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**Education**

- 1982 B.S. in Communications/Electronic Media, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC
- 2003 Certificate in The Media's Coverage of Religion, Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
- 2004 Masters in Liberal Studies, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, NC

**Work history**

- 2015-present Communications Manager, Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy, Richmond, VA  
Responsible for all communications-related activities including social media for faith-based legislative lobbying organization.
- 2015-present Remote editor, GateHouse Media Inc., Austin, Texas  
Edit and proof newspaper pages online for major media company's Center for News and Design and send them on to be printed.
- 2006-2015 Publications Editor, Virginia Conference, United Methodist Church, Glen Allen, VA  
Responsible for the conference's official monthly newsmagazine *The Advocate*, along with the conference annual *Journal* and *Book of Reports*, the weekly *Sunday Advocate* bulletin insert and e-news. Covered major conference events, took photos.
- 2004-2012 Reporter for United Methodist News Service  
Covered the denomination's supreme court, the Judicial Council, on a regular basis; also do stories as a correspondent and contributing writer
- 2002-2006 Freelance writer/editor/designer  
Writer for *Our State* magazine, *Interpreter* magazine and other publications, and did layout and design of publications for various organizations. Also was the communicator for the High Point District of the United Methodist Church and website designer.
- 1999-2002 Features Editor, *The Gaston Gazette*, Gastonia, NC  
Responsible for content and design of eight lifestyles-related sections each week.
- 1998-1999 News Designer/Copy Editor, *The Charlotte Observer*, Charlotte, NC  
Designed various sections of the daily newspaper; also worked on the National Desk.
- 1997-1999 Freelance travel writer  
Wrote for *Our State* magazine, *Foothills* magazine, *The Charlotte Observer* and others.
- 1994-1997 Editorial Page Editor, *The Courier-Tribune*, Asheboro, NC  
Edited daily Op-Ed page, wrote editorials, supervised group of community columnists. Also edited and designed Sunday Business section.
- 1985-1994 News Editor, *The Dispatch*, Lexington, NC  
Responsible for wire story selection and layout of news pages each day. Wrote editorials, an op-ed column, movie, book and restaurant reviews, features and sports. Also served as Special Sections editor.
- 1984-1985 Sportswriter, *The Asheville Citizen-Times*  
Responsible for the design of afternoon newspaper Sports section; covered high school, college and professional sports.
- 1982-1984 Sportswriter, *The Dispatch*, Lexington, NC  
Covered high school, college and professional sports for a 18,000 circulation daily newspaper. Also was a staff photographer for news and sports.

## Teaching Experience

- 2006-2015 Led variety of workshops for church leaders; topics included communications, print media, church marketing, social networking, welcoming and discipleship
- 2006-present Sunday school teacher, Brookland UMC, Richmond
- 2005 Taught Magazine Writing course at Salem College, Winston-Salem, NC

## Honors

- 2003 Lilly Fellow at the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University and Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary for a semester.
- 2007-2014 Multiple winner of the United Methodist Association of Communicators' annual contest.
- 1983-1995 Seven-time winner of the North Carolina Press Association annual contest, in sportswriting, criticism, layout and design, and computer graphics.
- 1989 Winner of the New York Times Chairman's Award, given for outstanding journalism among writers in The New York Times Newspaper Group.

## Activities

President, United Methodist Church's Association of Communicators  
Event Planner, United Methodist Association of Communicators  
Wrote Sunday School curriculum on how the Bible came to be for my class  
Volunteer, Obama For America and Virginia Democratic Party  
Member, Board of Directors, Center for Women Writers, Winston-Salem, NC  
Richmond Over 40 Photographers Group  
Trustee, Virginia United Methodist Historical Society  
Member, Clergy Family Enrichment Committee, Virginia Conference  
Member, Brookland United Methodist Church, Richmond, VA  
Church Council Chair, Brookland UMC  
Chair of Mission-Evangelism Committee, Brookland UMC  
Communications Coordinator, Brookland UMC  
Past president, Southeastern Jurisdiction UMC Communicators  
Past president, Appalachian State University Communications Alumni  
Past chair, Communications Commission for Western North Carolina Conference  
Past president, Western North Carolina Clergy Spouses organization  
Past president, Friends of the Theatre, Lexington, NC  
Former member, Davidson County Arts Council  
Former member, Lexington NC Choral Society

## References

Available on request