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Professional Experience

Arizona State University

Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication

Associate Dean

2009-present

Responsible for the school's professional programs; hiring, training and supervising adjunct faculty; developing and maintaining media partnerships; overseeing the Carnegie-Knight News21 program and the National Center on Disability and Journalism; and supervising staff efforts in marketing, instructional technology, publications and design, and high school programs.

Assistant Dean

2007-2009

Responsible for developing standards and curricula for skills classes, overseeing adjunct faculty, chairing the school's academic standards committee, overseeing professional and high school programs, editing annual Cronkite magazine and developing other communications for school as well as teaching depth reporting classes.

Director of Student Media

2002-2007

Responsible for business operations of The State Press daily student newspaper, ASU Web Devil student website and SDTV, student closed-circuit cable television station.

The Arizona Republic

Deputy Managing Editor for News

1999-2002

Responsible for all news-gathering operations for this major metropolitan newspaper with a circulation of about 500,000. Supervised more than 100 reporters and editors based in Phoenix and surrounding communities as well as the statehouse and bureaus in Flagstaff, Ariz., Mexico City and Washington, D.C.

The Statesman Journal, Salem, Ore.

Managing Editor

1993-1999

Oversight of all editorial operations for Oregon's capital city newspaper. Supervised 70 employees; responsible for newsroom budgeting and community outreach; served on the newspaper's editorial board.

The Times-Picayune, New Orleans, La.

Suburban Editor, Administrative Editor and Bureau Chief

1983-1993

Served as bureau chief in two different suburban news bureaus before being named administrative editor in charge of hiring, budgeting, recruiting and special projects. Also served as suburban editor, responsible for the newspaper's bureau operations in six suburbs, with a staff of more than 100.

St. Cloud Daily Times, St. Cloud, Minn.

Regional editor and reporter

1980-1983

Started out as the newspaper's farm reporter then moved to regional editor, responsible for coverage in outlying communities.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Assistant Instructor, Agricultural Communications

1977-1980

Provided communications training and materials for Cooperative Extension Service agents around the state.

Education

Master's degree, Mass Communications, University of Nebraska, 1982; summa cum laude

Bachelor's degree, Journalism, University of Nebraska; magna cum laude

Fellowships

Graduate Student Fellowship in newspaper management, the Poynter Institute for Media Studies, St. Petersburg, Fla., 1980

Leadership Development for News Executives, Poynter Institute, St. Petersburg, Fla., 2000 and 2001

Classes Taught

- Principles and History of Journalism, 2008-present
- Depth Reporting, 2002-2008
- Beginning News Writing and Reporting, 2002-2006
- Photojournalism (co-taught a class for students doing photo documentaries in Mexico) 2006

Projects and Publications, 2004-2012

- Author of "Cross Campus Partners: Students from 11 Colleges Investigate Transportation in Groundbreaking Project," IRE Journal, Spring 2011
- Lead editor and newsroom manager for 2010 national News21 project on transportation safety, "Breakdown, Traveling Dangerously in America." The project is published online at <http://national.news21.com/> and in e-book format. Major portions were published by The Washington Post, msnbc.com and the Center for Public Integrity as well as several regional newspapers.

- Author of “Diversity in the Washington Newspaper Press Corps,” 2008, a study of the racial makeup of journalists covering Washington for UNITY: Journalists of Color, Inc. and the McCormick Foundation of Chicago.
<http://cronkite.asu.edu/news/diversity-072408.php>
- Lead editor of 2007 student reporting project on families divided by the U.S.-Mexico border. The project, “Divided Families,” was printed as a stand-alone magazine and portions appeared in Phoenix Magazine, The Arizona Republic and several other newspapers.
- Lead editor of 2006 student reporting project on the murder of Arizona Republic investigative reporter Don Bolles. The project was printed by The Arizona Republic and was reprinted for distribution at the 2007 Investigative Reporters and Editors national conference in Phoenix.
- Lead editor of 2005 student reporting project on the economic revival of the Gila River Indian Reservation in Arizona. The project was published by the East Valley Tribune newspaper.
- Lead editor of 2004 student reporting project, “Crossing Borders,” on economic ties between Mexico and the United States, reported in Monterrey, Mexico, and along the U.S.-Mexico border. The project was published by The Arizona Republic.

Awards

- Westside High School Alumni Hall of Fame, 2012
- Gannett Foundation Award for Innovative Investigative Journalism, finalist, small site, for News21 transportation safety project, 2011
- Investigative Reporters and Editors, Student National CAR Contest, team reporting, for News21 transportation safety project, 2011
- International Robert F. Kennedy Journalism Award for “Divided Families,” produced by my Depth Reporting class, 2009 (The school has won two other RFKs in the past four years for projects I have supervised.)
- AEJMC Professor Newspaper Publishing Award, 2006
- National Payne Award for Ethics in Journalism, awarded to The State Press student newspaper and its adviser for their handling of a conflict with university administrators over the publication of controversial content, 2005
- Gannett Co. “Best of Gannett Awards” for investigative and public service projects at newspapers in Oregon and Arizona, 1995, 1997, 1999, 2000
- Most Distinguished Alumnae Award from the Journalism faculty of the University of Nebraska-Omaha, 1998
- Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association Presidential Citation for Outstanding Public Service Campaign, 1995
- National Headliner Award for Public Service in Journalism for a year-long project on race relations in New Orleans, 1993
- Best of the West, Associated Press and Society of Professional Journalism awards for projects edited in Oregon and Arizona, 1993, 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2001

- New Orleans Press Club Outstanding News Reporting, 1989

Training Seminars and Workshops Conducted

- Poynter Institute, St. Petersburg, Fla., Leadership Academy, 2012
- Arizona Newspaper Association, “Managing and Surviving Change,” 2012
- American Association of Sunday & Features Editors, “Managing Change,” 2011
- The Arizona Republic, “Managing Change” and “Managing Up,” for mid-level to executive-level managers, 2011
- Village Voice Fellowship for Minority College Journalists, “How to Succeed in Your First Job,” 2011
- Reynolds Institute for High School Journalism, “Managing Your Boss,” 2011, 2010 and 2009
- Cronkite High School Summer Journalism Institute, “Developing Story Ideas,” 2011, 2010 and 2009
- Arizona Newspapers Association, “Managing Change,” 2010
- Society of Professional Journalists Region 11 Conference, “Managing Change in Your Editorial Department,” 2009
- U.S. Postal Service Regional Conference, “The Bumpy Ride to Digital Expansion” and “Change Happens,” 2009
- Associated Press Managing Editors annual conference, “Doing it All,” 2008
- U.S. State Department, series of leadership training workshops for female journalists in Bangladesh, 2004-2007.
- Associated Press Managing Editors NewsTrain, “Giving Effective Feedback and “Dealing with Conflict in the Newsroom,” Memphis, Tenn., 2007
- Mid-America Press Institute, “Difficult Conversations” and “News Ethics and Values in the Digital Age,” Milwaukee, Wis., 2007
- Arizona Newspaper Association, “How to Manage your Boss,” 2007
- Western Association of University Publication Managers annual conference, “What People Want in a Leader,” 2007
- Associated Press Managing Editors NewsTrain, “Motivating your Staff” and “Situational Leadership,” Minneapolis, 2006
- Associated Press Managing Editors NewsTrain, “Resolving Conflict” and “Creating a Constructive Newsroom Culture,” Portland, Ore., 2006
- American Association of Sunday & Features Editors annual conference, “Providing Effective Feedback,” Denver, 2005
- Mid-America Press Institute, “Having the Difficult Conversation,” Oklahoma City, 2005
- Associated Press Managing Editors NewsTrain, New York City, “Managing Your Time,” “Becoming a Better Newsroom Leader” and “Effective Feedback,” 2005
- Associated Press Managing Editors NewsTrain, “What Do Good Leaders Do?” St. Louis, 2005

- Associated Press Managing Editors NewsTrain, San Antonio, “Managing Yourself – Managing Others,” 2005
- The Tacoma News Tribune newspaper, “Developing an Enterprise Culture,” Tacoma, Wash., 2004.
- The Arizona Republic, developed and conducted a Middle Managers Training program for the newspaper, 2002.
- National Writers Workshop, “How to Break the Lede Barrier,” Orange County Register and the Poynter Institute, Los Angeles, 2002
- Poynter Institute, “High Performance Management for Mid-Level Managers,” teaching sessions on leadership, ethics and standards, Oakland, Calif., 2005, 2004, 2003, 2002
- National Writers Workshop, “Writing Short and Writing Well,” Santa Ana, Calif., 2001
- Taught sessions on ethics, diversity and leadership at the Poynter Institute in St. Petersburg, Fla., 1994-2000

Invited Panelist and Speaker

- New American Foundation, “Fact-checking in the News” symposium roundtable, 2012
- Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication panel, “The Hospital Teaching Model”
- KAET-Eight, Phoenix, guest speaking on News21 voting rights project, 2012
- Arizona Interscholastic Press Association, “Journalism Education,” 2012
- Barrett Summer Scholars Program, “Careers in News,” 2012
- CCCF Chandler Leadership Institute, “Developing New Media Leaders,” 2012
- Rio Verde ASU Lecture Series, “The Future of Journalism,” 2012
- Carnegie-Knight Deans Conference, Harvard University, “Status of News21,” 2011 and 2012
- Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication annual convention, panels on “News21: Going National” and “Developing Media Partnerships,” 2011
- Carnegie-Knight Deans Conference, University of Southern California, “News21: A National Project,” 2010
- American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, “Developing Multimedia Skills,” 2010
- Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication annual convention, panel on “News21: Changing the Way Journalism is Taught,” 2010
- Downtown Phoenix Campus Senior Scholar Dinner, “How to Succeed in College,” 2010
- Arizona Skill Standards Commission, “Introducing Digital in Education,” 2010
- Mesa Public Schools Teacher In-Service, “Divided Families: Student Reporting that Makes a Difference,” 2009
- ASU Foundation Women & Philanthropy, “Reaching High School Students,” 2009

- Paul J. Schatt Memorial Lecture, moderator for panel, “Breaking the Barriers: Women Leaders in News,” 2008
- Investigative Reporters and Editors annual conference, moderator of showcase panel, “The Arizona Project, 30 years later,” 2007
- Paul J. Schatt Memorial Lecture, moderator for panel on “Newspapers Under Siege,” 2007
- Arizona Freedom of Information Roundtable, facilitator, 2007.
- Valle Del Sol, “Building the Next Generation of Latino Leaders,” 2007
- Society of Professional Journalists panel, “First Amendment Freedoms,” 2005
- Public Relations Society of America, “Writing Well,” 2005
- Broadcast Education Association, panel on a student project to cover elections, 2005
- Journalism and Women Symposium, panel on “Women Newsroom Managers,” 2004
- National Education Writers Association, “Making Sense of Universities,” 2003
- John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, lecturer on race relations coverage, 1994
- Poynter Institute Senior Executives Seminar, “Creating the Future,” 1992

Professional and Academic Service

- Co-director of a \$250,000 U.S. State Department grant to provide leadership training for female journalists in Bangladesh. Helped write grant, developed curriculum and conducted workshops in Dhaka on three occasions.
- Established the National Center on Disability & Journalism at the Cronkite School, negotiating its move to the school in 2009.
- Member, Cronkite Endowment Board, made up of local media professionals who provide support to the school, 2003-present
- Member, University Management Team, consisting of vice presidents, deans and associate deans, 2009-present
- Chair, Student Media Advisory Board, providing oversight of student media operations at ASU, 2013; member 2007-present
- Member, Executive Committee, consisting of top leadership of Cronkite School, 2007-present
- Chair, Cronkite Budget Committee, 2012
- Chair, Cronkite Marketing Committee, 2012,
- Member, Scholarship Committee, awarding scholarships to Cronkite students, 2009-present
- Adviser, Cronkite student chapter of National Press Photographers Association, 2011 to present
- Member, tenure review committee for a faculty member at Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, 2011
- Chair, National Center on Disability & Journalism Advisory Board, 2010-present

- Chair, Cronkite Standards Committee, responsible for handling cases involving violations of the school's integrity code as well as grade appeals, 2007-2010
- Member, ASU Leadership Council for Sustainability, 2008-2010
- Member, ASU committee on Entrepreneurship across the Curriculum, 2007-2008
- Member, convention organizing committee for National Scholastic Press Association and Journalism Education Association national conference in Phoenix, 2008
- Member, convention organizing committee for Associated Press Managing Editors convention in Phoenix. Oversaw daily student coverage of conference, 2005
- Chair, Cronkite search committees for executive editor of News21; director of the Donald W. Reynolds National Center for Business Journalism; director of the Knight Center for Digital Media Entrepreneurship; director of Cronkite High School Journalism Institute; director of Stardust High School Journalism Program; director of Student Services; Communications Coordinator; Technologist in Residence, among others, 2007-2011
- Member, Cronkite search committees for faculty positions in public relations and digital media; director of Career Services; director of Student Media; director of IT Services; graphic designer; and other faculty and staff positions, 2006-present
- Member and/or chair of approximately 15 honors theses committees for Cronkite students who are member of Barrett, the Honors College at ASU, 2008-present
- Member and/or chair of approximately 10 committees to assess academic research and creative projects for Cronkite candidates for master's degrees, 2004-2008
- Adviser, Cronkite chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, 2004-2008
- Member, ASU Student Affairs Council, 2002-2007
- Member, Western Association of University Publication Managers, 2002-2007
- Member, College Media Advisers, 2002-2007
- Current professional journalism organization memberships include Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Investigative Reporters and Editors, Associated Press Managing Editors, Society of Professional Journalists and National Press Photographers Association.