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Curriculum Vitae
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Employment

Investigative Broadcaster in Residence, American University, Washington D.C.

2019-present

- Senior Professorial lecturer
- Director Journalism and Digital Storytelling weekend MA program
- SOC term faculty chair ('21, '22,'23), Member term faculty ('19,'20)
- Co-editor of the graduate student news site *The Wash*
- University coordinator White House Correspondents' Association scholarship ('21,'22,'23)
- Coordinator and judge for the Gridiron journalism scholarship
- AU Academic Achievement Award nomination: Outstanding Mentorship of Student Research and/or Creative Work ('21)
- Coordinating judge for national IRE sports investigation awards
- Chesapeake Bay Student production award mentor, Serious News Report, Mike Pelosi (21-22)
- Chesapeake Bay Student production award mentor, Serious News Report, Riddhi Setty (20-21)
- Chesapeake Bay Student production award mentor, MMJ, Braeden Waddell (20-21)

Investigative Reporting Workshop, Non-profit newsroom

2019-present

- IRW staff, editor, student mentor and content contributor
- Help oversee summer interns in 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023
- Co-author, investigative reporter, *Police Munitions*, 2020
- Editor, researcher with Zeina Mohammed, *Unequal Paths for Engineers*, 2021
- Author, investigative reporter, *VA School Assaults*, 2022

Law & Justice Journalism Project, Non-profit educational center

2022-present

- Mentor, organizer, educational presenter

Teaching responsibilities

- COMM 420/620 Semester Topics in Mass Media, Investigative Broadcast Journalism
- COMM-621, Community News Reporting

- COMM-462, Journalism Capstone
- COMM-720. Capstone Seminar in Journalism
- COMM-305, Digital Skills
- Boot Camp for Journalists

Professional memberships

- National Press Club
- NAHJ
- SPJ
- IRE
- SAG

Lead Investigative Reporter, KDVR/KWGN-TV, CBS Denver, CO

2013-2019

- Daily management of seven-person special projects unit staff
- Responsible for enterprising and airing exclusive, high-impact journalism projects and programs
- Expert in computer-assisted reporting, data-driven journalism
- Executive producer, writer, and talent for prime-time news special, *Bulletproof*
- Executive producer, writer, and talent for prime-time news special, *Masking the Pain*
- Expert in Adobe Premiere editing, Word Press publication, AirTable news management
- Proficient in Avid editing, MS Access data, Final Cut Pro, After Effects
- Investigative techniques newsroom trainer

Awards at KDVR

- Colorado Broadcast Association Specialty Reporter of the Year, *Investigative Compilation*, 2015
- National Finalist for Anthony Shadid Award, Center for Journalism Ethics, *Super Utilizers*, 2015
- Heartland Chapter Emmy winner, Investigative Report-Series, *Force, Ethics & DPD*, 2015
- National Headliners award, 2nd place, Health/Science broadcast reporting, *Super Utilizers*, 2015
- National Press Club, Consumer broadcast journalism winner, *Masking the Pain*, 2016
- Winner of National Press Photographers Association Best Documentary award, *Masking the Pain*, 2016
- Heartland Chapter Emmy winner, Sports Special, *Masking the Pain*, 2016
- National Headliner Award, Documentary, *Masking the Pain*, 2016
- National Headliner finalists, *Rough Rides*, 2016
- Heartland Chapter Emmy winner, Investigative report-single story, *Drug Test Shakedown*, 2017
- National Press Club, Consumer broadcast journalism winner, *Cyanide Bombs*, 2018
- National Press Club, Ann Cottrell Free Animal Reporting winner, *Unsanctioned Horse Racing*, 2018
- National Delta Sigma Chi award for investigative reporting winner, *School of Secrets*, 2018
- Heartland Chapter Emmy winner, Investigative series, *Cyanide Bombs*, 2018
- Regional Edward R. Murrow for investigative reporting, *School of Secrets*, 2018

- Humane Society of the United States, Genesis Award, *Unsanctioned Horse Racing*, 2018
- Humane Society of the United States, Genesis Award, *Cyanide Bombs*, 2018
- Heartland Chapter Emmy winner, Continuing Coverage, *School of Secrets*, 2019
- Heartland Chapter Emmy winner, Business/Consumer, *Seaquest*, 2019
- Heartland Chapter Emmy winner, Military, *VA Hospital Fails*, 2019
- National Press Club winner, Ann Cottrell Free Animal Reporting-broadcast, *Seaquest*, 2019

Lead Investigative Reporter, KIRO-TV, Seattle, WA

1999-2013

- Responsible for enterprising and airing exclusive, high-impact journalism projects
- Managed day-to-day operations of a five-person investigative unit
- Creator, producer, talent for prime-time news special, *Fugitive in the Philippines*
- Creator, producer, and talent for prime-time news special, *From Cop to Killer*
- Fill-in anchor for breaking news coverage
- Editor and creator of the station's news & information database
- Investigative techniques newsroom trainer

Awards at KIRO-TV

- Best of the West, 3rd place, Investigative Reporting, 2000
- Northwest Emmy nomination, General News, *Tax Dodgers*, 2000
- Northwest Emmy nomination, Investigative News, *Firestone follow-up*, 2000
- Edward R Murrow regional winner, Investigative, *Firestone Tire Rip Off*, 2001
- Best of the West, 2nd place, Series Reporting, 2002
- Best of the West, 3rd place, Consumer Reporting, 2002
- Northwest Chapter Emmy nomination, News Specialty Reporting, *Political*, 2002
- Northwest Chapter Emmy nomination, News Series, *Children for Sale*, 2002
- Northwest Chapter Emmy nomination, News Series, *Paid to Play*, 2002
- Northwest Chapter Emmy nomination, Investigative news, *Border Camera Breakdown*, 2002
- Northwest Chapter Emmy nomination, News Specialty Reporting, *Consumer*, 2002
- Northwest Chapter Emmy nomination, Investigative News, *Russian Mob*, 2002
- Northwest Chapter Emmy nomination, Investigative News, *Jail Guard Parking Cheats*, 2002
- Northwest Chapter Emmy nomination, Reporter News, 2002
- Northwest Chapter Emmy nomination, News series, *Why did Brandi have to Die*, 2002
- National Edward R Murrow winner (team), *Border Camera Breakdown*, *Green River*, 2003
- Genesis Award HSUS nominee, local news series, *Downer Cows*, 2003
- National Headliner Award, 2nd place, Investigative Reporting, *The Final Ride*, 2003
- Northwest Chapter Emmy winner, Investigative Reporter, 2003
- Genesis Award HSUS winner, local news series, *The Business of Downer Cows*, 2004
- Edward R Murrow regional winner, *Soft Terror Targets*, 2004

- National Edward R Murrow Award, Continuing Coverage (Team), *Tracking the Green River Killer*, 2004
- Best of the West winner, *Consumer Reporting*, 2004
- Best of the West, 2nd place, *Investigative Reporting*, 2004
- Northwest Chapter Emmy nomination, Investigative News, *Soft Target Terror*, 2004
- Northwest Chapter Emmy nomination, Investigative News, *Fatal Assumption: Airbag Deaths*, 2004
- Northwest Chapter Emmy nomination, News series, *Downer Cow Controversy*, 2004
- Northwest Chapter Emmy winner, *Consumer Specialty*, 2004
- Northwest Chapter Emmy nomination, reporter, 2004
- Edward R Murrow regional winner, News Series, *Family Reunited at All Costs*, 2005
- Regional Edward R. Murrow Award for investigative reporting, *Close Proximity*, 2005
- National Edward R. Murrow Award for Investigative Reporting, *Close Proximity*, 2005
- Northwest Chapter Emmy nomination, General News, *Parking Assault*, 2005
- Northwest Chapter Emmy nomination, reporter, 2005
- Northwest Chapter Emmy nomination, Advanced Media, Broken and Unchecked, 2005
- Northwest Chapter Emmy nomination, Investigative News, *Port Security*, 2005
- Northwest Chapter Emmy nomination, News Series, *Blackout*, 2005
- Northwest Chapter Emmy nomination, News Sports, *Fake Ichiro Autographs*, 2005
- Northwest Chapter Emmy winner, Investigative News, *Brains for Sale*, 2005
- IRE national investigative award finalist, Top TV markets, *Brains for Sale*, 2005
- National Press Club, Consumer Journalism award, *Brains for Sale*, 2006
- National Headliner Award, 2nd place, *Brains for Sale*, 2006
- Northwest Chapter Emmy nomination, Investigative News, *Brains for Sale*, 2006
- Northwest Chapter Emmy winner, Continuing Coverage, *Rainier Abuse*, 2007
- Northwest Chapter Emmy nominee, Investigative Report, *Dr. Brain DDS*, 2007
- Northwest Chapter Emmy nominee, Investigative Report, Access to Steal, 2007
- National Press Club, Consumer Journalism Award, 2008
- Genesis Award HSUS nominee, local news series, *Monkey Boiled Alive*, 2008
- Northwest Chapter Emmy nomination, Investigative Report, *The Suicide Bed*, 2008
- Northwest Chapter Emmy nomination, News Special, *Fugitive in the Philippines*, 2009
- Northwest Chapter Emmy nomination, Investigative Report, *Fugitive in the Philippines*, 2009
- Northwest Chapter Emmy nomination, Team Coverage, *Cop Stomp*, 2010
- Northwest Chapter Emmy nomination, Politics, 2010
- Northwest Chapter Emmy nomination, Crime, *Cop Stomp*, 2010
- Edward R Murrow regional winner, News Documentary, *Fugitive in the Philippines*, 2010
- Northwest Chapter Emmy nomination, Investigation, From *Cop to Killer*, 2011

Lead Investigative Rept./Special Projects Mgr., KWTU, Oklahoma City, OK

1996-1999

- Created a new investigative unit with a two-year-long focus on the Murrah Building bombing
- Led investigative coverage of Timothy McVeigh terror case

- Responsible for oversight of both daily and rating period enterprise investigations
- Managed two producers and a consumer reporter
- On-air personality, fill-in anchor

Awards at KWTW

- Oklahoma Associated Press Broadcasters, First Place, *Investigative Reporting*, 1997
- Poynter Institute appointee, *Investigative Reporting*, 1998
- International Wheel Award, Detroit Auto Show, First place, *Bad Brakes*, 1998
- IRE National Investigative Award honorable mention, TV below Top 20, *Mismanagement 101*, 1998
- National Academy of Television Journalists winner, *Excellence in Investigative Reporting*, 1998
- Museum of Broadcast Communications, Chicago, Video exhibit, *Mismanagement*, 1999
- Society of Professional Journalists, Oklahoma, Honorable mention, *Investigative*, 1999
- National Association of Consumer Advocates winner, *Sharks in the Shadows*, 1999
- Society of Professional Journalists, Oklahoma, winner, *Investigative*, 2000
- Society of Professional Journalists, Oklahoma, honorable mention *Political reporting*, 2000
- Society of Professional Journalists, Oklahoma, winner, Spot News, *Tornado*, 2000
- Society of Professional Journalists, Oklahoma, 3rd place, Documentary, 2000

Investigative Reporter, WOOD-TV, Grand Rapids, MI

1993-1996

- Hired to form a news bureau in Muskegon County, Daily packages and sources development
- Helped organize, create, and market a new investigative unit
- Aired in-depth stories for ratings while covering general news several days a week
- Anchored hourly news updates

Bureau Chief /Anchor, WBBH-TV, Ft. Myers, FL,

1990-1993

- Hired to form a news bureau in Port Charlotte, Daily packages and sources development
- Daily management of video journalist

- Fill-in anchor
- **AP Florida Reporter of the Year, 1990**

General Assignment Reporter/ Sports Weekend Anchor, KSNF-TV, Joplin, MO
1989-1990

- Anchored four newscasts per weekend
- General assignment news reporter three days per week, nightside MMJ

Weekend Sports Anchor, Sports Reporter, WIBW, Topeka, KS
1988-89

- Winner WIBW paid sports internship.
- Anchored two Sunday sportscasts per weekend
- Reported and aired packages as a sports reporter at MMJ

Lead play-by-play announcer, KJHK radio, Lawrence, KS
1987-1988

- Play-by-play broadcaster for all home Kansas basketball and football games
- Winner of best TV sports event coverage, National JUCO Association, National cross country championships
- Music DJ, KJHK

Education

- Bachelor of Science in Journalism, William Allen White School of Journalism, December 1988, With honors, 3.58 GPA
- Three-time letter winner, Kansas Track, decathlon, javelin

Independent professional broadcast projects

Film

The Hit, full-length feature documentary (01:23:18), an investigation into a fatal sprint car accident involving NASCAR legend Tony Stewart, 2022

- Amazon Prime, 2022
- VUDU, 2023
- Spectrum On-Demand, 2023
- Selection DC Film Festival, **Best of Metro DC, 2022**, Screening at the Landmark Theater
- Selection LA International Film Festival, 2022, Screening North Hollywood
- Selection New Jersey Film Festival, 2022
- Selection NOVA, 2022
- **Finalist** Paladino International d'Oro Sports Film Festival, Palermo, Italy, 2022

100 Miles to 40, full-length feature documentary, personal stories of ultra-runners competing in the Western States 100 race in 2010

- Winner of LA All-Sports Film Festival, Sir Edmund Hillary Award
- Winner of the Las Vegas Film Festival Golden Circle award
- Selection Eugene Film Festival
- Amazon Prime Streaming, 2012

Independent professional broadcast projects

Podcast

Interview with Evil: Ted Bundy's FBI Confessions, investigative podcast series, 2021

- Creator, writer, host
- iTunes, iHeart, Spotify

Up and Vanished, Season 2, investigative podcast series about a missing Colorado woman, 2021

- Contributor with lead host Payne Lindsey
- iHeart podcast of the year

Independent professional writing projects

Fiction Novel

To Suffer is Human, 123,000-word thriller about an animal rights extremist group, Amazon, 2019

Original feature film screenplay

Nor Any Drop, 110-page original feature film script; thriller

- Official selection, feature film category, Orlando Film Festival, 2023
- Official selection, Drama Feature and the Enderby Entertainment awards, Austin Film Festival. 2023