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Academic Experience

Professor of Journalism, Washington and Lee University, Department of Journalism and Mass Communications, Lexington, Va., *May 2015 to present*

Department head, Washington and Lee University, Department of Journalism and Mass Communications, Lexington, Va., *January 2017 to May 2019*

Associate Professor of Journalism, Washington and Lee University, Department of Journalism and Mass Communications, Lexington, Va., *July 2013 to May 2015*

Donald W. Reynolds Professor of Legal Reporting, Washington and Lee University, Department of Journalism and Mass Communications, Lexington, Va., *July 2008 to June 2013*

Shott Chair of Journalism, West Virginia University, School of Journalism, Morgantown, W.Va., *August 2007 to May 2008*

Education

Master's Degree in the Studies of Law, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, High Honors, *May 2007*

B.S. in Journalism, West Virginia University, Cum Laude, *May 1981*

Teaching Experience

Covering People and Places, a five-week program I designed and implemented to contribute to the university's Academic Immersion and Mentoring initiative to address diversity and inclusion on campus. Four incoming first-year students reported, edited and produced AIM Insider, a broadcast news magazine <https://www.wlu.edu/journalism-and-mass-communications-department/student-work/aim>, *Summer 2019*

Multimedia Storytelling Design: How'd They Do That? A three-credit course I created and co-teach that introduces students to digital tools that help them imagine, design and create powerful, compelling interactive features with audio, video, graphics and words that are on the cutting edge of journalism and mass communications. Students learn basic web design and programming skills through HTML, CSS and JavaScript to realize the power and potential of interactive storytelling, and the creative possibilities of gathering and delivering the news in the 21st century.

<http://aplacelikehome.org/>, <http://83percent.org/>, <http://i81hell.com/>,
<http://fromcountrytocampus.com/> *Fall 2015, Winter 2017, Winter 2018, Winter 2019, Fall 2019*

In-Depth Reporting, <https://www.wlu.edu/journalism-and-mass-communications/opportunities-for-students/student-work/in-depth-reporting>, a four-credit capstone course *Spring 2011, Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020*

Sports Journalism, a three-credit course I revived and overhauled to provide students with experience covering local high school and college sports. <https://www.wlu.edu/journalism-and-mass-communications-department/student-work/sports-journalism>, *Fall 2018*

Covering Courts and the Law, <https://preliminaryhearing.academic.wlu.edu/>, a three-credit specialized reporting course I created for students of at least sophomore standing. *Fall 2008, Winter 2009, Fall 2009, Fall 2010, Winter 2011, Fall 2011, Winter 2012, Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2017, Fall 2020*

Editing for Online and Print Media, a three-credit course that teaches students to edit news stories for websites, TV newscasts and print. *Winter 2018, Winter 2019*

Introduction to News Writing, a three-credit course that teaches students the fundamentals of newsgathering and writing, *Winter 2014, Winter 2015, Winter 2016, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2020*

Introduction to Journalism and Mass Communications, a three-credit course for students of all standing, *Winter 2009, Winter 2010, Winter 2011, Winter 2014, Fall 2019*

Beat Reporting, <http://rockbridgereport.academic.wlu.edu>, a three-credit public affairs reporting course for journalism majors, *Winter 2012, Winter 2017, Winter 2020*

Media & Transitions in South Africa, a four-credit study abroad course I helped create and co-taught that provided strategic communication and journalism students with service and experiential learning opportunities. Two groups of strategic communications students worked for nonprofit organizations that advocate for battered women and abused, neglected and abandoned children. The journalism group conducted interviews and research about protests by South African university students who are growing tired of waiting for change promised at the fall of Apartheid. <https://generalsinjoburg.academic.wlu.edu/>, *Spring 2016*

National Security v. Freedom of Speech and the Press, a three-credit course I created that examined crises in U.S. history from President John Adams to President Barack Obama, and highlighted the revelations of former National Security Agency contract employee Edward Snowden and the impact on protecting sources, and provided students with hands-on experience using encryption, *Winter 2014*

Great Trials in History—The Impact of the Press and Public on Justice, a three-credit course I created for students of at least sophomore standing, *Spring 2009*. Converted into a seminar for first-year students, *Fall 2009, Fall 2010*. Revised course for upperclassmen, *Spring 2012, Spring 2013, Spring 2015*

Beyond Google—Information Sources in the Digital Age, a one-credit course I revised and co-taught for journalism and strategic communication majors, *Winter 2011, Fall 2011, Winter 2013, Fall 2013, Winter 2015, Winter 2016, Winter 2017, Fall 2017, Fall 2018*

Introduction to Digital Journalism, a three-credit course aimed at gathering and reporting news in a multimedia, interactive environment, *Fall 2012, Winter 2013, Fall 2013*

Law and Communications, a three-credit course designed for journalism and strategic communication students, *Fall 2009, Winter 2010, Fall 2015*

Crime & Justice—A Practicum, a four-credit course I created for students to obtain experience covering criminal and civil cases in U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C., *Spring 2010*

Writing 100, Raking Muck, a three-credit English composition seminar for first-year students I created, *Winter 2013, Fall 2014*

Books

“Covering America’s Courts: A Clash of Rights,” a journalism textbook on covering courts and the law, Peter Lang Publishing Inc., *February 2013*

Essays

“Letting Go of Robert E. Lee at Washington and Lee University,” *The Nation*, <https://www.thenation.com/article/society/robert-lee-washington-statue/>, *June 25, 2020*

“The Trump administration’s attempts to reduce Roger Stone’s sentence shows how easy it is to manipulate punishment in federal courts,” *The London School of Economics and Political Science*, blog on American politics and policy, <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/usappblog/2020/02/14/trumps-attempts-to-reduce-roger-stones-sentence-shows-how-easy-it-is-to-manipulate-punishment-in-federal-courts/>, *February 14, 2020*

“The NSA’s mass surveillance program: illegal and opaque,” *The London School of Economics and Political Science*, blog on American politics and policy, <http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/usappblog/2015/05/21/the-nsas-mass-surveillance-program-illegal-and-likely-on-the-way-out/>, *May 21, 2015*

“Surveillance and Security: Are Reporters and News Organizations Doing Enough to Protect Sources?” <https://niemanreports.org/articles/surveillance-and-security/>, included in an e-book, *Muckraking Goes Global: The Future of Cross-Border Investigative Journalism*, published by Harvard University’s Nieman Foundation, *Oct. 9, 2013*

“Journalists beware: You could be next,” guest op-ed piece, *MSNBC.com*, <http://tv.msnbc.com/2013/05/14/journalists-beware-you-could-be-next/>, *May 14, 2013*

“The Race for the First Report in Legal Journalism,” guest op-ed piece, JURIST, <http://jurist.org/forum/2012/06/toni-locy-ppaca-journalism.php>, June 29, 2012

Other Creative Work

Researcher for *The Chief: The Life and Turbulent Times of Chief Justice John Roberts*, by Joan Biskupic, published in March 2019

Researcher for *Breaking In: The Rise of Sonia Sotomayor and the Politics of Justice*, by Joan Biskupic, published in October 2014

Professional Experience

Reported and wrote more than 4,000 bylined stories during a 25-year career as a journalist for some of the nation’s biggest and best news organizations, 1981 to 2006

The Associated Press, Supreme Court and national legal affairs, November 2005 to August 2006

USA Today, Justice Department, national legal and terrorism-related issues, September 2000 to October 2005

U.S. News & World Report, investigative team, March 1999 to August 2000

The Washington Post, federal courts and metro projects team, June 1994 to March 1999

The Boston Globe, metro projects team, State House bureau and general assignment, January 1990 to May 1994

The Philadelphia Daily News, City Hall bureau, federal courts and general assignment, February 1986 to January 1990

The Pittsburgh Press, federal courts, organized labor and general assignment, June 1981 to February 1986

Awards

First Amendment Award, Society of Professional Journalists, 2008

John Aubuchon Freedom of the Press Award, National Press Club, 2008

Service to Journalism Award, Press Club of Western Pennsylvania, 2008

Washington and Lee University’s Lenfest Faculty Grant, 2010 to 2016, 2019, 2020

Presentations

Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va., Celebrating Title IX's 45th Anniversary, interviewer, "A Discussion with Olympic Gold Medalist and Soccer Great Mia Hamm," *Feb. 1, 2018*

Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va., organizer and moderator, "Alternative Facts and the Search for the Truth: Journalism in the Age of Trump," *March 9, 2017*

Washington and Lee University's Institute for Honor, Lexington, Va., presentation, "Tweestorms: Facts, factoids and myths," *March 19, 2016*

Washington and Lee University's School of Law, Lara D. Glass Symposium on Cyber-surveillance in the Post-Snowden Age, panelist, "Emerging Technologies and the Future of Cyber-surveillance," *Jan. 24, 2015*

Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, 97th Annual Conference, Montreal, Canada, panelist, "Federal Shield Law: A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing?" *Aug. 6, 2014*

Roanoke, Va., Ted Dalton American Inn of Court meeting, Washington and Lee University, panelist, "Media and the Law," *Oct. 21, 2013*

Washington and Lee University's Institute for Honor, Lexington, Va., presentation, "Preaching to the Choir: Is the Journalism of Affirmation Undermining Democracy?" *March 3, 2012*

Citizen Advocacy Center's Constitution Week Celebration, DuPage County, Ill., featured speaker at three area high schools, "The First Amendment: What Is It and Why Does It Matter?" *Sept. 19-20, 2011*

Citizen Advocacy Center Public Forum, Elmhurst, Ill., featured speaker, "Freedom of the Press: Covering Sensitive Investigations," *Sept. 19, 2011*

The Reynolds National Center for Courts and Media, The Conference of Court Public Information Officers, and the National Judicial College Conference, Modern Media and the Courts, Washington, D.C., moderator, "Covering the Courts: What Every Journalist Needs to Know," *Aug. 10, 2011*

The Reynolds National Center for Courts and Media, Winter Regional Conference, After Enron: Have Modern Media Wrecked Traditional Venue Law? Houston, Texas, moderator and panelist, "Basic Court Reporting for Journalists: What Every Reporter Needs to Know About Covering Criminal and Civil Trials," *Jan. 26, 2011*

Kennesaw State University and Harvard University Law School's Berkman Center for Internet and Society, Conference on Media Law in the Digital Age: The Rules Have Changed—Have You? Kennesaw, Ga., panelist, "Newsgathering Law: How to Stay Out of Trouble When You're Gathering Information for a Story," *Sept. 25, 2010*

Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, 93rd Annual Conference, Denver, Colo., panelist, “Federal News Media Shield Law: To Be or Not to Be,” *Aug. 4, 2010*

Indiana University’s Schools of Law and Journalism and Elon University’s School of Journalism, “Access Denied: Navigating the Legal Challenges to Newsgathering,” a production aired on WTIU in Indiana and distributed on DVD, panelist, *March 30, 2010*

Society of Professional Journalists Regional Conference, University of Maryland, College Park, Md., panelist, “Developing and Protecting Sources,” *March 27, 2010*

University of Missouri School of Journalism, Columbia, Mo., Webinar panelist, “The Erosion of Press Freedom in North America,” *Feb. 9, 2010*

Journalism Education Association/National Scholastic Press Association National High School Journalism Convention, Washington, D.C., speaker, “Contempt for Reporters: One Journalist’s Fight to Protect News Sources,” *Nov. 13, 2009*

Washington and Lee University’s 3rd Annual Reynolds Media, Courts and Law Symposium, *The Perfect Storm: The Intersection of Sports, the Law and the Media*, organizer, moderator, “Women in Sports: Are the Boys Still Being Boys?” *Nov. 12, 2009*

Society of Professional Journalists National Conference, Indianapolis, Ind., panelist, “Jail Time: Facing Subpoenas With and Without a Shield Law,” *Aug. 28, 2009*

Washington and Lee University’s 47th Institute on Ethics, Lexington, Va., keynote address, “Committing Journalism: Contempt for Reporters in Post-9/11 America,” *March 6, 2009*

Testimony before Texas Legislature’s House Judiciary Committee, Austin, Texas, about proposed shield law to provide protection for reporters and their confidential sources, *March 2, 2009*

University of North Carolina, Center for Media Law and Policy, Chapel Hill, N.C., public lecture, “Committing Journalism: Contempt for Reporters in Post-9/11 America,” *Sept. 24, 2008*

Society of Professional Journalists National Conference, Atlanta, Ga., panelist, “Shielding Sources,” *Sept. 6, 2008*

National Press Club’s annual awards ceremony, Washington, D.C., acceptance speech, “Committing Journalism,” *July 14, 2008*

American Civil Liberties Union national conference, Washington, D.C., speech and panel discussion, “The War on Terror: An Exchange About Censorship, Surveillance and Guantanamo,” *June 9, 2008*

Virginia Coalition for Open Government’s annual conference, Fredericksburg, Va., panelist, “Shield Laws: Defending Against Threats to Journalistic Independence,” *May 23, 2008*

National Freedom of Information Coalition’s Freedom of Information Summit, Philadelphia, Pa., keynote address, “Contempt for Reporters,” *May 10, 2008*

Service

Non-tenure Track Task Force, co-chair, formed by the provost to examine W&L's use of visiting faculty and continuing employment contract employees, *2019 to present*

Faculty Affairs Committee, member, elected by faculty as at-large representative, *2018 to present*

COVID-19 Committee, member, appointed by university treasurer, *June 2020 to present*

COVID-19 Contingency Task Force, served as Faculty Affairs Committee representative on the Academic Working Group and appointed by interim provost as member of the Classroom and Learning Spaces Special Topics Group, *May to June 2020*

Search committee, chair, oversaw department's effort to recruit and hire a faculty member for a tenure-track position, *2019 to present*

Digital Humanities Committee, member, participated in implementation of a large Mellon grant to encourage faculty to employ technology in teaching in the liberal arts, *2014 to 2019*

Search committee, member, participated in a successful departmental effort to recruit and hire an assistant professor to teach strategic communication courses, *2018*

Search committee, chair, oversaw successful effort to recruit and hire a Donald W. Reynolds Professor of Business Journalism, *2015*

Student Faculty Hearing Board, member, panel that heard sexual misconduct complaints, *2010 to 2015*

Search committee, member, participated in successful departmental effort to recruit and hire a Knight Professor of Media Ethics, *2013*

Fishback Committee for Visiting Writers, chair, coordinated efforts to bring accomplished writers to campus, *2013-2014*, member of the committee, *2012*

Glasgow Endowment Committee, member, group that brought accomplished writers to campus, *2009 to 2012*

Ad Hoc Committee for a Course on Respect and Responsibility, member, group formed by provost to examine gender relations at W&L, *2010 to 2011*

Serve/d on variety of departmental committees and subcommittees: Diversity; Technology; Classroom Design; and Curriculum, *2009 to present*

Professional Development

Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, 100th Annual Conference, Chicago, *Aug. 8-12, 2017*

Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications, site team training workshop, Chicago, *Nov. 7-8, 2015*

Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, 98th annual conference, San Francisco, *Aug. 6-9, 2015*

The Marshall Project, observed operations of the news startup that covers criminal justice issues, *July 13-14, 2015*

Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, 97th Annual Conference, Montreal, Canada, *Aug. 6-9, 2014*

Fellow, Lillian Lodge Kopenhagen Center for the Advancement of Women in Communication, workshop, AEJMC Annual Conference, Montreal, Canada, *Aug. 5, 2014*

Investigative Reporters and Editors National Conference, San Francisco, Calif., *June 26-29, 2014*

Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, 96th Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., *Aug. 7-11, 2013*

The Washington Post, spent a month observing online and print operations, *June 2012*

University of Maryland's Journalism Interactive: The Conference on Journalism Education and Digital Media, College Park, Md., *Oct. 28-29, 2011*

Poynter Institute for Media Studies, St. Petersburg, Fla., seminar, Multimedia Journalism for College Educators, *July 20-23, 2009*

Memberships

Investigative Reporters & Editors

Society of Professional Journalists

Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication

JURIST, a legal research and news website, member, Board of Directors

Virginia Center for Investigative Reporting, member, Academic Advisory Board