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Current professional activities

Central Oregon news correspondent, KLCC (since August 2004)

- Report on local (Deschutes and John Day River Basins) growth, business, environment, land-use and political issues for National Public Radio affiliate based in Eugene. Work out of “virtual studio” to produce stories 120 miles away from station headquarters.
- News and features have aired regionally and nationally for NPR and affiliates.

Composition instructor, Central Oregon Community College (since Fall 2003)

- Teach developmental writing and journalism to diverse classrooms incorporating lecture, multimedia, large- and small-group discussion and other delivery methods.
- Draw students into the world of college-level composition by connecting the rigors of academic writing to the challenges faced by a working journalist.
- Coordinate with other faculty to maintain and develop evaluation, instruction and curriculum.
- Periodic appointments as journalism instructor, adviser and trainer.

Owner, News Prose Communications (since March 2002)

- Converged services include reporting, editing, photography, audio production and research.
- Field work carried out for WNYC and The New York Times.
- Credits and clients: Ruralite magazine, Capital Press, High Country News, St. Charles Hospital, Community College Humanities Association, Credit Investigation Associates.
- Consulting/news editor to the Bend Bugle during startup/conversion phase of bringing online news organization into weekly print business, July through October 2002.

Education and seminars

- Bachelor of Arts in History, Bachelor of Arts in General Studies (significant coursework in Creative Writing, English and Education), Eastern Oregon University.
- Co-presenter with Dr. Lisa Ede (Oregon State University), “Philosophies That Shape Our Practice: Examples from Two Worlds,” TYCA-PNW 2005 Conference, Yakima, Wash.
- Accepted to and participated in National Endowment for the Humanities summer workshop for community college instructors: “Currents of History: The Columbia River and the Making of the American West,” Portland State University, July 2005.
- Co-presenter with Dr. Stacey L. Donohue, “Me Publish? Perish the Thought! Getting Community College Voices into Print,” Community College Humanities Association Pacific-Western Regional Conference, November 2002, San Francisco.
- Attended Northwest Journalism Conference, 2004; Poynter National Writers' Workshops, 1994-2007; Winter Fishtrap, 2000 and 2001; Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association workshops, 1985-1989.

Awards

- First place, best news feature (small newsrooms), Public Radio News Directors Inc., 2006.
- First place, best news writing, 2006; first place awards for in-depth reporting (in collaboration with rest of KLCC news staff), 2004-2008, Oregon Associated Press Broadcasters.
- First place award for education reporting, Pacific Northwest Excellence in Journalism Competition (Society of Professional Journalists), 1996.
- Miscellaneous state, regional awards for print reporting, editing, design and headline writing.

Past professional activities

Executive editor, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, January 2001 to January 2002

- Managed newsroom of the Spilyay Tymoo, a bi-weekly tribal newspaper, with total staff of five to eight persons depending on seasonal intern and part-time employee count. Oversaw reporting, photography, editing, design, planning, staff management, recruiting and training.
- Redesigned publication and fully digitized production.
- Reorganized staff and news content while filling role of acting publisher.
- Created advertising department.
- Served key role on Tribal Relations team (public relations, print shop, newspaper and radio), including early-stage design and critique of successful casino referendum campaign.

Journalism adviser, Central Oregon Community College, March 1998 to January 2001

- Advised students on publication of The Broadside, student newspaper of COCC.
- Managed staff and operation; digitized production, developed long-term plan for publication and created with staff a Web page protocol for online publication.
- Taught three-credit journalism practicum (two hours lecture, one hour staff meeting), which covered basics of newsgathering, standards and ethics.

Reporter and copy editor, The Bulletin, Bend, Oregon, August 1988 to January 1999

- As senior copy editor, January 1998 to January 1999, edited stories, wrote headlines and designed pages for daily newspaper with circulation of 28,000. Worked closely with city desk and reporters to ensure clarity and completeness in local news stories.
- As education reporter, May 1995 to January 1998, filled senior news staff position that covered education issues from kindergarten through college. Reported on complex shifts in state funding system, implementation of school reform standards and expansion of four-year college degree programs. Writing targeted a broad and demanding public audience.
- Copy editor, August 1988 to May 1995 (senior status beginning in 1992): Selected and edited stories and wrote headlines for front page and Perspective section, local and wire pages.

Owner, Perpetual Motion, Bend, Oregon, June 1992 to March 2002

- Owner and chief consultant, March 1997 to March 2002: Shifted business to consulting, freelance writing and editing base. Clients included the International Rapid Response Force Conference, Farmers Insurance, Intelligent Life Inc., The Source and Imagination Publishing.
- Co-owner, June 1992 to March 1997: Oversaw Internet-based running- and fitness-related sales and consulting business, including publication of Don't Stop Moving newsletter in print and on the Internet; engaged with customers and clients using fledgling digital networks.

Reporter and editor, small daily newspapers

- The Observer (La Grande, Oregon): News editor (with responsibility for front page design and content), reporter (city hall, agriculture, politics) and sports writer.
- Daily Record (Ellensburg, Washington): Covered Kittitas County government, superior court, natural resources and prep, college and professional sports.

Volunteer and professional service

- E-mail list manager/webmaster, River West Neighborhood Association, 2005-2006.
- Broadside Advisory Board, Central Oregon Community College, Winter and Spring 2006.
- Student Newspaper Task Force, COCC, Spring 1998.
- Journalism assistant, Marshall High School (public alternative school), 1998-99.
- Start Making a Reader Today (SMART), 1994-95 school year, Bear Creek Elementary, Bend.
- Bend Kids Ski League coach, 1990-1994. Coach of the Year, 1993.