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Investigative Journalist – Writer - Educator
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Curriculum Vitae

Professional Experience

2000-Present: Investigative reporter, *Bay Area News Group*, Walnut Creek, CA. Assigned to the Chauncey Bailey Project 2007-2011.

2011-2012: Lecturer, 2009 -2011, Instructor, Graduate School of Journalism, University of California, Berkeley

2009-2012: Writing workshop instructor, Murphy Writing Seminars' Winter Poetry and Prose Getaway.

2009 – Lecturer, San Francisco State University Journalism Department

1993-2000: Staff Writer, *The Press of Atlantic City*, Pleasantville, NJ. Covered governmental corruption; city redevelopment; politics; gambling.

1987-1993: Staff writer: *Newsday* (sports) *The Ocean County Observer*; *Delaware State News*; *Corning Leader*

Education

MFA in Writing, The University of San Francisco, December 2007

BA in Journalism, Long Island University, Brookville, NY, December 1987

Books

Killing the Messenger, a Story of Radical Faith, Racism's Backlash, and The Assassination of a Journalist. Crown Publishing, a division of Random House Inc., New York, February, 2012.

THE CASSOULET SAVED OUR MARRIAGE: True Tales of Food, Family, and How We Learn to Eat. Contributing essayist. Roost Books. Boston. Fall 2012.

Professional Honors

2010 McGill Medal for Journalistic Courage, Chauncey Bailey Project

2010 Society of Professional Journalists James Madison Award for Freedom of Information

2010 Online News Association, best news site, Chauncey Bailey Project

2009 Paul Tobenkin Memorial Award, Columbia University, Chauncey Bailey Project

2009 National Association of Black Journalists Community Service Award, Chauncey Bailey Project

2009 Medill Medal for Courage in Journalism, finalist, Chauncey Bailey Project

2009 Investigative Reporters and Editors certificate for investigative reporting, Chauncey Bailey Project

2008 Society of Professional Journalists, Northern California Chapter, Investigative Reporting, Chauncey Bailey Project

2008 California First Amendment Coalition Beacon Award, Chauncey Bailey Project

2008 California Newspaper Publisher's Association Investigative and Enterprise Reporting

2008 California Newspaper Publisher's Association Freedom of Information

2008 National Association of Black Journalists Best Practices Award, Chauncey Bailey Project

2008 Investigative Reporters and Editors, Renner Award for reporting on organized crime, Chauncey Bailey Project

2008 Society of Professional Journalists James Madison Award, special citation, Chauncey Bailey Project

2008 Society of Professional Journalists James Madison Award for Freedom of Information

2007 California Newspaper Publishers Association Public Service Award

2005 Associated Press Managing Editors Freedom of Information Award

2005 Society of Professional Journalists James Madison Award for Freedom of Information

2005 California Newspaper Publisher's Association Investigative and Enterprise Reporting

2004 California Newspaper Publisher's Association, Freedom of Information

2004 California Newspaper Publisher's Association, Investigative and Enterprise Reporting

2003 California Newspaper Publisher's Association, Public Service

2003 California Newspaper Publisher's Association, Best Series or Enterprise Reporting

2003 California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform, media advocate of the year

2002 Associated Press News Executives' Council, Public Service

2002 California Newspaper Publisher's Association, Best Series or Enterprise Reporting

2002 California Newspaper Publisher's Association, Non-Local Spot News

1987-2000: Awards from the N.J. Press Association, Society of Professional Journalists, N.J. Chapter, the Philadelphia Press Association; The North Jersey Press Club

Academic Honors

2007 American Association of Writing and Writing Programs Intro Journals Award

Professional organizations and magazine/journal publications

Investigative Reporters and Editors; Society of Professional Journalists; Former President of The Press Club of Atlantic City, the National Headliner Awards Committee, the Delaware Legislative Hall Reporters Association; Work has appeared in *Columbia Journalism Review*, *IRE Journal*, *Uplink*, *the Journal of the National Institute of Computer Assisted Reporting*, *California Lawyer*, *The San Francisco Bay Guardian* and *Controlled Burn*, a literary journal.

Lectures

Investigative Reporters and Editors National Conferences 2002, 2007, 2010; California First Amendment Coalition; Stanford University; Rutgers University; University of California, Berkeley; San Jose State University; San Francisco State University; California State University East Bay; Santa Clara University; San Francisco City College, National Association of Black Journalists.

References

Available on request.