stories on public corruption, politics, crime and the environment. In 2005, oversaw special issue devoted to air pollution; in 2004, a year-long project chronicling the lives of an ex-con and his family.

PORTLAND PRESS HERALD, Portland, Maine

City Editor, April 1998 to July 1999
Regional Editor, February 1995 to April 1998
As city editor, supervised eight specialty beat reporters at largest newspaper in Maine. Directed project on global warming; investigations of unfounded murder charges brought against a Cambodian immigrant; lenient sentences meted out to child killers; problems with a statewide testing program for public school students. As regional editor, revamped coverage of police and courts in three suburban bureaus to emphasize storytelling instead of brief, blotter-type items. Coordinated election-year public journalism project, involving 40 residents of a small town in southern Maine, funded by Pew Center.

PASADENA STAR-NEWS, Pasadena, California

City Editor, February 1994 to January 1995

Supervised 10 staff reporters possessing wide range of talent and experience. Initiated training program that greatly improved novice reporters' performance. One "graduate" is now a mid-level editor at a McClatchy newspaper.

THE SUN, San Bernardino, California

Assistant City Editor, January 1991 to February 1994

Investigative Reporter, March 1985 to January 1991

Chief assignment editor for dailies and enterprise stories; edited top stories of the day. Coordinated coverage of major spot news stories, including fatal shooting at a courthouse; car crash that killed 14 illegal immigrants. Worked with two reporters on an investigative project examining high number of children killed by parents. Initiated series of public record lawsuits that forced the county to reveal confidential legal settlements. As investigative reporter, exposed a powerful county supervisor's conflicts of interest; sheriff's illegal use of gun permits for cronies; inept conduct by city officials that botched a ballot measure.

TELEGRAM-TRIBUNE, San Luis Obispo, California

City Hall and political reporter, June 1982 to February 1985

Covered city, state and national politics, including 1984 Democratic National Convention.

DESERT SENTINEL, Desert Hot Springs, California

Editor, November 1979 to June 1982

Ran one-man newsroom, producing all stories, editorials, photos and layout for 28-page weekly. Worked way up from freelance photographer.

AWARDS

- 2006 First Place, special section, examining the health and political consequences of air pollution, Los Angeles Press Club; honorable mention, Journalist of the Year, for directing the project.
- 1999 First Place, investigative story, examining detectives' refusal to grant translator and attorney to Japanese exchange student accused of rape, from Maine Press Association, for work directed as city editor.
- 1997 Batten Award, a company-wide award recognizing teamwork, for coordinating an election-year project in Sanford, Maine.
- 1992 Employee of the Year at The Sun, San Bernardino
- Six Gannett-wide writing awards in last two years as reporter.

EDUCATION

St. John's College, Annapolis, Maryland, Bachelor of Arts, 1995

