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EDUCATION

Ph.D, The University of South Carolina 2007

- Dissertation: “Measuring the Relationship Between Journalistic Transparency and Credibility,” defended January 2007.
- Kappa Tau Alpha top graduate scholar, 2007
- Second place research presentation, language and communications division, USC Graduate School Honors Day, 2006.
- First place research presentation, language and communications division, USC Graduate School Honors Day, 2005.
- Recipient of Buchheit Family Fellowship for graduate students, September 2005

Master of Arts in journalism, The University of Alabama 1990

- Thesis: “A Descriptive Study of the Perceived Moral Dimensions of Journalism/Mass Communication Education.”
- Editorial assistant, *Journal of Mass Media Ethics*, 1988-89.
- College of Communication’s Graduate Research Assistant of the Year, 1989.

Bachelor of Arts in journalism, The University of Alabama 1987

- Graduated cum laude; economics minor. Winner of Boone and Chevron scholarships.
- Transferred to Alabama after two years at Jacksonville State University.

Professional training includes:

- Advanced boot camp for statistics and mapping, National Institute for Computer-Assisted Reporting, The University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N.C., May 1997.
- Advanced structured query language and Active Server Pages, Knight Ridder newspapers, St. Paul, Minn., September 1999.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor, The University of Alabama	August 2014-present
• Earned tenure and promotion.	
Director, Graduate Programs, Journalism Department	January 2016-present
Assistant Professor, The University of Alabama	August 2008-August 2014
• Hired after a national search during 2007-2008.	
Assistant Professor, The University of South Carolina	January 2007-August 2008
• Promoted from instructor upon dissertation defense.	
Instructor, The University of South Carolina	January 2006-January 2007

- Hired for a full-time position upon completion of doctoral coursework.

Adjunct instructor, The University of South Carolina **2001-December 2005**

- Mass communication research for undergraduates, Spring 2002 and Fall 2005.
- Computer-assisted reporting, Spring 2001, Fall 2001

Adjunct instructor, Samford University **1996-97**

- Three semesters of sophomore reporting and writing.

Adjunct instructor/graduate assistant, The University of Alabama **1987-1992**

- Three semesters of introduction to media writing, Fall 1987-Summer 1988.
- Advanced editing, Spring 1992.

ACADEMIC HONORS

University of Alabama

- Presenter, The Last Lecture, Spring 2016. Chosen by students to deliver the annual University lecture.
- College of Communication & Information Sciences Board of Visitors' "Teaching Excellence" award, Spring 2014. Chosen by board from recommendations by faculty and students.
- C&IS professor of the semester, Fall 2013 and Spring 2014. C&IS Student Ambassadors run popular vote among students.
- Media Planning Board Chairman's award of special recognition, University of Alabama, 2010-11.

Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication paper awards

- Third place, top paper, AEJMC News Audience Research Award, with lead author (master's student) Tara Bullock Burton for "The Buzz on BuzzFeed: Can readers learn the news from lists?" August 2015.
- Third place, top paper, AEJMC Newspaper and Online News Division, with lead author (master's student) Tara Bullock Burton for "The Buzz on BuzzFeed: Can readers learn the news from lists?" August 2015.
- Third place, top academic paper, Newspaper and Online News Division, with student Keith Saint, for "A slow response to Quick Response: Diffusion of QR technology on U.S. newspaper front pages," August 2013.
- Professional relevance award, Media Ethics Division, for "Identifying and defining values in media codes of ethics," August 2010.
- Professional relevance award, Media Ethics Division, for "Public relations and Rawls: A harsh veil to wear," August 2009.
- Top academic paper, Newspaper and Online News Division, for "Measuring the relationship between journalistic transparency and credibility," August 2007.

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Publications

- Roberts, C., & Emmons, B. (2016, in press). Twitter in the press box: How a new technology affects the gameday routines of print-focused sports journalists. *International Journal of Sports Communication*.
- Conlin, L., & Roberts, C. (2017, in press.) Relationships among reader commenting systems and the credibility of news messengers and messages. *Newspaper Research Journal*.
- Roberts, C., & Saint, K. (2015). A slow response to Quick Response: Diffusion of QR technology on U.S. newspaper front pages. *Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly*, 92(1), 39-55. doi: 10.1177/1077699014554036.
- Roberts, C. (2013, Fall). Presidential campaign ads rely on newspaper evidence. *Newspaper Research Journal*, 34(4), 83-95.
- Roberts, C. (2013) Fit to post but not fit to print: Channel consistency and virtue ethics for legacy print journalism organisations. *Ethical Space: The International Journal of Communication Ethics*, 10(4), 33-41.

- Roberts, C. (2013). A functional analysis comparison of Web-only advertisements and traditional television advertisements from the 2004 and 2008 presidential campaigns. *Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly*, 90(1), 23-38. doi: 10.1177/1077699012468741.
- Roberts, C. (2012). Public relations and Rawls: An ill-fitting veil to wear. *Journal of Mass Media Ethics*, (27)3, 163-176. doi: 10.1080/08900523.2012.700207.
- Roberts, C. (2012). Identifying and defining values in media codes of ethics. *Journal of Mass Media Ethics*, 27(2), 115-129. doi: 10.1080/08900523.2012.669289.
- Roberts, C. (2010, September). Correlations among variables in message and messenger credibility scales. *American Behavioral Scientist*, (54)10, 43-56.
- Besley, J., & Roberts, M.C. (2010, Summer). Cuts in newspaper staff change meeting coverage. *Newspaper Research Journal*, (31)3, 22-35.
- Besley, John, & Roberts, C. (2010, February). Qualitative interviews with journalists about deliberative public engagement. *Journalism Practice*, (4)1, 66-81.

Book Publications

- Black, Jay, & Roberts, C. (2011, March). *Doing ethics in media: Theories and practical applications*. New York: Routledge.
- This 160,000-word textbook, co-authored with the co-founder of *Journal of Mass Media Ethics*, introduces a new ethical framework for media practitioners regardless of platform.
- Roberts, C. (2011, January). *Instructor's manual for Doing ethics in media: Theories and practical applications*. New York: Routledge. Retrieved (password protected) at <http://cw.routledge.com/textbooks/black/>.
- Sole author of the 35,000-word instructor manual companion for the textbook. Also created online content for instructors (14 sets of PowerPoints, test bank, etc.) and students (glossary, written and spoken chapter summaries, reading lists, etc.), and a continuously updated companion site, www.doingmediaethics.com.

Book Chapters

- Roberts, C. (2015). A media ethics code for all time zones? The global use and implications of the Society of Professional Journalists' code. In B. Shan and C. Christians (Eds.), *The ethics of intercultural communication* (pp. 305-318). New York: Peter Lang.
- Roberts, C. (2015). The minimums and maximums of professional ethics codes. In M. Duffy and E. Thorson (Eds.), *Persuasion Ethics Today* (pp. 260-279). New York: M.E. Sharp
- Roberts, C. (2014). Meanwhile, in Alabama: Cuts and hiring, consolidation and expansion. In Andrea Miller and Amy Reynolds (Eds.), *News evolution or revolution? The New Orleans' Times-Picayune and the future of the newspaper industry* (pp. 131-144). New York: Peter Lang.
- Roberts, C. (2013). Checkbook journalism. In D. Sloan and J. Greer (Eds.), *Contemporary media issues* (3rd ed.) (pp. 317-332). Northport, AL: Vision Press.
- Roberts, C. Headlines and headings. (2013). In Ross Collins (Ed.), *Editing for the mass media* (pp. 82-101). McFarland Press: Jefferson, NC.
- Roberts, C. (2012). Ethics in journalism. In Jeffrey S. Wilkinson, August E. Grant, and Douglas J. Fisher (Eds.), *Convergent Journalism* (2nd ed.) (p. 32). New York: Oxford University Press.

- Roberts, C., & Grant, August E. (2010). Ethical Issues. In J. Van Tassel & L. Poe-Howfield (Eds.), *Managing electronic media: Making, marketing, and moving digital content* (pp. 387-410). Boston: Focal Press.
- Roberts, C. (2016, in press). Personal computers. In August E. Grant and Jennifer H. Meadows (Eds.), *Communication technology update and fundamentals* (15th ed.). Boston: Focal Press.
- Roberts, C., & Andrews, M. (2014). Personal computers. In August E. Grant and Jennifer H. Meadows (Eds.), *Communication technology update and fundamentals* (14th ed.). Boston: Focal Press.
- Roberts, C., & Andrews, M. (2012). Personal computers. In August E. Grant and Jennifer H. Meadows (Eds.), *Communication technology update and fundamentals* (13th ed.) (pp. 173-186). Boston: Focal Press.
- Roberts, C. (2010). Personal computers. In August E. Grant and Jennifer H. Meadows (Eds.), *Communication technology update and fundamentals* (12th ed.) (pp. 184-201). Boston: Focal Press.
- Roberts, C. (2008). Personal computers. In August E. Grant and Jennifer H. Meadows (Eds.), *Communication technology update and fundamentals* (11th ed.) (pp. 155-170). Boston: Focal Press.
- Roberts, C. (2006). Personal computers. In August E. Grant and Jennifer H. Meadows (Eds.), *Communication technology update* (10th ed.) (pp. 157-172). Boston: Focal Press.
- Roberts, C. (2004). Personal computers. In August E. Grant and Jennifer H. Meadows (Eds.), *Communication technology update* (9th ed.) (pp. 155-167). Boston: Focal Press.

Non Peer-reviewed Journal Publications

- Roberts, C. (2012). A universal ethics approach, in black and white. [Review of the book *Media, markets, and morals*]. *Journal of Mass Media Ethics*, (27)1, 71-73.
- Roberts, C. (2010). Media literacy lessons in a high-tech format. [Review of the software book *Detecting bull: how to identify bias and junk journalism in print, broadcast and on the wild web*]. *Journal of Mass Media Ethics*, (25)2, 163-165.
- Roberts, C. (2010, September). Convergence can save jobs, level playing field for print journalists. *The convergence newsletter: From Newsplex at the University of South Carolina*, 7(7). Retrieved from <http://sc.edu/cmci/news/convergence/v7no7.html>.
- Roberts, C. (2004, Fall). Tearing down the walls (Cases and commentaries.) *Journal of Mass Media Ethics*, 19(3&4), 303-306.
- Roberts, C. (1998, Spring). Just a better mousetrap? Or real ethical issues (Cases and commentaries.) *Journal of Mass Media Ethics*, 13(2), 126-127.
- Roberts, C. (1989, Winter). [Review of the book *Prodigal Press*]. *Journal of Mass Media Ethics*, 4(1), 136-140.

Other Scholarly Work

Provided data analysis for *Hartsville Today: The first year of a small-town citizen-journalism site; A guide especially for small daily and non-daily newspapers*, written by USC instructor Doug Fish and Hartsville Messenger Publisher Graham Osteen as part of a J-Lab initiative, July 2006.

Leadtime articles—written while Head (2011-12), Vice-Chair (2010-11), and Research Chair (2009-11) of the Newspaper and Online News division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.

- Roberts, C. (2012, Summer). Journalism education schisms reappear in the digital age. *Leadtime: The Newsletter of AEJMC's Newspaper Division*, 2,4.

Roberts, C. (2012, Spring). A century later, our first president's words still ring true. *Leadtime: The Newsletter of AEJMC's Newspaper Division*, 2,6. This column also was posted on the AEJMC's centennial site, at www.aejmc100.org/firstpresident.

Roberts, C. (2011, Fall). Journalism as plural: Diversity embraced by division. *Leadtime: The Newsletter of AEJMC's Newspaper Division*, 2,7.

Roberts, C. (2011, Summer). Panel explores how today's newspapers are coping with the digital news revolution. *Leadtime: The Newsletter of AEJMC's Newspaper Division*, 4.

Roberts, C. (2011, Winter). Schedule for panels, research sessions posted: Newspaper Division hosting diverse events. *Leadtime: The Newsletter of AEJMC's Newspaper Division*, 6-8.

Roberts, C. (2010, Fall). More guests at the table: New AEJMC groups lead to mindful choices for Newspaper Division. *Leadtime: The Newsletter of AEJMC's Newspaper Division*, 9.

Roberts, C, and Yang, Jen. (2010, Summer). Research: Banner year again. *Leadtime: The Newsletter of AEJMC's Newspaper Division*, 8-10.

Roberts, C. (2010, Spring). Submit papers the right way. *Leadtime: The Newsletter of AEJMC's Newspaper Division*, 6.

Roberts, C. (2009, Fall). Join the smart set: Go judicial. *Leadtime: The Newsletter of AEJMC's Newspaper Division*, 3.

Roberts, C, & Carvalho, John (2009, Summer). Research papers plentiful. *Leadtime: The Newsletter of AEJMC's Newspaper Division*, 5-7.

***Ethical News* essays—written while Professional Freedom and Responsibility Chair of AEJMC's Media Ethics Division.)**

Roberts, C. (2010, Spring). Dissecting pro-piracy arguments by reduction ad absurdum. *Ethical News: The Newsletter of the AEJMC Media Ethics Division*, 13(3), 4-5.

Roberts, C. (2010, Summer). When are reporters not reporters? When they're in the public relations business. *Ethical News: The Newsletter of the AEJMC Media Ethics Division*, 13(1), 4-5.

Roberts, C. (2010, Winter). Football writers tackle ethics. *Ethical News: The Newsletter of the AEJMC Media Ethics Division*, 13(1), 3.

Roberts, C. (2009, Fall). Palin comments puts spotlight on media ethics, University of Idaho" *Ethical News: The Newsletter of the AEJMC Media Ethics Division*, 12(3), 2.

Roberts, C. (2009, Summer). Students think it's okay to deceive — if they like the deception. *Ethical News: The Newsletter of the AEJMC Media Ethics Division*, 12(4), 7.

Roberts, C. (2008/2009, Winter). Review: The Handbook of Mass Media Ethics. *Ethical News: The Newsletter of the AEJMC Media Ethics Division*, 12(2), 3.

Roberts, C. (2008, Fall). Fighting the trolls. *Ethical News: The Newsletter of the AEJMC Media Ethics Division*, 12(1), 2.

Roberts, C. (2008, Spring). The April Fools' Day joke on media credibility. *Ethical News: The Newsletter of the AEJMC Media Ethics Division*, 11(2), 3.

Roberts, C. (2007/2008, Winter). When being ethical bites you back. *Ethical News: The Newsletter of the AEJMC Media Ethics Division*, 11(2), 3.

Roberts, C. (2007, Fall). A review of the book ... You won't see reviewed in *JMCQ*. *Ethical News: The Newsletter of the AEJMC Media Ethics Division*, 11(1), 5.

GRANTS

- Research Grant Committee, University of Alabama, 2009. Funded. A \$5,000 grant to conduct content analysis of presidential campaign ads from 2004 and 2008. Result in two peer-reviewed publications, three conference presentations, and one manuscript under review.
- National Science Foundation, University of Alabama, Fall 2012. Not funded. A \$50,000 rapid request application for "Social exclusion, knowledge gap and media consumption changes following cuts in newspaper publication," to establish a baseline of information for future studies as the daily newspapers in three major Alabama cities moved to three-times-a-week print publication.
- Southeastern Conference Travel grant, \$2,500, Spring 2013. Not funded. To be used for book project with Louisiana State University faculty.
- Louisiana State University, University of Alabama Office for Research, University of Alabama College of Communication & Information Sciences. Funded. \$600 used for travel to Baton Rouge, La., to consult with editors and write first draft for chapter for book project with Louisiana State University faculty.
- Research Grant Committee, University of Alabama, 2013. Not funded. A \$6,000 grant to update 2009 funded study, using 2012 presidential election commercials.

ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Peer Reviewed

Roberts, C., & Bullock Burton, T. (2015). The buzz on BuzzFeed: Can readers learn the news from lists? Presented August 7, 2015, at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication annual convention, Newspaper and Online News Division, San Francisco, CA. Third place, AEJMC News Audience Research Award; third place, AEJMC Newspaper and Online News Division.

Roberts, C. A media ethics code for all time zones? The global use and implications of the Society of Professional Journalists' code. Presented February 20, 2015, at Association for Practical and Professional Ethics annual convention, Media Ethics Division, Orange County, CA.

Conlin, L., & Roberts, C. (2014). Relationships among reader commenting systems and the credibility of news messengers and messages. Presented August 7, 2014, at Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication annual convention, Newspaper and Online News Division, Montreal, Canada.

Roberts, C., and Emmons, Betsy. (2013). Twitter in the press box: How social media affects the game-day print product of sportswriters. Presented August 6, 2014, at Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication annual convention, Sports Communication Interest Group, Montreal, Canada. Presented as "research in progress" on October 26, 2013, at the Beyond Convergence: Mobile, Social, and Virtual Communication conference, University of Nevada-Las Vegas. Also presented February 28, 2014, at the Sports Symposium, University of Alabama program in Sports Communication, Tuscaloosa, AL.

- Roberts, C. (2013). Rediscovering media-value associations in the Internet age. Presented August 10, 2013, at Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication annual convention, Mass Communication & Society Division, Washington, D.C.
- Roberts, C., & Saint, K. (2013). A slow response to Quick Response: Diffusion of QR technology on U.S. newspaper front pages. Presented August 8, 2013, at Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication annual convention, Newspaper and Online News Division, Washington, D.C. Third-place, top paper competition.
- Roberts, C. (2013). Fit to post but not fit to print: Channel consistency and virtue ethics for legacy print journalism organizations. Presented August 8, 2013, at Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication annual convention, Media Ethics Division, Washington, D.C.
- Roberts, C. (2013). Postman, pictures, persuasion: Showing the power of video vs. words, plus public relations, in electronic news. Presented June 17, 2013, at the International Communication Association annual convention, London, England.
- Roberts, C. (2013). Expanding empathy, writing well: An introduction to covering the poor. Presented March 2, 2013, at Association for Practical and Professional Ethics annual convention, San Antonio, TX.
- Saint, K., & Roberts, C. (2013). Quick Response (QR) codes and practical applications in newspaper publications. Presented by Saint on March 2, 2013, at Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Southeastern Colloquium, Tampa, FL, Newspaper and Online News Division.
- Roberts, C. (2012). The use (and misuse) of reframed news-mediated content in 2008 presidential campaign ads. Presented August 12, 2012, at Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication annual convention, Chicago, Political Communication Interest Group.
- Roberts, C. Interviewing interviewers (who have been interviewed) about interviewing. Selected for fourth consecutive year as part of “Great Ideas for Teachers” competition. Presented August 9, 2012, at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication convention in Chicago, Community College Journalism Association and Small Programs Interest Group.
- Roberts, C., (2012). Media ethics: From the outside looking in. Presented Saturday, March 3, at the annual meeting of the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, Cincinnati. Created panel and discussant.
- Roberts, C. (2011). Cite of *The Times*: How 2008 presidential campaign advertisements used news-mediated information as evidence. Presented Friday, Aug. 12, 2011, at the at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication convention in St. Louis, MO, Political Communication Interest Group.
- Roberts, C. (2011). What you might do... How to teach moral development theory through mass communication case studies. Selected as part of “Great Ideas for Teachers” competition. Presented Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2011, at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication convention in St. Louis, MO, Community College Journalism Association and Small Programs Interest Group.
- Roberts, C. (2010). A functional analysis comparison of web-only advertisements and traditional television advertisements from the 2004 and 2008 presidential campaigns. Presented October 10, 2010, at Convergence and Society: Science, Health & New Dimensions of Communication conference, University of South Carolina, Columbia, S.C.
- Roberts, C. (2010). Identifying and defining values in media codes of ethics. Winner, professional relevance award, Media Ethics Division, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.

Presented Aug. 4, 2010, at Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication annual convention, Denver.

Roberts, C. (2010). Are you being used? See viral manipulation in action. Selected as part of “Great Ideas for Teachers” competition. Presented August 4, 2010, at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication convention in Denver, Mass, Community College Journalism Association and Small Programs Interest Group.

Roberts, C (2009). Public relations and Rawls: A harsh veil to wear. Winner, professional relevance award, Media Ethics Division, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication. Presented Aug. 5, 2009, at Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication annual convention, Boston.

Roberts, C (2009). So unfunny you are required to laugh: How to show Intro to Mass Communication students the subtlety of television manipulation. Selected as part of “Great Ideas for Teachers” competition. Presented August 5, 2009, at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication convention in Boston, Mass, Community College Journalism Association and Small Programs Interest Group.

Besley, John, & Roberts, C. (2009). Qualitative interviews with local newspaper journalists about public meetings: Changing circumstances and changing expectations. With co-researcher John Besley, University of South Carolina. Presented August 6, 2009, at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication convention in Boston, Mass., Mass Communication and Society Division.

Roberts, C., & Besley, John. (2009). Qualitative interviews with journalists about deliberative public engagement. With co-researcher John Besley, University of South Carolina. Presented at the International Communication Association annual convention, May 25, 2009, Chicago.

Roberts, C. (2008). Correlations among variables in message and messenger credibility scales. Presented to Communication Theory and Methodology Division at the annual meeting of the Association for Journalism and Mass Communication, August 2008, Chicago.

Roberts, C. (2008). Durkheim, Katz and Tom Brady: Media theories related to the Super Bowl. Presented at Ad Bowl Symposium 2, January 2008, University of South Carolina, Columbia, S.C.

Roberts, C. (2007). Measuring the relationship between journalistic transparency and credibility. Presented to Newspaper Division at the annual meeting of the Association for Journalism and Mass Communication, August 2007, Washington, D.C. Co-winner of the division’s “top faculty research paper” award.

Roberts, C. (2007). An explication of 11 dimensions of journalistic message transparency. Presented to Media Ethics Division at the annual meeting of the Association for Journalism and Mass Communication, August 2007, Washington, D.C.

Roberts, C. (2007). The development of character during the destruction of a University: The story of Thomas Pearce Bailey Jr. Presented to the Southern History of Education Society annual meeting, March 2007, Columbia, S.C. Adopted by USC education professor Dr. Katherine Chaddock for her doctoral commencement speech, University of South Carolina, Spring 2009.

Roberts, C. (2006). Dimensions of journalistic messenger transparency. Presented to the Media Ethics Division at the annual meeting of the Association for Journalism and Mass Communication, August 2006, San Francisco.

Roberts, C. (2005). An appeal to newspaper authority in television political ads: A case study. Presented to the Media Ethics Division at the annual meeting of the Association for Journalism and Mass Communication, August 2005, San Antonio.

Roberts, C. (2005). Gatekeeping Theory: An evolution. Presented to the Communication Theory and Methodology Division at the annual meeting of the Association for Journalism and Mass Communication convention, August 2005, San Antonio.

Roberts, C., & Murley, Brian. (2005). Biting the hand that feeds: Blogs and second-level agenda setting. Presented at the national Media Convergence Conference, October 2005 in Provo, Utah. Awarded best graduate paper at conference.

Roberts, C., & Morrow, Lindsey (2006). Moving the Bottom Line: The relationship between profits and losses, and their prominence in earnings press releases. Presented in March 2006 at the AEJMC Southeastern Colloquium, Tuscaloosa, Ala. Awarded top student paper in colloquium's open division. Awarded best research presentation in the University of South Carolina Graduate School's language and communications research division competition, April 2005.

Roberts, C. (2006). Journalism ethics codes and appellate courts. Presented in March 2006 at the AEJMC Southeastern Colloquium, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Roberts, C., Self, Charles, & Black, Jay. (1992). Perceived moral dimensions of Journalism/Mass Communication educators. Presented Oct. 22, 1992, to the Eighth International Conference on the Scientific Study of Subjectivity, Columbia, Mo.

Roberts, C (1988). Journalism's quest for professionalism, 1900-1930. Presented April 15, 1989, at the AEJMC Southeastern Colloquium, Chapel Hill, N.C.

Invited Academic Presentations

Presidential election 2012: Political advertising misinformation. Panelist on August 12, 2012, at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication convention in Chicago, Political Communication Interest Group and Advertising Division.
Video at www.michelleamazeen.com/Talks.html.

Sustaining journalism through ethics. Peer-reviewed panel for conference Convergence and Society: Journalism, Sustainability, and Media Regeneration, October 27, 2011, Columbia, S.C.

2011 – The year of extreme weather: Lessons from the newsroom for the classroom (2011). Panelist on August 11, 2011, at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication convention in St. Louis, MO, Council of Divisions.

A generational ethics gap, or a recognition of new realities (2010). Panelist on August 6, 2010, at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication convention in Denver, Small Programs Interest Group and Scholastic Journalism Division.

Whittling your research agenda to a workable agenda. (2010). Panelist on August 3, 2010, at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication convention in Denver, Newspaper, and Radio/TV Journalism Divisions, and Civic & Citizens Journalism Interest Group.

Reporting on race: The 2008 election and the future. Panelist on August 7, 2009, at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication convention in Boston, Mass., Radio/TV Journalism and Minorities and Communication Divisions.

Roberts, C. (2005). Convergence using open-source software. Panel presentation at the national Media Convergence Conference, October 2005 in Provo, Utah.

ACADEMIC CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP

Discussant/commentator, "Author meets the commentators: *Virtue in Media: The moral psychology of excellence in news and public relations.*" Annual meeting of the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, February 20, 2015, Orange County, CA.

Discussant and moderator, "Why the duty to self-censor requires social-media users to maintain their own privacy; A social media platform to define and strengthen community values." Annual meeting of the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, February 20, 2015, Orange County, CA.

Discussant and moderator, "Transparency, Part 2: Transparency and ethics in other professions." Annual meeting of the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, March 1, 2014, Jacksonville, FL.

Discussant and moderator, "The Fifth estate: The ethics of convergent media." Annual meeting of the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, March 2, 2013, San Antonio, TX.

Discussant and moderator, "Media Ethics: Outside looking in." Panel co-proposed with Wendy Wyatt, University of St. Thomas. Presented March 3, 2012, at the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics annual convention, Cincinnati.

Moderator, "Ethical justification for subjective journalism: A casuistical approach." Annual meeting of the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, March 4, 2011, Cincinnati.

Moderator, "If they bleed, should they lead? Ethical dimensions in the media's coverage of crime victims." Annual meeting of the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, March 5, 2010, Cincinnati.

Moderator, "Deliberation and political discussion," International Communication Association annual convention, May 25, 2009, Chicago.

Moderator, "The Ethics of framing science," Media Ethics Division/Science Communication Interest Group panel at the annual meeting of the Association for Journalism and Mass Communication, August 2008, Chicago.

Moderator, "Frontiers of theory and research," Convergence and Society: Media Ownership, Control & Consolidation conference, October 2007, Columbia, S.C.

Moderator, "Celebrating the law and ethics of the First Amendment in and out of the classroom," Media Ethics/Law and Policy divisions, annual meeting of the Association for Journalism and Mass Communication, August 2007, Washington, D.C.

Moderator, "Ethics, New Media, and Education ethics codes and appellate courts," Convergence and Society: Ethics, Religion, and New Media conference, October 2006, Columbia, S.C.

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

The University of Alabama, 2008-present

Awards: Communication and Information Sciences Board of Visitors “Excellence in Teaching Award,” 2014. Chosen by students as “College of Communication and Information Sciences Professor of the Semester,” Fall 2013 and Spring 2014, by the student CIS Ambassadors.

Spring 2016

- Journalism 562, Contemporary Issues in Journalism, 10 students.
- Mass Communication 101, Introduction to Mass Communication, Online, 7 students.
- Mass Communication 101, Introduction to Mass Communication, in class, 250 students.

Fall 2015

- Mass Communication 101, Introduction to Mass Communication, Online, 27 students.
- Mass Communication 101, Introduction to Mass Communication, in class, 220 students.
- Journalism 311, Introduction to Reporting, 169 students, supervised 13 lab instructors.
- Communication and Information Sciences 100, 22 students. New preparation.

Summer 2015

- Mass Communication 101, Introduction to Mass Communication, Online, 22 students.
- Mass Communication 101, Introduction to Mass Communication, in class, 17 students.
- Journalism 311, Introduction Reporting, 188 students.

Spring 2015

- Journalism 562, Contemporary Issues in Journalism, 11 students.
- Mass Communication 101, Introduction to Mass Communication, 210 students.

Fall 2014

- Communication and Information Sciences 650, Media Ethics, 5 students.
- Mass Communication 101, Introduction to Mass Communication, 214 students.

Summer II 2014

- Mass Communication 101, Introduction to Mass Communication, 41 students.

Spring 2014

- Communication and Information Sciences 601, Proseminar in Pedagogy, 10 students.
- Journalism 562, Contemporary Issues in Journalism, 13 students.
- Mass Communication 101, Introduction to Mass Communication, 220 students.

Fall 2013

- Journalism 499, Journalism Issues, Practices and Ethics, 19 students.
- Mass Communication 101, Introduction to Mass Communication, 220 students.

Summer II 2013

- Journalism 499, Journalism Issues, Practices and Ethics, 4 students.
- Mass Communication 101, Introduction to Mass Communication, 45 students.

Spring 2013

- Communication and Information Sciences 601, Proseminar in Pedagogy, 12 students.
- Journalism 562, Contemporary Issues in Journalism, 13 students. New preparation.
- Mass Communication 101, Introduction to Mass Communication, 204 students. Twice-a-week lectures.

Fall 2012

- Mass Communication 101, Introduction to Mass Communication, 206 students. Twice-a-week lectures.
- Journalism 499, Journalism Issues, Practices and Ethics, 18 students. Weekly lectures.

Summer II 2012

- Journalism 499, Journalism Issues, Practices and Ethics, 8 students.
- Mass Communication 101, Introduction to Mass Communication, 28 students. Twice-a-week lectures.

Spring 2012

- Communication and Information Sciences 601, Proseminar in Pedagogy, nine students. New preparation.
- Journalism 562, Contemporary Issues in Journalism, 13 students. New preparation.
- Mass Communication 101, Introduction to Mass Communication, 190 students. Twice-a-week lectures.

Fall 2011

- Mass Communication 101, Introduction to Mass Communication, 210 students. Twice-a-week lectures.
- Journalism 499, Journalism Issues, Practices and Ethics, 18 students. Weekly lectures.

Summer 2011

- Mass Communication 101, Introduction to Mass Communication, 50 students. Twice-a-week lectures.

Spring 2011

- Journalism 311, News Writing & Reporting, 143 students. Twice-weekly lectures, coordinating 10 lab instructors.
- Journalism 312, Editing, 20 students. Twice-weekly lectures and lab activities.

Fall 2010

- Journalism 311, News Writing & Reporting, 125 students. Twice-weekly lectures, coordinating 10 lab instructors.
- Journalism 499, Journalism Issues, Practices and Ethics, 11 students. Weekly lectures. New preparation.

Summer 2010

- Journalism 311, News Writing & Reporting, 12 students. Four-times-a-week lab/lecture course. Students had 20 stories published by *Tuscaloosa News* website and *Horizons*, a *Crimson White* student newspaper publication for incoming freshmen. New preparation.

Spring 2010

- Mass Communication 101, Introduction to Mass Communication, 210 students. Twice-a-week lectures.
- Journalism 501, Producing Community Journalism, Eight master's students who produced special reports on the White Plains, Wellborn and Randolph Park communities.

Fall 2009

- Mass Communication 101, Introduction to Mass Communication, 210 students. Twice-a-week lectures.
- Journalism 312, Editing, 18 students. Twice-a-week lectures and lab activities.

Summer 2009

- Mass Communication 101, 50 students. Daily lectures in second summer term.

Spring 2009

- Mass Communication 101, Introduction to Mass Communication, 210 students. Twice-a-week lectures.
- Journalism 312, Editing, 18 students. Twice-a-week lectures and lab activities.
- Journalism 501, Producing Community Journalism, 10 students. Weekly course with Knight Community Journalism Fellow master's students. New preparation.

Fall 2008

- Mass Communication 101, Introduction to Mass Communication, 210 students. Three-times-a-week lectures. New preparation for Alabama students and different textbook.
- Journalism 312, Editing, 16 students. Three-times-a-week lectures and lab activities. New preparation.

The University of South Carolina, 2001-2008

Summer 2008

- Journalism 201, Survey of Mass Communications, eight students.

Spring 2008

- Journalism 546, advanced editing. Fifteen students publish *The Carolina Reporter* as part of a senior semester capstone experience that also includes courses in reporting and visual communications. More than 20 contact hours per week to teach, assist students in publishing, and in grading their work.
- Journalism 201, Survey of Mass Communications, 204 students. Twice-weekly lectures in the largest single-section course in the College of Mass Communications and Information Sciences.

Fall 2007

- Journalism 201, Survey of Mass Communications, 303 students. Teach twice-weekly lectures in the second-largest single section of a course at USC.
- Journalism 335, reporting, 16 students.

Summer 2007: Journalism 335, reporting, 10 students.

Spring 2007: Journalism 546, advanced editing. More than 20 students requiring more than 30 contact hours per week.

Fall 2006

- Journalism 547, computer assisted reporting. Taught to 10 senior-semester students.
- Journalism 335, reporting. Lead instructor for weekly lectures in class of more than 25 students, and responsible for grading work of a dozen students.
- Journalism 304, mass communication research. The 36 students' projects included a survey of Hartsville, S.C., residents and their views on the *Hartsville Today* citizen journalism site, and a survey to gauge reactions at seven U.S. universities to "racy" T-shirt sayings.

Summer 2006

- Journalism 335, reporting, seven students.
- Journalism 304, mass communication research, 10 students. Class project was a pair of focus groups to help *The State* newspaper decide to change its "Weekend" entertainment section to tabloid from broadsheet.

Spring 2006: Journalism 304, mass communication research, 35 students. Class project focused on student reaction to Facebook.com as it reached critical mass at the University of South Carolina. Data from the project was cited in a *State* newspaper story and by USC's journalism school director in an AEJMC presentation.

Adjunct and teaching as graduate student, 1987-2005

Graduate teaching instructor and adjunct instructor of writing, editing and research courses at University of South Carolina, Samford University, and University of Alabama, 11 semesters between 1987 and 2005.

ACADEMIC AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication

- Chairman, Council of Divisions, 2015-2017. Moved to current position after two years as vice chair of the umbrella organization that represents the association's 18 divisions and 11 interest groups. Built a database-driven Web site to facilitate proposals and agreements for conference panels, part of an effort that to create online processes for planning the annual convention. The successful effort has saved hundreds of man-hours and thousands of travel dollars for division and interest group leaders.
- Vice Chairman, Council of Divisions, 2013-2015. Elected in early 2013 to serve two years as vice chair, and two years as chairman.
- Judge, Tankard award for best book, 2014 and 2015.
- Member, ad-hoc committee on conference scheduling procedures, Newspaper and Online News Division, 2012. Wrote recommendation to end the annual chip auction and proceed with new system to schedule the association's annual meeting.
- Head, Newspaper and Online News Division, 2011-2012. Leader of AEJMC's second-largest division, with more than 450 members.
- Vice chairman, Newspaper and Online News Division, 2010-2011. Coordinated division's programming for 2011 convention in St. Louis, wrote column for newsletter.
- Research co-chair, August 2008-October 2010. Helped coordinate three contests, with 60 judges and 98 academic papers, for AEJMC's summer 2009 convention, Boston. Led coordination for 2010 convention in Denver.
- Professional Freedom and Responsibility officer, Media Ethics Division, August 2007-August 2010. Wrote quarterly column for the division's quarterly newsletter and other duties as assigned.

University Committees

- Chairman, Media Planning Board, University of Alabama, Fall 2011-present. Choose student leaders and set policies for campus media. Member since 2009.
- Member, Research Grant Committee, University of Alabama, Spring 2015-present. Help choose which social science and humanities proposals are funded by the University.
- Member, *Corolla* yearbook long-term planning committee, Spring 2009.
- Commencement committee, University of South Carolina. Announcer and reader of graduates' names at 10 USC undergraduate commencements, December 2006 through May 2008. Built online database that let students enter correct pronunciation of their names.
- New Student Convocation announcer, USC, 2006 and 2007.

College and Department Service

- Graduate coordinator, Department of Journalism, Spring 2016-present.
- Graduate faculty, full member, College of Communication and Information Sciences, Spring 2009-present.
- Committee on Faculty, University of Alabama College of Communication and Information Science, 2008-present. Helped rewrite student evaluation form, Spring 2011.
- Hearst Awards program coordinator for Journalism Department, 2008-present.
- Chairman, hiring committee for sports instructor, Journalism Department, Spring 2014.
- Member, University of South Carolina commencement committee, 2007-08. Read names of graduates during seven commencements.
- Member, USC Journalism School doctoral admittance committee, 2007-08.
- Member, USC Journalism School curriculum committee, 2006-08.
- Member, USC Journalism School new media task force, 2007.

Academic Journal and Convention Paper Reviews

- *Newspaper Research Journal*, 2007-present. Member of editorial board.
- *Journalism and Mass Communication Quarterly*, Spring 2010, Spring 2012, Fall 2014.
- *Journal of Media Ethics/Journal of Mass Media Ethics*, 1990-2002; since summer 2013 as member of editorial board.

- *Communication Reports*, Spring 2013.
- *International Journal of Communication*, Spring 2013, Fall and Spring, 2014.
- Newspaper Division of the Association for Journalism and Mass Communication conventions, 2009-2012.
- Media Ethics Division of the Association for Journalism and Mass Communication conventions, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015.
- Community Journalism Division of the Association for Journalism and Mass Communication convention in Chicago, 2010.
- AEJMC regional conferences, 2011, 2014, 2015.
- Convergence Conference, University of South Carolina, October 2008.

Journalism Contest Judging

- National Newspaper Association, 2014-15.
- Baptist Press Association, 2015.
- Kentucky Press Association, 2014
- New England News Association, 2013.
- Southeastern Journalism Conference, 2012, 2013, 2014.
- Association of American Association of Sunday and Feature Editors, best features pages, May 2009.
- State press association newspaper contests: Texas Press Association in 2006, Georgia Press Association in 2007, and Mississippi Press Association in 2008.
- Society of Professional Journalists “Mark of Excellence” regional awards for students, 2006, 2009, 2010, 2012.
- Alabama Scholastic Press Association, various contests and student awards, 2008-present.

Guest Speaker at Academic, Training, and Professional Events

- Ethics facilitator, “Dealing with Critical Legal, Ethical, and Strategic Issues,” certificate program for professionals, College of Continuing Studies, University of Alabama, October 2012, October 2014.
- Keynote speaker, Alabama Scholastic Press Association’s “long weekend” conference, June 2012. Among more than a dozen speeches and sessions for the association since 2008. Also emcee annual awards ceremony for the association’s February conventions.
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- Ethics and online media, Society of Professional Journalists Region 3 convention, Birmingham, Ala. April 2, 2011.
- Keynote speaker, Southern Interscholastic Press Association convention, Columbia, S.C., March 5, 2010. Spoke to nearly 500 high school students in keynote panel, led two other sessions on editing and plagiarism.
- Media ethics panel moderator, Society of Professional Journalists state meeting, Birmingham, Ala., April 9, 2010.
- The good, bad, and ugly of Public Relations Writing, for the “Eth-X Factor” regional workshop, Public Relations Student Society of America, Feb. 6, 2010.
- Media ethics panelist, Society of Professional Journalists state meeting, Montgomery, Ala., April 28, 2009.
- “Reporting by the Numbers,” Society of Professional Journalists regional convention, Columbia, S.C., March 2008.
- Speaker at more than six workshops for staffers of *The Crimson White*, UA’s student-run newspaper, 2008-present.
- Guest lecturer, Dakar Academy, Dakar, Senegal, May 23 and Nov. 21, 2007.
- Speaker at workshops for staffers of *The Daily Gamecock*, USC’s student-run newspaper, 2006, 2007.
- Emcee, South Carolina Press Association awards ceremonies, February 2007 and March 2008.
- Three writing/editing workshops for USC for Social Security Administration, Internal Revenue Service, and Columbia-area nonprofits, Fall 2007.
- “MySpace and Facebook Basics,” Richland County Public Library, Columbia, S.C., September 2007.
- Plagiarism speech to 200 high school students, Carolina Journalism Institute, June 2007
- Writing and plagiarism conference sessions for the Southern Interscholastic Press Association (March 2007 and March 2008) and South Carolina Scholastic Press Association (Spring 2007 and Fall 2006)

- “Social Networking and Public Relations,” South Carolina chapter of the Public Relations Society of America, Columbia, S.C., October 2006.
- “Journalism ethics,” South Carolina Press Association, Columbia, S.C., May 2006.
- “Media mistakes” panelist, USC chapter of Society of Professional Journalists, January 2006.
- Business reporting, Society of Professional Journalists national convention, Tampa, Fla., September 2003.
- Business reporting, National Institute of Computer-Assisted Reporting national convention, Charlotte, N.C., March 2003.
- Business reporting, Investigative Reporters and Editors regional convention, Savannah, Ga., October 2002.
- Education reporting, National Institute of Computer-Assisted Reporting national convention, Philadelphia, Penn., March 2002.
- “Computer-assisted reporting for small- and medium-sized newsrooms,” National Institute of Computer-Assisted Reporting national convention, Lexington, Ky., September 2000.
- General-assignment reporting, National Institute of Computer-Assisted Reporting national convention, Boston, Mass., March 1999.

MEMBERSHIPS / ORGANIZATIONS

- Editorial advisory board, *Newspaper Research Journal*, Fall 2007-present.
- Editorial advisory board, *Journal of Mass Media Ethics*, January 1991-November 2007.
- Member, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, 2005-present.
- Member, International Communication Association, 2009, 2012-present.
- Member, Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, 2009-present.
- Member, Text and Academic Authors Association, 2010-present.
- Member, Investigative Reporters and Editors, 1996-2014.
- Co-adviser, Society of Professional Journalists, University of Alabama chapter, 2009-present. Regional chapter of the year in 2011 and 2012.
- Member, Kappa Tau Alpha journalism society, The University of South Carolina, University of Alabama.
- President of Alabama Scholastic Press Association, 1982-83.

THESIS/DISSERTATION/COMPREHENSIVE EXAM COMMITTEES

- Chairman, master’s thesis committee for Anna Waters, Fall 2015-present.
- Co-chairman, master’s thesis committee for Donald Campbell, Fall 2015-present.
- Member, master’s thesis committee for Patrick Duggins, Spring 2016-.
- Chairman, master’s thesis committee for William Evans, Spring 2014-2016.
- Chairman, master’s thesis committee for Tara Bullock, Fall 2013-Spring 2014..
- Member, doctoral comprehensive exam committee, Lindsey Conlin, Spring 2014.
- Adviser, McNair scholar Keith Saint, 2011-2013.
- Completed doctoral dissertations Dianne Bragg, University of Alabama, 2009-2013; Van Madray, University of South Carolina, 2007-2010.
- Completed master’s thesis for Elizabeth Bonner (co-chair), 2015; Tara Bullock (chair), 2014; Charles Watkins, University of Alabama, 2012-2013; Christi Cowan, University of Alabama, 2012; Brooke Carbo, University of Alabama, 2011-2012; Pamela Harris, University of Alabama, 2010-11; Heidi D. Campbell, University of South Carolina, 2008.

FIRST AMENDMENT AND OTHER JOURNALISM SERVICE ACTIVITY

Member of Society of Professional Journalists’ ethics committee, Summer 2013-present. Helped revise the SPJ’s code of ethics, 2013-2014.

Roberts, C. (2011, May). Alabama newspapers introduce crowdmapping site to track tornado recovery efforts. *Alapressa*: Newspaper of the Alabama Press Association. www.alabamapress.org/apa/index.cfm?fuseaction=alapressa_story&newsID=1734.

Roberts, C. (2009, April). Government records offer online possibilities. *Alapressa*: Newspaper of the Alabama Press Association. www.alabamapress.org/uploads/April09AlaPressa.pdf.

Roberts, C. (2009). Links to Alabama county and municipal government Websites and availability of public records online. Retrieved from www.chrisrob.com/sunshine.

Roberts, C. (2009, April). Government records offer online possibilities. *AlaPressa: Monthly publication of the Alabama Press Association*, 14, 16

Roberts, C. (2009, March 15). Turn bright spotlight on nuts and bolts of government. *The Birmingham News*, D1.

The “Sunshine” Web site, *The AlaPressa* and *Birmingham News* articles were developed and written as part of Journalism 501’s contribution to national Sunshine Week 2009. Roberts developed the Web site, using online database technology, for students to input information about information available on Web sites maintained by Alabama counties and large cities, and for the public to easily find available public records. The site has drawn more than 2,000 unique visits since March 2009. Roberts was quoted in *Mobile Register* (March 15) and Associated Press (March 20) stories about the site, a *Birmingham News* editorial (March 22), and had a 15-minute interview on the topic on WJXL-AM in Walker County.

JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

Editor and reporter, *The State*, Columbia, S.C.

June 1998-December 2005

- Assistant business editor since February 2002. Assigned and edited stories for the six-writer staff, selected wire stories, developed graphics, coordinated page design, and performed other duties focused on Sunday and other advance sections.
- Investigations editor, 2000-2002. Edited and reported long-range projects.
- Database editor, 1998-present. Introduced full-time database reporting to newspaper. Wrote and edited data-driven stories, acquired data, and built the newsroom’s intranet site. Proficient in Microsoft Office, HTML, PHP, SQL, SPSS, ArcView, Adobe Premiere and other applications.

Editor/reporter/columnist, *The Birmingham (Ala.) News*

June 1989-June 1998

- Weekend city editor, with supervision of reporters and photographers, 1991-1998.
- Technology columnist syndicated weekly through the Newhouse News Service, 1995-1998. Creator and editor of the paper’s weekly “My.Tech” computer section.
- Reporter with an emphasis on computer-assisted reporting. Covered business, government, politics.
- Tuscaloosa correspondent and intern, 1987.

Book design

1989-1995

- Designer of 10 books that sold more than 100,000 copies during the 1990s. Books include the first two editions of *Doing Ethics in Journalism*, as well as *Century of Champions: The Centennial History of Alabama Football*, *Where Tradition Began: The Centennial History of Auburn Football*, *Sboals to Sand Dunes: Your Alabama Travel Guide*, and *The Complete Alabama Fisherman*.

Correspondent, *The Anniston (Ala.) Star*

1980-1989

- From age 15 to 22 covered college, professional and prep sports for this 35,000-circulation daily.

Sports Editor, *The Jacksonville (Ala.) News*

1980-1985

- From age 14 to 19 wrote, designed and edited the sports section of a 3,000-circulation weekly.

Announcer, WHMA AM-FM, Anniston, Ala.

1980-1983

- Disc jockey, fill-in news reporter, sports color commentary for a 100,000-watt FM/25,000 AM station.

Other experience

- Freelance database and editing assignments for *The State*; columnist for *Home Furnishings Business* magazine; editor, *The Furniture Wars* by Michael Dugan, former CEO of Henrendon Furniture Industries and chairman of business department, Lenoir-Rhyne College, Hickory, N.C.
- Correspondent, *Newsweek On-Campus* magazine. Coverage of University of Alabama campus for Newsweek's college magazine, published eight times a year with a circulation of more than 3.5 million. 1987-1988, when magazine folded.
- Copy editor and columnist, *The Crimson White*, The University of Alabama's 15,000-circulation student newspaper. Edited stories, wrote headlines and a weekly column, 1985-1987. Chief copy editor, 1986-1987.

JOURNALISM AWARDS

RecoveryAlabama.com: 2011

Coordinated Website designed to facilitate crowdsource mapping to highlight services and needs in aftermath of tornadoes across Alabama on April 27, 2011. Worked with *Tuscaloosa News* editors, University of Alabama mass communication faculty and staff, and volunteers worldwide. The site received prominent mentions in awards given to *The Tuscaloosa News* by:

- Associated Press Managing Editors Association in July 2011, for "online convergence."
- Editor & Publisher EPPY award in December 2011, "best news or event feature on a Website with 250,000 to 1 million unique monthly visitors."

Society of American Business Editor and Writers: 2002-2005

- Co-author of a best spot news story for mid-sized newspapers, 2004.
- Sunday editor of *The State's* business section that won "Best in Business" awards for its circulation categories in 2002, 2003, and 2005.

South Carolina Press Association: 2001-2005

- Editor of "South Carolina's Deadly Roads," an eight-day series that won first place in both public service and best series categories, 2001.
- Edited, wrote and/or handled computer-assisted reporting work for stories that won first, second and third place in "enterprise reporting" category, 2000.
- Shared first-place award for spot-news reporting, 2005.

Alabama Press Association: 1980-1996

- "Freedom of Information" award for project on criminal sentencing patterns, *Birmingham News*, 1996.
- Winner of 10 awards for writing and best weekly sports page, including three first-place between ninth grade and sophomore year of college, *Jacksonville News*, 1980-85.

Southern Journalism Awards: 1995

- Honorable mention (as lead reporter and researcher) for "\$673 a Second," which used computer-assisted reporting techniques to reveal the federal government's spending habits in Alabama, 1995.