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EXPERIENCE

Chicago Tribune

Bears beat writer

SEPTEMBER 2013-PRESENT

Responsible for daily beat coverage, analysis and regular enterprise work for the paper's print and digital operations. Co-host "Bear Download" podcast.

Minneapolis Star Tribune

Vikings beat writer

SEPTEMBER 2011-AUGUST 2013

Provided beat coverage, insider columns and in-depth enterprise work. Oversaw the paper's "Access Vikings" blog and hosted "Access Vikings: The Show" videos three times per week in season.

Fayetteville (N.C.) Observer

ACC basketball reporter/columnist

JANUARY 2005-SEPTEMBER 2011

Covered North Carolina, Duke, N.C. State and Wake Forest. Covered games, wrote columns and specialized in frequent in-depth enterprise work. Also oversaw the paper's popular "Fast Break" blog.

Naperville (Ill.) Sun

Assistant sports editor, Chicago Bears reporter

JULY 1999-DECEMBER 2004

Served as Bears writer during 2003 and 2004. As assistant sports editor, aided in planning the section and coaching writers. Covered athletics at six area high schools as a reporter from 1999-2002.

EDUCATION

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Bachelor of Science, News-Editorial Journalism

AUGUST 1995-MAY 1998

Earned degree in three years, graduating with High Honors.

Poynter Institute for Media Studies (St. Petersburg, Fla.) Reporting and writing fellowship

JUNE-JULY 1998

One of 15 journalists selected from nationwide pool to participate.

NOTABLE

- Author of "Blue Streak," an insider's look at North Carolina's run to the 2009 college basketball national championship.
- Deliver Bears analysis during frequent radio spots on WSCR-AM 670 and WMVP-AM 1000 in Chicago.
- Have provided guest analysis on TV for NFL Network and Comcast SportsNet Chicago, among others.
- Headed up award-winning three-part Star Tribune project in 2012 examining pain prevalence and the use of painkillers in the NFL.
- Wrote award-winning three-part profile of legendary Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski in 2010.
- Since 2003, have helped sports sections to 18 top 10 finishes and six honorable mentions in the annual APSE competition.
- Broke the news of Dean Smith's deteriorating mental health and its impact on the UNC basketball family.
- Served as assistant sports editor for the Chicago Sun-Times' Red Streak publication from November 2002 until April 2003.
- Seminar leader for the small newspaper caucus at the Poynter Institute's 2008 Sports Journalism Summit.
- Have been published in Men's Health.

AWARDS AND HONORS

APSE Contest

Project reporting

Second place: 2005

Third place: 2010

Fourth place: 2009

Honorable mention: 2012

Feature story

First place: 2009

Honorable mention: 2011

Beat writing

Fifth place: 2012

Explanatory reporting

Second place: 2007

Honorable mention: 2008

Game story

Second place: 2007

Fourth place: 2008

Breaking news

First place: 2010

Fourth place: 2008

Columns

Honorable mention: 2010

Best American Sports Writing

Notable writing: 2005, 2006 and 2010

USBWA Writing Contest

Enterprise writing

First place: 2011

N.C. Press Association

Best sports columnist

First place: 2009

Third place: 2011

Best sports feature

First place: 2011

The Chicago Headline Club

Peter Lisagor Award

Exemplary journalism honor: 2003

Illinois Press Association

Best sports story

First place: 2001 and 2003

Second place: 2000 and 2002

Best sports columns

First place: 2003

Third place: 2002

Best reporting series

First place: 2003

James S. Copley Ring of Truth Award

Best series of columns

Placed first among all Copley Newspapers writers, 2001.