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#### **EDUCATION**

M.A. in Journalism and Mass Communication with an emphasis in Publications Management, the University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK, May 1984.

In November 1982, I completed a 10-week graduate fellowship in Newspaper Management at Modern Media Institute (now the Poynter Institute), St. Petersburg, FL. This involved intensive study in such areas as personnel management, marketing, accounting, and general management principles. This involved extensive lab work at the *St. Petersburg Times* and *Evening Independent* newspapers.

B.A. in Journalism, University of Oklahoma, May 1975, with honors. Graduated Phi Beta Kappa. Also earned a Standard Teaching Certificate in Journalism.

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

Aug. 1990-Present

<u>Director of Journalism</u>--Fort Hays State University, Hays, KS, 1990-Present. Associate Professor of Communication Studies, April 1999-Present. Assistant Professor of Communication, Aug. 1990-April 1999. Tenured.

Teaching Responsibilities—I teach four classes a semester including Mass Media in a Free Society, News Reporting, News Editing, Feature Writing, Scholastic Journalism and Publications Advising (the methods class for teacher candidates), Communication Ethics and Law, and Advertising Copywriting. In the past, I have also taught Magazine Production, Contemporary Problems in Mass Communication, Newspaper Lab, Yearbook Lab, and Contemporary Theories in Mass Communication, a graduate level course I helped develop and team-taught with three other faculty members. FHSU has a large Virtual College, so I have developed on-line versions of my News Reporting and Scholastic Journalism classes. I serve as the academic adviser to 10-15 students per semester. I also regularly serve on thesis committees for students in the journalism part of our program.

Administrative Responsibilities—I head a team of two other faculty members in the Journalism Area, which includes print and web journalism, public relations and advertising. I oversee scheduling of classes in these three programs, oversee new course development, administer the area budget, and supervise the journalism internship program. From 1991-2004 I directed the Kansas Scholastic Press Association Regional High School Journalism Contest, held each spring. I also developed the KSPA High School Journalism Fall Conference at FHSU and directed it from 1999-2004. From August 1990 to May 2003 I advised *The University Leader*, twice-weekly student newspaper and, from 1999-2003, its electronic version also. I was responsible for overseeing an annual \$90,000 newspaper budget and supervised

a staff of 20-25 students per semester. For two years, 1992-1993, I also advised the *Reveille* yearbook. I was responsible for overseeing its \$50,000 annual budget and supervised a staff of 15-20 students per semester. I served as Co-ordinator of the Teacher Certification Program (supervised student teachers) for the entire Department of Communication, 1993-95. I continue to serve in this capacity for the students in the Journalism teacher certification sequence. In 2004, as my sabbatical project, I developed an Editors-in-Residence Program, which brings in professionals to work with Journalism Area students one-on-one.

Aug. 1984-May 1989

Instructor of Journalism--Cameron University, Lawton, OK. I taught Introduction to Journalism, News Editing, Typography and Design, Yearbook Production and Professional Writing. I developed a course in "Writing for the Inspirational and Religious Market," which was part of our professional writing program. I served as adviser to the *Wichita* Yearbook, administered the \$50,000 yearbook budget, and supervised 10-15 students on staff each semester. I supervised the design and production of *The Forum* campus literary magazine, 1985-1989.

Sept. 1983-June 1984

Graduate Assistant--Office of Scholastic Journalism Programs, H.H. Herbert School of Journalism and Mass Communication, the University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK. I worked in the office of the Oklahoma Interscholastic Press Association, a statewide organization for secondary school publications. My duties included writing copy for and designing brochures, writing press releases and organizing and teaching at fall and spring OIPA conferences and summer workshops. I edited the textbook, *A Practical Guide to Advertising in Scholastic Publications* by Frank E Heaston, Ph.D. (1984, American Student Press Institute).

May 1975-Aug. 1981

Reporter and editor--The Daily Oklahoman & Oklahoma City Times (now The Oklahoman), Oklahoma Publishing Co., Oklahoma City, OK. I worked on the news desk as a copy editor, wire editor, copy chief and layout editor. When I left, I was Assistant Metro Editor for the Times and worked with reporters on story assignments, edited copy, and designed pages for two Metro sections each week. I also worked as a Metro reporter, covering city government and activities in several eastern Oklahoma County communities.

May 1974-Aug. 1974

News Intern--*The Tulsa Tribune*, Tulsa, OK. I wrote news articles and obituaries, covered the courthouse beat, and did research as assigned by the City Editor. I also worked on the copy desk, editing stories and writing headlines.

# CREATIVE ACTIVITY/ PUBLICATIONS

#### <u>Books</u>

Non-Fiction—contributor to *Women and Success (a celebration of truth)*. (Southern Story Telling Productions, 2007).

Short Fiction—"The Fourth Wise Man," *Guideposts for the Spirit* (Ideals Publications, 2001). Originally published in *The Treasures of Christmas--The Guideposts Family Christmas Book* (Abingdon Press, 1982).

# Short Fiction in Magazines

"The Butterfly Bush," Home Life Magazine, Aug. 1991.

"The Understanding," *Home Life* Magazine, Jan. 1990. This short story was selected for reproduction by "Christian Leisure Listening Tapes: A Digest for Blind-Visually Handicapped Persons," in Jan. 1991.

"The Violinist," The Miraculous Medal, a Catholic magazine, June 1985

"May Day Morning," Lutheran Women Magazine, May 1983

"An Open Door," Lutheran Women Magazine, Sept. 1980.

## Freelance Newspaper Articles and Columns

July 2002-May 2007, "Local Voices" columnist for the *Hays* (KS) *Daily News*, circulation 13,000. My column was published every other week.

I have had feature articles published in "The Oklahomans," magazine section of *The Sunday Oklahoman* (Oklahoma City); the *Miami* (OK) *News-Record*; *The Topeka* (KS) *Capital Journal*; the *Topeka* (KS) *Metro News*; and *The Oklahoma Observer* (Oklahoma City).

## Scholarly Writing/Editing

#### Book Reviews

The Coverage of Interscholastic Sports written by Bobby Hawthorne, review published in the CSPAA Bulletin (magazine published by the Columbia Scholastic Press Advisers Association, headquartered at Columbia University), Fall 1983

Newspaper Reporting Lab written by Bobby Hawthorne and Gloria Shields, review published in CSPAA Bulletin, Winter 1983-84.

## Articles Published in Refereed Journals

"The Student Publications 'Ratings Game': Is it Worth All the Trouble?" Kansas Speech Journal, Vol. 55, 1995.

"The Right to be Politically 'Incorrect," *Journal of the Association for Communication Administration*, August/October, 1993.

# Newsletters

Edited *On the Record*, newsletter of the Kansas Associated Collegiate Press, the statewide organization for Kansas college and university student publications staffs and their advisers, Vol. 6, No. 1, 2, 3, 1995. This included assigning stories, writing copy, taking photos, supervising layout and production, and editing final copy.

Articles published in *On the Record*, newsletter of the Kansas Associated Collegiate Press, Spring 1996, Spring 1997, Fall 1997, Spring 1998 and Fall 1998 issues.

Article published in *In-Comm-Parables*, Fort Hays State University Communication Department Newsletter, Spring 1999.

# WORKSHOPS/ PANELS

#### Taught the following workshops:

"Would you know libel if you saw it?" College Media Advisers Conference, New York City, March 2007. I presented this same workshop for the Kansas Associated Collegiate Press State Conference in Wichita in April 2007.

"Journalism," Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center Writing Workshop for Gifted-Talented Students, Sept. 2005, Oakley, KS.

"Sure-Fire Methods to Get New Feature Ideas," Kansas Scholastic Press Association Fall Conference, Sept. 2005, Fort Hays State University, Hays, KS.

"Beefing Up Your Sports Coverage," Kansas Scholastic Press Association Fall Conference, Sept. 2003, Fort Hays State University, Hays, KS.

"Preparing a Portfolio," Kansas Scholastic Press Association Fall Conference, Sept. 2002, Fort Hays State University, Hays, KS.

- "Libel and Invasion of Privacy: What You Don't Know CAN Hurt You,"

  Kansas Scholastic Press Association Fall Conference, Sept. 2001, Fort
  Hays State University, Hays, KS.
- "Newspaper Page Design Critiques," Kansas Scholastic Press Association Fall Conference, Sept. 2000, Fort Hays State University, Hays, KS.
- "Ways to Increase Your Advertising Revenue," Kansas Scholastic Press Association Fall Conference, Sept. 1999, Fort Hays State University, Hays, KS.
- "Ways to Improve Your Interviewing Skills," Kansas Scholastic Press Association Fall Conference, Sept. 1997, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS.

Professional Writing Workshop at Menninger Clinic, Jan. 1992, Topeka, KS.

#### Panelist:

Panel member, "The Role of the Press in a Free Society," March 2004, Pratt Community College, Pratt, KS

Panel member, "Libel/Ethics Panel," May 1997, Bethany College, Lindsborg, KS.

Moderated panel discussion: "The Right to Privacy vs. the Public's Right to Know About AIDS," Western Kansas Communication Conference, April 1994, Fort Hays State University, Hays, KS.

#### SERVICE

## Communication Studies Department, Fort Hays State University

Member of the Student Recognition Committee, 2006.

Member of the Tenure Committee, 2005-present.

Chaired search committee for new faculty member in Advertising, 2005.

Member of the Awards Committee, 2005-2006.

Judge at the Kansas Scholastic Press Association Regional High School Journalism Contest at FHSU, 2006, 2005, and 1990.

Member of the Recruitment and Public Relations Committee, 2002-2004

Member of the Faculty Promotion Committee, Fall 2003.

Chaired Faculty Promotion Committee, Fall 2000.

Co-sponsor of Media Pros, student organization for public relations, advertising and marketing students, 1999-2001.

Chaired search committee for new department chair, Spring and Summer 1999.

Chaired Task Force on Revisions to Theater and Public Relations Curricula, 1997-98.

Chaired search committee for Yearbook Adviser and Public Relations faculty member, 1997.

Member of Faculty Tenure and Promotion Committee, Fall 1997.

Member of Committee to Revise Advising Evaluation Form, 1995-96.

Served on Departmental Search Committee for Public Relations Instructor and Instructional Media Designer, 1992-93.

Chaired the Departmental Search Committee for two General Communication faculty members, Summer 1992.

# College and University, Fort Hays State University

Member of the College of Arts & Sciences Faculty Promotion Committee, Fall 2006.

Member of Media Convergence Committee, chaired by Dr. Paul Faber, Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, 2004-2005.

Member of ASSET (Arts & Sciences Secondary Education Teachers), 2003-present; assisted with university-wide NCATE review, 2005.

Member of the Student Publications Board, 1990-2003

Hosted day-long Kansas Press Association Short Course at FHSU, June 2000.

Member of Search Committee for new Assistant Vice President of Student

Affairs, 2000-2001.

Organized and hosted Student Publications multi-year reunion, Fall 1999.

Participated as a mentor in the University's Mentor-Mentee program for new faculty, 1997-98.

Member of Picken Hall Renovation Committee, 1995-96.

Served on Special University Leader Newspaper Task Force, chaired by Dr. Herb Songer, Vice President for Student Affairs, Summer 1995.

Member of Teacher Education Academic Supervisors, College of Arts and Sciences, 1993-95.

Member of University Instructional Media Committee, 1992.

Member of the Statewide Program Duplications Review Committee for Journalism/Mass Communication in Regents Institutions, 1991.

## **Community**

Vice President, Board of Directors of Habitat for Humanity of Ellis
County, Oct. 2006-present. I also currently serve as chair of the
chapter's Promotion and Development Committee. I was a member of
this committee, Spring 2003 to Oct. 2006. I help organize and
co-ordinate publicity for fund-raising events and have addressed church
groups regarding the chapter's activities. I also take photos of
and write articles about HFHEC events, which are posted on the
chapter's website, www.habitatelliscounty.org/

Judge for the Oklahoma Collegiate Press Association Annual Contest, Investigative Reporting category, Spring 2003 and Spring 1999.

Helped organize and taught the Journalism Merit Badge class for the Howard-Wichael Memorial Boy Scout Camporee, Fort Hays State University, Hays, KS, Spring 2003, 2002 and 2001.

Did on-site critiques of community college newspapers, Kansas Associated Collegiate Press Conference, April 2002

Did on-site critiques of college newspapers at Associated Collegiate Press National Conventions, Fall 1997, Fall 1995, Fall 1994, Fall 1993, Fall 1992.

Design consultant for Sunflower Electric Employee Newsletter, worked with Cindy Suppes, Hays, KS, Fall 1996.

Design consultant for *Prairie Woman Magazine*, worked with Editor Jennifer Schartz, Great Bend, KS, Fall 1993.

Panelist for program at Quill and Scroll (high school journalism honor society) ceremony, Wichita North High School, Wichita, KS, Spring 1995 and Spring 1992.

Did all on-site critiques of student publications at Kansas Scholastic Press Association Fall Conference West, Garden City, KS, Fall 1991.

Co-ordinator of Volunteers working with Media Relations, U.S. Olympic Festival, Summer 1989, Lawton, OK, venue.

# MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

Kappa Tau Alpha, honorary journalism society, inducted 1974.

Phi Beta Kappa, inducted 1975.

Society of Professional Journalists, 1974-present. Served as deputy regional director for Region 8 (Oklahoma and Texas), 1988-1989.

College Media Advisers, 1984-present.

Kansas Scholastic Press Association, board member, Aug. 1991-May 2004 Kansas Professional Communicators (formerly Kansas Press Women), 1991-present.

National Federation of Press Women, 1991-present.

National Society of Newspaper Columnists, 2004-present

Association of American University Professors, 1996-present.

## AWARDS/HONORS

- 2007 Newspaper Column Writing, Second Place, Kansas Professional Communicators.
- 2006 Newspaper Column Writing, First Place, Kansas Professional Communicators.
- 2006 Mortar Board Honor Society Top Prof, Fort Hays State University, nominated by graduating seniors.
- 2005 Newspaper Column Writing, Honorable Mention, Kansas Professional Communicators.
- 2004 Newspaper Column Writing, First Place, Kansas Professional Communicators.
- 2003 Newspaper Column Writing, Honorable Mention, Kansas Professional Communicators.
- 2002 Writing for the Web, News or Feature, Second Place, National Federation of Press Women; First Place, Kansas Press Women.
- 2002 Faculty Adviser of Student Publications, Second Place, National Federation of Press Women; First Place, Kansas Press Women.
- 2002 Short Story, Honorable Mention, National Federation of Press Women; First Place, Kansas Press Women.
- 2002 Editorial, Daily Newspaper, Third Place, Kansas Press Women.
- 2000 Commendation from the Journalism Education Association for providing "Outstanding Support of Quality Journalism Instruction."
- 1998 Advising College Publications, Second Place, Kansas Press Women
- 1996-97 and 1994-95, named a Mortar Board "Top Prof" at FHSU.
- 1992 Short Fiction, Third Place, National Federation of Press Women; First Place, Kansas Press Women
- 1989 Bill Burk Spirit Award, given to the outstanding member of the Society of Professional Journalists in Region 8 (Oklahoma and Texas). I shared this award with David Butler, reporter for the *Houston Post*.
- 1980 a winner in *Guideposts* Magazine's national writing competition and attended the magazine's writing workshop in Rye, NY.