

## BRETT KURLAND

### EXPERIENCE

- 2012- **WALTER CRONKITE SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION** Phoenix, AZ  
**ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY**  
***Director, Sports Programs; Director - Cronkite News, Phoenix Sports Bureau; Professor of Practice***
- Lead Cronkite School's bachelor's and master's degree programs in sports journalism
  - Founding director of Phoenix Sports Bureau of Cronkite News, an immersive sports journalism program for upper level undergraduate and master's students
    - Lead students in coverage of professional, collegiate and high school sports and produce written and video stories for professional media outlets including The Arizona Republic, Arizona PBS, Fox Sports, Pac-12 Networks and ArizonaSports.com
    - Cultivate partnerships with professional media organizations for publication of students' work
    - Lead students in reporting on MLB spring training and producing digital, photo and video content for Sports Illustrated, Baseball America, MLB.com, Denver Post, Kansas City Star, San Diego Union Tribune, The Arizona Republic and Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
    - Lead students in the production of "Cronkite Sports Report," a 30-minute sports news magazine show for Fox Sports Arizona; show recognized as a national finalist and regional winner of best all-around television news magazine in Society of Professional Journalists' Mark of Excellence Awards and as best TV sports news program in Broadcast Education Association's Festival of Media Arts
    - Created "Cronkite Sports Now," a daily live show hosted and produced by students on Facebook Live about sports in Arizona
    - Events covered include Super Bowl XLIX, the NCAA men's basketball Final Four, the College Football Playoff National Championship Game, and the Waste Management Phoenix Open
    - Teams covered include Arizona Diamondbacks, Arizona Coyotes, Arizona Cardinals and Phoenix Suns
  - Director of Cronkite Scotland: Golf & The British Open, in which students spent two weeks reporting on the role of golf in Scottish culture
  - Director of Covering the Rio Olympics Study Abroad program, in which students spent three weeks in Rio producing content about the Olympics for professional media outlets including KPNX-TV, Pac-12 Networks, Arizona PBS, and the Arizona Republic
  - Member of Master's Committee, reviewing applications for the school's master's degrees in journalism, business journalism, health journalism, investigative journalism, sports journalism and digital audience strategy
  - Co-created, supervised and taught Covering the Super Bowl class, where students will report and produce multimedia stories on the issues and events leading up to Super Bowl XLIX; cultivate partnerships with media outlets including The Arizona Republic and Fox Sports Arizona
  - Taught sports writing, reporting and television and social media production class to undergraduate and graduate students
- 2010-2014 **RELATE DIGITAL** Phoenix, AZ  
***Managing Partner / Founder***
- Produced documentary and scripted short films for corporate and non-profit clients to drive increased audience engagement and customer loyalty
- 2009-2014 **GOLFMIX** Phoenix, AZ  
***Chief Content Officer / Founding Partner***
- Managed original content, website design and development, marketing and business plan development for Arizona's leading online golf community
  - Developed strategy for WMPO-TV, the YouTube presence of the Waste Management Phoenix Open in partnership with the PGA Tour; produced, shot and edited quick-turn content for WMPO-TV during tournament week
- 2007-2014 **GENERATION IDEA MEDIA** Phoenix, AZ  
***Owner / President / Founder***
- Produced documentary, feature, live-event and spot news for ABC, ESPN, CBS, NFL Network, Big Ten Network, NHL Network and Bloomberg; developed, produced, sold and edited documentary-style, online videos for clients in wide range of businesses including sports, tourism and politics
- 2011-2012 **LAKE THE POSTS** Chicago, IL  
***Contributor***
- Wrote feature stories and analysis, hosted and produced video and audio podcasts, and conducted live online chats for leading Northwestern University sports news and information website
- 2001-2006 **INTERSPORT** Chicago, IL  
***Producer***

- Produced documentary, reality, magazine-style, live-event and studio programming for ABC, NBC, CBS, Fox, ESPN, Fox Sports Net and Speed Channel, as well as creating and developing the first-ever made-for-mobile original sports content for Sprint
- Managed production business operations including negotiating above-the-line and below-the-line agreements, building and tracking budgets and acting as liaison with networks

2000-2001 **FOX SPORTS NET BAY AREA** Chicago, IL  
*Associate Producer*

- Developed, launched, and produced new nightly, local live sports news show, which included creating and managing show content as well as supervising staff of 15

1998-2000 **FOX SPORTS NET CHICAGO** Chicago, IL  
*Production Coordinator*

- Wrote, produced, edited and conducted interviews for features and highlights for nightly live sports magazine show and pregame, halftime/intermission and postgame shows for Bulls, Blackhawks, Cubs and White Sox telecasts

1997 **WLNY-TV** Melville, NY  
*Associate Producer*

- Produced six-minute sports segment on nightly newscast; shot, edited, wrote voice-overs, packages; interviewed MLB, NFL, WNBA, PGA, LPGA athletes

1997 **WGEM-TV** Quincy, IL  
*Reporter, Videographer*

- Reported, produced, shot, edited, and wrote packages, live shots, voice-overs and sound bites for newscasts of NBC affiliate and #1 station in Quincy, IL-Hannibal, MO-Keokuk, IA market
- Shot and edited high school basketball highlights

## EDUCATION

2004-2006 **KELLOGG SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT** Evanston, IL  
**NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY**

Master of Business Administration, August 2006

- Majors in media management, marketing and entrepreneurship & innovation
- Winner, Lee Hague Memorial Fund Award, a grant for research into emerging facets of media
- Semifinalist, Kellogg Business Plan Competition
- 3.7/4.0 GPA; Dean's List, 2005-2006

1994-1998 **MEDILL SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM** Evanston, IL  
**NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY**

Bachelor of Science in Journalism with a minor in political science, June 1998

- Sports Director, WNUR-FM and Sports Director, Northwestern News Network

## HONORS THESIS PROJECTS

Faculty Director, "From On The Field To In The Field," by Anthony Totri, Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University, Spring 2019

Faculty Director, "Overuse Injuries in College Baseball," by Robert Werner, Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University, Spring 2018

Faculty Director, "Courts of Cultures," by Blaine McCormick, Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University, Fall 2018

Faculty Director, "Coverage of The Cape Cod Baseball League: Past, Present, and Future," by Kyle Kercheval, Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University, Spring 2018

Faculty Director, "Basketball Analytics: How We Got Here and Where We're Going," by Jonathan Diego, Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University, Spring 2017

Faculty Director, "The Battle For Arizona Avenue: The History of the Chandler-Hamilton Rivalry," by Fabian Ardaya, Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University, Fall 2017

Faculty Director, "Panic at the Elbow: High School Baseball's Tommy John Surgery Epidemic," by Ben Margiott, Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University, Spring 2016

Faculty Director, “Building the Foundation: Season One With Arizona State Hockey,” by Mauricio Casillas, Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University, Spring 2016

Faculty Director, “The Evolution of Data and Statistics in Baseball,” by Jacob Garcia, Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University, Spring 2016

Faculty Director, “We Should Talk: Consulting the Relationship Between Twitter and Sports Journalism,” by Cammeron Neely, Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University, Spring 2016

Second Reader, “Dazed & Confused: Using Science to Diagnose Concussions,” by Katryna Seki, Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University, Spring 2016

Second Reader, “On Deck: Inside the Arizona Fall League,” by Nicole Fox, Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University, Spring 2016

Second Reader, “I Know I Can,” by Danielle Eurich, Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University, Fall 2015

Second Reader, “Reforming the NCAA: How the Governing Body of Intercollegiate Athletics Should Handle Student-Athletes Into the Future,” by Kerry Crowley, Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University, Spring 2015

Third Reader, “Minor League Baseball and Social Media: A Season with the Tucson Padres,” by Justin Beatty, Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University, Spring 2013

## **SPEAKING**

Panelist, “Student Hands-On Experience with Sports Reporting at Spring Training,” Broadcast Education Association Convention, April 2019

Moderator, “Race & Sport Around the Globe with Bill Rhoden: Where it Was, Is, and Ought To Be,” Global Sport Summit, Arizona State University, March 2019

- Featured Guests: Bill Rhoden, Columnist and Editor-at-Large, ESPN’s The Undefeated; Kenneth L. Shropshire, CEO of the ASU Global Sport Institute and the Adidas Distinguished Professor in Global Sport

Moderator, “A Conversation with Chicago Bears Chairman George H. McCaskey,” Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication and Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University, March 2019

- Featured Guest: George H. McCaskey, Chairman, Chicago Bears Football Club

Moderator, “New Opportunities in Sports Journalism,” Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University, February 2019

- Featured Guest: Bailey Mosier, Host & Reporter, Golf Channel

Moderator, “Cronkite Night at the Movies: ‘Citizen Kane,’” Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University, September, 2018

Moderator, “Future Models of Sports Media,” Global Sport Summit, Arizona State University, April 2018

- Panelists: Stewart Mandel, The Athletic; Jay Dieffenbach, The Arizona Republic; Adam Anshell, Stadium

Panelist, “Diversity in Sports Journalism: Is it just a Number’s Game? An Organic vs. Intentional Process,” Broadcast Education Association Convention, April 2018

Moderator, “The Power of Storytelling,” Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University, January, 2018

- Featured Guest: Alison Overholt, Editor-in-Chief, ESPN The Magazine and espnW

Moderator, “Sports, Media and Society,” Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University, September 2017

- Featured Guest: Kenneth L. Shropshire, CEO of the ASU Global Sport Institute and the Adidas Distinguished Professor in Global Sport

Panelist, “Making News at the Olympics and Beyond,” Broadcast Education Association Convention, April 2017

Moderator, “Behind the Scenes at ESPN’s College GameDay,” Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University, March, 2017

- Featured Guest: Rece Davis, College Basketball and Football Studio Host, SportsCenter Anchor/Reporter, ESPN

Moderator, “Technology Panel,” SABR Analytics Conference, Society for American Baseball Research, March 2017

- Panelists: Jordan Muraskin, Founder, CTO deCervo; Daniel M. Laby, Director, Sports and Performance Vision Center and Associate Clinical Professor, State University of New York College of Optometry; Brian Murphy, Managing Partner, STRIVR Labs

Moderator, “A Conversation with Bob Costas,” Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University, September 2016

- Featured Guest: Bob Costas, Host, NBC and MLB Network

Moderator, “The Future of Sports Media,” Sports Symposium, Arizona State University, April 2016

- Panelists: Jeramie McPeck, Vice President, Digital & Brand Strategy, Phoenix Suns; Mark Faller, Director, azcentral sports; Ron Parodi, Vice President, General Sales Manager, Fox Sports Arizona

Moderator, “Put Me In Coach: Creating and Cultivating Immersive Sports Media Learning Opportunities With Professional Partners,” Broadcast Education Association Convention, April 2016

- Panelists: Michael Bruce, Assistant Professor, University of Alabama; John Mullen, Director of Operations / Professor, Hofstra University; Dennis Kirkpatrick, Adjunct Faculty, California State University, East Bay; Tom Feuer, Professor of Practice, Arizona State University; Laura Podalak, Senior Assignment Manager, Pac-12 Networks

Moderator, “Inside the Press Box at the College Football Playoff National Championship,” Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University, January 2016

- Panelists: Nicole Auerbach, USA Today; Stewart Mandel, Fox Sports; Brett McMurphy, ESPN; Pete Thamel, Sports Illustrated

Moderator, “Analytics in Sports,” Arizona State University Sports Business Association Symposium, April 2015

- Panelists: A.J. Maestas, Founder and President, Navigate Research; Marc Appleman, CEO, Society for American Baseball Research; Angella Hamilton, Digital Integration Specialist, Bonneville Phoenix; Amin Elhassan, ESPN NBA Insider; Bryan Minniti, Assistant General Manager, Arizona Diamondbacks

Moderator, “The Numbers in Sports,” Reynolds Business Journalism Week / Donald W. Reynolds National Center for Business Journalism, January 2015

- Panelists: Marc Appleman, CEO, Society for American Baseball Research; Craig Harris, Senior Reporter, The Arizona Republic; Dash Davidson, Sports Data Analyst, Tableau

Moderator, “One Shining PHX: The Final Four’s Journey to the Desert,” Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University, November 2015

- Panelists: Dan Gavitt, NCAA Vice President for Men’s Basketball Championships; Mark Hollis, 2017 NCAA Men’s Basketball Committee Chair and Michigan State University Athletics Director; Dawn Rogers, Executive Director/CEO, Phoenix Final Four; JoAn Scott, NCAA Managing Director for the Division I Men’s Basketball Championship

Host, “Race, Sports and Media,” Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University, March 2016

- Participants: Kevin Merida, ESPN Senior Vice President, Editor-In-Chief of “The Undefeated;” Pedro Gomez, ESPN reporter

Host, “Must See Sports: Christine Brennan,” Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University, January 2015

Panelist, “Running the Option Play: Can (or Should) Sports Journalists Be Taught How to Be Sports Personalities?,” Broadcast Education Association Convention, April 2015

- Panelists: Kenneth Fischer, Instructor, University of Oklahoma; Ian Punnett, PhD candidate, Arizona State University; Miles Romney, PhD candidate, Arizona State University; Marie Hardin, Dean, Pennsylvania State University; John Hanson, Program Director, 610 Sports Radio-Kansas City; Barry Orr, University of Oklahoma

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Author, “El Deporte Como Escaparate,” El Universal, February 2019 (translated into Spanish)

Author, “Covering the Rio Olympics,” Editor & Publisher, November 2016

## **AWARDS**

2001 National Sports Emmy Award

2002 National Sports Emmy Award Nominee

2009 Webby Awards - Official Honoree

2009 Telly Award

2009 W3 Award

2009 Pollie Award

2009 HSMAI Adrian Award

2012 Webby Award Nominee

2012 Telly Award

2014 Telly Award