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CALMATTERS / CALMATTERS.ORG

Deputy Editor 2022-Present

Direct team of five reporters assigned to the California Divide project, a statewide media collaboration to heighten awareness and engagement about poverty and income inequality. CALMATTERS is a nonpartisan, nonprofit news organization dedicated to explaining the policy and politics of this country's largest state and the world's fifth-largest economy.

THE SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE / SANDIEGOUNIONTRIBUNE.COM

Topics Editor: Watchdog & Accountability Team 2019-2022

Supervised several investigative reporters, beat reporters for education, military, government and politics, columnists and a data specialist. Oversaw newsgathering, enforced standards, edited copy and orchestrated collaboration with other teams. Helped manage the home page and other digital assets. Planned and prioritized news coverage and projects.

THE FLORIDA TIMES-UNION / JACKSONVILLE.COM

Education Reporter 2013-2019

Provided coverage of one of Florida's largest school districts including watchdog reporting, database analysis, descriptive and explanatory journalism, in-depth knowledge of school board governance. Up-to-the-minute reporting for the webpage, social media and print. Mentored fellow reporters, especially in the areas of education and youth coverage.

THE CINCINNATI ENQUIRER / CINCINNATI.COM

Education Reporter 2004-2013

Unparalleled coverage of K-12 schools — public, private and charter — in the region. Researched and used database analysis for enterprise stories and packages. Conceived and delivered special reports. Bylined reporter on Gannett special project (March 2011) about teachers who cheated on standardized tests. Authored series on priest and nun shortages in churches and schools.

Columnist 2003-2004

Reported and wrote three columns a week about issues affecting the city. My goal was to delve into issues behind the news and provide a well-reported perspective. A local voice of reason who drew from my own urban background and experiences.

Assistant Metro Editor 2002-2004

Supervised team of reporters. Planned and led public forums to discuss racial issues. Created, managed and consulted with reader panelists. Reported and wrote an award-winning package on The Underground Railroad by traveling from New Orleans to Canada.

THE KENTUCKY ENQUIRER / NKYENQUIRER.COM

Editor 2000-2002

Supervised nine reporters, a photographer, an assistant editor and office staff. Led coverage of news and feature stories in Northern Kentucky/suburban Cincinnati. Planned and selected stories, projects, photos and graphics for front page and the ROP.

ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH / STLTODAY.COM

Assistant Metro Editor 1997-2000

Supervised five reporters, coordinated coverage of courts, crime and public safety team while conceiving of, editing and delivering daily stories and projects. Planned and edited digital story packages. Helped build new health-science team.

Business Reporter 1995-1997

Specialized in health care, marketing, workplace issues. Exposed financial reasons and effects on consumers of hospital downsizings, managed-care and physician entrepreneurship and efforts to shore up Medicare and Medicaid.

THE ST. PETERSBURG TIMES

Business Reporter 1990-1995

Wrote about marketing, health care, citrus and agribusiness. Covered U.S. Bankruptcy court and broke regional and national news about major companies. Also, telecommunications, retail, tourism, transportation, development, consumer fraud and the workplace.

THE DETROIT NEWS

Business Reporter 1988-1990

Specialized in retail industry and Detroit-based businesses, including Dayton-Hudson Corp., K mart Corp, Domino's Pizza and the Stroh Cos. Created and executed quarterly marketbasket report on area grocers.

THE ORLANDO SENTINEL

Business Reporter 1986-1988

Covered national and local retail, marketing and tourism. National coverage: Federated Department Stores, Campeau Corp. and Tupperware Products. Local coverage: Automotive sales practices, supermarket wars and the retail real estate glut.