

Profile

I am a self-motivated team player with a wide range of visual storytelling and design skills. My career features deep, tested experience using technology to cover news, sports and life with award-winning visuals. In addition to my photographic, technical and management skills, I possess strong interpersonal skills which have allowed me to build trusting relationships with both my colleagues and the community. I crave challenges and derive supreme satisfaction from teaching and mentoring young visual storytellers.

Experience

Dispatch/Argus, Moline, IL - 1989 to present. This Lee Enterprises property is 140 years old with several divisions, including Dispatch/Argus daily newspaper, QConline.com & Radish health magazine.

Associate Editor, Dispatch/Argus — February 2019 to present

Co-manage the news-development process by helping plan stories, coach reporters and drive digital traffic through breaking news and enterprise journalism.

Dir of Photography & Multimedia, Dispatch/Argus — 2007 to 2019

Manage workflow and workloads of four full-time still photojournalists and one intern, in addition to shooting daily assignments. Produce and coordinate multimedia projects. Conduct photo and video training. Coordinate daily operations and long term planning with various departments. Consistently find and implement cost-effective ways to engage the public and improve the product. Adapt quickly to last-minute changes in order to meet rolling deadlines for web and print.

- Solely responsible for researching, advancing and implementing multimedia efforts.
- Co-produced, directed and was primary videographer for the short documentary film "Arsenal at 150" - honoring the Rock Island Arsenal.
- Work closely with Dispatch/Argus web development team to improve QConline photo and video presentation for both desktop and mobile platforms.
- Host and producer "The Talking Pictures Podcast" - iTunes 5-star rated photography podcast.

Lead Staff Photographer, Dispatch/Argus — 1994 to 2007

- Supervise and mentor interns, shoot daily assignments, train staff in the use of digital cameras and software along with overseeing the photography for special projects.

Staff Photographer, Dispatch/Argus — 1989 to 1994

- Daily shooting responsibilities included news, sports, features, long-term projects, studio illustrations and location lighting.

Guest lecturer

- University of Iowa SJMC - 2019 Photojournalism class lecture and Speed Networking
- Iowa High School Press Assoc. - 2018 Fall Conference, University of Iowa
- University of Iowa SJMC - 2018 Speed Networking
- Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill. - Multimedia Journalism with Professor James Dyer (2011-13)
- Figge Art Museum, Davenport, Iowa - August 2016 and March 2014
- Quad City Arts Visiting Artist program - iPhone video workshop with Mark Hirsch, author of *That Tree*

The Daily Iowan, Iowa City, Iowa 1986 to 1989. The University of Iowa independent student newspaper.

Photo Editor (1988 to 1989)

- Oversaw both companywide image production staff and newsroom's photojournalism staff.
- Evaluated and hired new staff members.

Staff Photographer (1986 to 1988)

- Daily shooting responsibilities included news, sports, features, long-term projects & studio.

Education

University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa. Graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism.

Recent Photo & Multimedia Awards

- 2018 - National Press Photographers Association, Illinois AP Editors Association & Illinois Press Association
 - ◆ NPPA - Numerous regional and national NPPA clip winners. Finished seventh overall in NPPA Central Region.
 - ◆ ILAPEA - 1st and 3rd place in Personality Portrait and 3rd Place General News
 - ◆ IPA - 1st place Photo Series & Portrait/Personality, 2nd & 4th Sports Portrait and 4th Photo Gallery
- 2017 - Illinois Press Association
 - ◆ 2nd place Best Web Project - "Mother's Day Without Mom"
- 2016 - Illinois Press Association
 - ◆ 1st and 2nd place - Personality Portrait, 3rd Place Best Web Project - "A grieving mother's marathon"
- 2015 - Illinois Press Association
 - ◆ 2nd Place Best Web Project - "Putting the band back together" - The restoration of the District of Rock Island's iconic Blues Brothers statues.
- 2015 - Illinois AP Editors Association
 - ◆ 2nd - Spot News - Project with reporter Stephen Elliott featuring video, photos and story from jail house interview with convicted murder William 'Pete' White Jr..
 - ◆ 3rd - Mobile Visual - Social media coverage of a fire in East Moline.
 - ◆ 3rd - Digital Storytelling - "Putting the band back together" video.
- 2014 - Northern Illinois Newspaper Association
 - ◆ 1st place Best Video & Best General Feature
- 2014 - Illinois AP Editors Association
 - ◆ 2nd Place Spot News and Honorable mention for Most Innovative Project
- 2013 - Northern Illinois Newspaper Association
 - ◆ 1st place Best Video - "Arsenal at 150" documentary
- 2013 - Illinois AP Editors Association
 - ◆ 3rd place Multimedia Storytelling - "Arsenal at 150" documentary
- 2012 - Northern Illinois Newspaper Association
 - ◆ 1st & 3rd place - Best Video
- 2012 - Illinois AP Editors Association
 - ◆ Showcase winner (Photo of the Year) & 1st place Portrait/Personality

Software and Technical Skills

- Adobe Photoshop and Lightroom
- Photo Mechanic
- Final Cut Pro X and Adobe Premiere
- Adobe Creative Suite - Illustrator/InDesign
- News writing & copy editing
- Logic, Garage Band & soundboard operation
- WordPress
- HTML, BLOX - CMS/TCMS

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