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Experience:

Managing Editor, The Texas Observer, Freelance Writer, Austin Texas

August 2009-Present. Responsible for managing a biweekly newspaper and daily Web site conducting investigative journalism as well as political and cultural reporting. Responsible for the redesign of the website and all electronic media initiatives. Also working on a book and documentary about the legacy of slavery and bigotry in Texas.

Correspondent-at-Large, Associated Press, Austin Texas

August 2007-August 2009. Accepting special foreign assignments from The Associated Press while working on a book project in Texas. AP assignments have included a seven-part project called Rethinking Africa, an investigation into the detention of AP photographer Bilal Hussein by U.S. forces in Iraq and the Department of Defense's use of propaganda and information warfare.

Chief of Bureau for East Africa, Associated Press, Nairobi, Kenya

June 2004-August 2007. Responsible for general news coverage of 14 countries in East Africa, including text, photos video and multi-media. Led and trained more than 50 people and managed a nearly \$1 million budget. Major stories included Somalia, civil strife in Ethiopia, the peace process in South Sudan, political instability in Kenya and civil war in northern Uganda. Other Major Assignments include: War in Somalia 2006-2007, Invasion of Iraq 2003-2005, 2008, Indian Ocean Tsunami 2004, Battle of Tora Bora, Afghanistan 2001

East Africa Correspondent, Associated Press, Nairobi, Kenya

August 2000-May 2004. Senior reporter for breaking news in East Africa, specializing in conflict and disaster reporting. Assigned to cover U.S. intervention in Afghanistan, was the lead embedded reporter assigned to the first U.S. infantrymen to enter Baghdad. Has spent two years in Iraq.

Duty Editor, International Desk, Associated Press, New York, New York

Feb. 1998-July 2000. Responsible for editing and transmitting stories from AP's correspondents in 180 countries for use by U.S. outlets and international subscribers.

Newsman, Associated Press, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Feb. 1997-January 1998. General assignment reporter and broadcast editor. Covered the worst flooding in Minnesota in 500 years.

Central Africa Correspondent, Associated Press, Kigali, Rwanda

October 1995-January 1997. Stringer responsible for coverage of post-genocide Rwanda and the civil war in Zaire.

Editorial Assistant, Asahi Shimbun Newspaper, Nairobi, Kenya

January 1995-September 1995. Assistant to the Nairobi bureau chief covering regional news.

Speechwriter, State Sen. Judith Zaffirini, Texas Senate, Austin, Texas

August 1994-January 1995. Wrote official speeches and newspaper columns for the senator.

Editorial Assistant, Asahi Shimbun Newspaper, Johannesburg, South Africa

December 1993-June 1994. Assisted in covering the elections that marked the end of Apartheid.

Signals Intelligence Analyst and Reporter, U.S. Army

June 1983-June 1990. Intercepted, analyzed and drafted reports on foreign digital communications and their significance to U.S. national security. Assignment included a tactical unit at Fort Hood, Texas and National Security Agency listening posts in Okinawa, Japan; Ft. Meade, MD and Bad Aibling, Germany.

Education:

Bachelor of Arts in Humanities, University of Texas at Austin

December 1992. Special Honors for thesis on international efforts to protect the ozone layer as a potential model for a similar policies on global warming.

Awards, Honors, Speaking Engagements:

Fellow in Journalism, Robert Strauss Center for International Studies and Law, University of Texas, LBJ School of Public Affairs, 2009-present

Lecturer, University of Texas at Austin, Dept. of Journalism, Spring 2010.

International Reporting Award, N.Y. Association of Black Journalists, 2008

Featured Speaker, Investigative Reporting Workshop, University of Texas at Austin, April 2009

Featured Speaker, Judge Business School conference on *Terrorism, Security and Business*, Cambridge University, February 2007

Military Reporters and Editors Award for Distinguished Reporting, 2003

AP Managing Editor's Honorable Mention for Feature Writing, 2003

AP Minnesota Staffer of the Year 1997

Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, with three oak leaf clusters, **Good Conduct Medal** with one knot, **Overseas Service Ribbon** with numeral two

Other Publications:

Global Business and Economics Review, Business & Economics Society International. Contributed a chapter on the Somali business community's ties to Islamic extremists. Vol. 10, Issue 2, 2008

Kahawa, The Story of Kenyan Coffee, Dormans Ltd, Nairobi, 2005

Co-author with Jeremy Block and Rand Pearson

Something to Write Home About: Reflections From the Heart of History. Jacana Media, Johannesburg, 2005.

Contributed the chapter "Look, Pygmies!" about covering the civil war in Zaire in 1997.

And the Winner Might Be ... , Democratic Elections and Independent Journalism, Forlaget Publishing, Oslo, 2004.

Contributed the chapter "The Democratic Chaos" about covering African elections.