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Experience

Reporter, The Star Press, Muncie, IN, August 2021 to Present

- State, county and city government reporter and general assignment writer.

Regional Editor, Centralia Morning Sentinel, Centralia, IL, October 2019-present.

- Oversee content and supervision for newsrooms in Centralia, Mount Vernon, Salem and Carlyle in southern Illinois.

Interim Managing Editor (temporary assignment), Watertown Public Opinion, Watertown, SD, Aug. 12, 2019 – Sept. 13, 2019.

- Provided content, edited and planned stories and photos for daily newspaper and assisted publication during transition in ownership.

Regional Editor, Central Indiana Newspaper Group, Marion, IN, July 2007 to June 2019

- Oversaw content, digital products and design for five daily newspapers: Chronicle-Tribune, Marion, IN; Herald-Press, Huntington, IN; Plain Dealer, Wabash, IN; Peru Tribune, Peru IN; The Times, Frankfort, IN.
- Planned and executed consolidation of the daily design operations for the five newspapers in the Marion newsroom.
- Supervisor in charge of hiring, development and management of newsroom employees across the group.
- Wrote daily editorials and assembled content for opinion page for Chronicle-Tribune.
- Managed financial budgets for newsrooms.
- Engaged in community activities in connection with role as Chronicle-Tribune editor, including regular CT Talks show on local radio, political debates and special events.

Writer, Indiana Policy Review, Fort Wayne, IN, 2012-present

- Contribute opinion pieces about government involvement with private sector and its impact for Indiana Policy Review, online and in quarterly print magazine.

Editor, Chronicle-Tribune, Marion, IN, November 2003 to July 2007

- In charge of daily print, digital products and special projects for 7-day-a-week newspaper in Central Indiana, including reporting, writing, editing and design activities.

StarNorth Bureau Chief and Hamilton County AM Bureau Chief, The Indianapolis Star, 2001 to 2003

- Oversaw development of daily sections covering Hamilton County and northern Indianapolis. Also, oversaw move of operations from Carmel to Fishers, IN
- Produced two sections five days each week and oversaw development of enterprise pieces for A-1 and City/State sections with staff of seven reporters, a photographer and several correspondents.

City Editor, Chronicle-Tribune, Marion, 1999 to 2001

- Managed and supervised city desk, including planning, editing and some writing through early 2000.

- Led small group of reporters, ranging from as few as three to as many as six, to national recognition through the development of Moment of Truth, a 10-part examination of quality of life in Marion. Series published monthly and sparked community action to improve the community. Served as chief writer and editor of the project and was primary developer of the series during 2000 while also involved in the daily production of the newspaper.

Assistant City Editor, Chronicle-Tribune, Marion, February- May 1999

- Headed up special projects work, including some writing.
- Managed city desk two nights a week.
- Coached reporting staff in both reporting and writing.

Assistant Editor, American Legion Magazine, May 1998 to February 1999

- Fraternal and general interest magazine; 2.7 million circulation.
- Duties included researching and writing feature stories for magazine and bi-weekly newspaper, the American Legion Dispatch.
- Worked with freelance writers on articles, editing and acquiring artwork plus aided in page design.

Writer/columnist, The Star Press, Muncie, 1996 to 1998

Writer/columnist, The Muncie Evening Press, 1993 to 1996

Freelance writer 1992 and 1993

- Worked for business-oriented publications including Trailer Life, U.S. Agriculture, Farm Journal and Indiana Business Magazine.

Writer/columnist, Journal Gazette, Fort Wayne, IN, 1989 to 1992

Writer/columnist, Indianapolis Business Journal, 1987 to 1989

Writer, Muncie Star, 1984 to 1987

Writer, Courier-Times, New Castle, IN, 1982 to 1984

Professional and community involvement

- Past President, Indiana Associated Press Media Editors. Served on board 2007-2014.
- Member, Rotary Club of Marion, assisted with program speakers and special events, 2009-2019.
- Radio host, Marion, Co-hosted C-T Talks, monthly radio program about Grant County, IN and local issues at radio station WBAT.
- Board member, Gas City Area Chamber of Commerce. Provided monthly speakers for programs of Chamber. Received President's Award for Outstanding Service. Served 2007 to 2013.
- Mentor, worked with high school youth to assure graduation, Project Leadership, Marion, IN, 2009-2011.

Recognitions

- Hoosier State Press Association, Best Editorial Writer, third place, 2019

- Indiana Associated Press Media Editors, Best Public Service, first place, 2016
- Indiana Associated Press Media Editors, Best Editorial Writer, first place, 2015
- Hoosier State Press Association, Best Editorial Writer, first place 2013
- Hoosier State Press Association, Best Business and Economic Coverage, first place 2011
- Indiana Associated Press Managing Editors, Best Editorial Writing, first place 2011
- Hoosier State Press Association Blue Ribbon Daily, July 2000 through 2001
- The American Legion Fourth Estate Award, August 2001
- Indiana Journalism Award, Ball State University, Spring 2001
- Indiana Associated Press Managing Editors, Community Affairs/Public Interest Award, first place 2001
- James K. Batten Award for Excellence in Civic Journalism, Chronicle-Tribune, April 2001.
- While city editor, Chronicle-Tribune was one of three newspapers recognized with a cash prize given by the Pew Center for Journalism in 2001.
- Best of Gannett 2000, Public Service Award, April 2001.
- Best of Gannett 2000, Outstanding Individual Achievement Award, April 2001.
- Scripps Howard Foundation National Journalism Awards, Public Service Reporting, February 2001
- Gannett Newsroom Supervisor Recognition Award, one of 15 newsroom managers to be recognized, December 2000
- Associated Press Managing Editors Association, National Public Service Award, Chronicle Tribune, October 2000
- Inland Press Association Community Leadership Contest, Chronicle-Tribune, Blue Ribbon, October 2000
- National Mature Media Competition, Bronze for work with American Legion Magazine, August 2000
- Hoosier State Press Association, Blue Ribbon Award for Chronicle-Tribune, 1999

Education

- Ball State University, B.S. degree in Journalism; minors in history and political science.
- Healthcare Among the States, Cato Institute seminar, Austin, TX, 2018
- Poynter Institute, management course in diversity issues. St. Petersburg, FL, 2005
- American Press Institute, seminar for city and metro editors, Washington, D.C., 2000.
- Purdue University short course in agribusiness, 1991. References Available upon request.