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Professional

Visiting scholar, Center for Environmental Public Policy (CEPP), Goldman School of Public Policy, University of California at Berkeley, 2007 to present. Initiated and coordinated CEPP program on intellectual property rights and technology transfer at the U.N. climate negotiations; responsibilities including organizing of two-day conference in October 2009 and writing of post-conference report. Occasional lecturer at the Goldman School of Public Policy and the Berkeley School of Law on the national and international politics of global warming.

San Francisco Chronicle, 1991 to 2007

- Staff reporter, international news, energy and climate policy, 2002 to August 2007. Reported from a total of 25 nations, including wartime Iraq, China, Japan, Canada, Mexico and Venezuela, and wrote major investigative projects on energy policy, climate change and trade. Occasional interviewee/commentator on television and radio: KPIX (CBS-TV), CNN, KQED-FM, Pacifica, KALW-FM. Blogger on SFGate.com.
- Editorial board member, 2001 to 2002. Wrote all Chronicle editorials on international affairs, immigration, energy policy and trade policy. Collaborated with the editorial board's five other members to set Chronicle editorial policies and priorities.
- Staff reporter, international news, 1991 to 2001. Wrote major reporting projects and covered breaking news in Mexico, Central America, Colombia, Venezuela, Cuba, China and Saipan, on trade policy, energy, immigration, civil conflict, drug trafficking and other subjects.

Freelance reporter, Managua, Nicaragua, 1988 to 1990. Correspondent for the San Francisco Chronicle, Houston Chronicle, Newsday and Newsweek, covering the Contra-Sandinista war, Cuba and Colombia.

Reporter, United Press International, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, 1987 to 1988. Covered the Contra-Sandinista war, U.S. military presence and Honduran politics.

Awards and fellowships

- National Press Foundation: Thomas Stokes Award for best reporting on energy issues in 2006 (for coverage from Japan, Venezuela and Colorado).
- Society of Professional Journalists: Sigma Delta Chi award for best foreign reporting in 2003 (for coverage based in Baghdad before, throughout and after the U.S. invasion).
- Associated Press, award for best feature reporting, 1997, for article on Mexican drug culture.
- University of California at Berkeley: Visiting Scholar, spring semester 1998. Lecturer on California's role in international trade policy. Report published by UC Institute of Governmental Studies, "California on the Global High Road: State Trade and Investment Strategy for the 21st Century."

Education

Amherst College, Amherst, Mass. Graduated in 1983 with B.A. in English.

Languages

Complete fluency in spoken and written Spanish; basic French.