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EDUCATION

Master of Arts in International Policy Studies, Monterey Institute of International Studies 1987.

International relations, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Spring 1987, study emphasis in sociological and political changes in the last years of dictatorship.

Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana 1985, minor in Spanish.

CAREER EXPERIENCE

Teaching

- David Laventhol Visiting Professor, Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, January-June 2013.
- Chair, Journalism Department, San Francisco State University, January 2008 – 2013.
- Associate Professor, Journalism Department, San Francisco State University, August 2006 – Present.
- Assistant Professor, Journalism Department, *San Francisco State University*, August 2001 - May 2006.
- Adjunct Professor, Journalism Department, *San Francisco State University*, May 1999-August 2001.

Newsroom

- Freelance writer for various publications including *Parade*, *Mother Jones*, and *Hope*, 1998-Present.
- Metro reporter covering issues in the San Francisco Bay Area's black communities, *San Francisco Chronicle*, November 2000-January 2001; features writer June -August 2001.
- Education reporter, *San Francisco Examiner*, 1994-1996; metro reporter covering issues in the Bay Area's black communities 1996-2001.
- Religion and ethics reporter, *The Orange County Register*, Santa Ana, Calif. 1993-1994.
- Religion and ethics reporter, *The Modesto Bee*, 1991-1993.
- General assignment reporter, *Imperial Valley Press*, El Centro, Calif. 1989-1991.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Leave with Pay (Sabbatical) granted for Spring 2012
- Student Recognition of Excellent General Education Teaching, May 2005.
- Sundance Institute's Arts Writing Fellowship, Spring 2002, one of 12 finalists.
- Investigative Reporters and Editors, honorable mention for investigative reporting, for series of articles on scandals surrounding a San Francisco minister who allegedly persuaded elderly church members to mortgage their homes to help build a church, 1999.
- Hedgebrook Writer in Residence, Whidbey Island, April-May 1997.
- California Teachers Association, John Swett Award for feature writing on education, 1997.