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*President, College Media Association  
Student Life Assistant Director, University of Vermont*

## EDUCATION

### **Ph.D. in English**

University at Albany, State University of New York  
Anticipated graduation: 2021

### **M.F.A. in Fiction Writing**

New York University, 2002  
Thesis director: E.L. Doctorow

### **M.A. in English**

University of Central Florida, 1998  
Thesis director: Pat Rushin

**B.S. in Journalism** — *Kappa Tau Alpha*

**B.A. in French** — *Phi Beta Kappa*  
University of Kansas, 1991

## COLLEGE MEDIA EXPERIENCE

***Student Life Assistant Director / Student Media Adviser.*** University of Vermont. 2006 to present.

- Advise students working for a weekly newspaper, 24/7 radio station, cable television station and related websites with combined \$90,000 budget.
- Train members of media organizations ranging in size from 25 to 125, with members ranging in age from 18 to 80, in leadership, financial management and organization-specific skills related to journalism, broadcast radio and video.
- Teach courses in news writing, media law and leadership.
- Chair departmental and national committees focusing on social justice, professional development and First Amendment advocacy.

***President.*** College Media Association. 2017 to present.

- Lead an international organization of more than 600 college media advisers who seek to develop strong, student-led media programs at colleges and universities.
- Develop and supervise annual \$385,000 organizational budget.
- Serve as national spokesman and advocate for college press freedoms.

## TEACHING & ADVISING HISTORY

### ***News Adviser / Communications Professor***

Valencia Community College. Orlando, Florida. 2004-2006.

- Train and advise student staff in weekly production of campus newspaper and daily production of the newspaper's website.
- Teach introductory courses in journalism and mass media.

### ***Faculty Writing Instructor / Teaching Mentor***

New York University. New York, New York. 2000-2004.

- Mentor instructors in the university's Expository Writing Program. Facilitate program design and implementation.
- Teach beginning and advanced expository writing courses, including business ethics and business writing.

### ***Peace Corps Volunteer / English Teacher Trainer***

Zigong Teachers College. Zigong, Sichuan, China. 1998-2000.

- Design and teach advanced English proficiency courses with focus on writing, aural comprehension, literature, culture and theatre.
- Conduct workshops in writing pedagogy for peer teachers/volunteers.
- Write, direct and produce English-language plays for Chinese students.

## WRITING & EDITING HISTORY

### ***Editor-in-Chief***

*The Vermont Student Media Blog*. [www.uvmmedia.net](http://www.uvmmedia.net). 2006-present.

### ***Editor-in-Chief***

*COMPASS*, the newsletter of the department of Community Development and Applied Economics, University of Vermont. 2013.

### ***Editor and Designer***

*The WRUV Reader*, a book-length anthology of Vermont writers. 2012.

### ***Editor-in-Chief***

*College Media*, the quarterly publication of College Media Association. 2006-2008

### ***Contracted News Writer***

*The Freedom Forum Online*, a national forum for free-speech stories published for the First Amendment Center in New York, New York. 2000-2001.

### ***Editor-in-Chief***

*The Tang-Cu Times*, the official publication of Peace Corps volunteers in China. Chengdu, Sichuan, China. 1998-2000.

***Assistant Fiction Editor***

*Florida Review*. University of Central Florida. 1997.

***Bureau Chief and News Reporter***

*Florida Today*. Melbourne, Florida. 1993-1996.

***News Reporter***

*The News-Press*. St. Joseph, Missouri. 1992-1993.

**NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE**

***Board Member, College Media Association.***

Develop vision and programming for national organization of more than 600 member-advisers.

***Chairman, Diversity and Social Justice Committee, Department of Student Life, University of Vermont.***

Design diversity and social justice trainings for staff and students affiliated with the UVM Department of Student Life. 2011 to present.

***Board of Judges, Pacemaker Award, Associated Collegiate Press.***

Judge entries for the “Pacemaker of college media,” which recognizes the nation’s best submission for college newspapers. 2017.

***Member, Associated Collegiate Press Advisory Board.***

Work with ACP officials and other college media advisers to determine programming and awards for national conventions. 2012-2017.

***Member, Advisory Committee, College Media Association.***

Advise on policy and procedures for the nation’s largest professional organization of advisers for college print, radio, television and web outlets. 2011-2017.

***Vermont Coordinator, New Voices free-press lobbying effort, coordinated nationally by the Student Press Law Center.***

Lead state efforts among Vermont lawmakers, students, educators and other free-speech advocates to pass legislation designed to protect First Amendment rights for Vermont’s high school and college students. 2015-2016.

***Chairman, Committee for First Amendment Advocacy, College Media Association.***

Lead a committee of college media advisers who investigate claims of censorship at colleges and universities nationwide. 2012-2017. (Also served as committee member from 2007 to 2012.)

***Founding Member, UVM Examining White Privilege Retreat.***

Develop curriculum and marketing strategies for an annual event designed to cultivate awareness of social justice and diversity issues among white-identified UVM students. 2013-2015.

***Secretary, Board of Directors, Vermont Community Access Media.***

Set policy for regional community access television station. 2011-2013.

***Judge, Broadcast Awards, Collegiate Broadcasters, Inc.***

Evaluate radio and TV entries for national competitions. 2010-2011.

***Chairman/Member, Student Life Professional Development Committee, University of Vermont.***

Design professional development trainings for staff and students affiliated with the UVM Department of Student Life. 2008-2011.

***Member, National Board of Judges, Associated Collegiate Press.***

Critique university and community college newspapers for ACP. 2007-2010.

***Assistant Program Director, Associated Collegiate Press.***

Develop programming for spring and summer national conventions, run the conventions and teach sessions, as needed, for collegiate journalists from around the country. 2005-2006

## SELECTED ACADEMIC PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

*“Threats to the Independence of Student Media.”* National report issued jointly by the American Association of University Professors, National Coalition Against Censorship, Student Press Law Center and College Media Association. Co-author. 2016.

*“How Do You Teach Writing?”* National College Media Convention: College Media Association. Repeat session: presented at national college media conferences 10 times since 2007. Atlanta. 2016.

*“Ethical Advising.”* National College Media Convention: College Media Association, Associated Collegiate Press. Atlanta. 2016.

*“Fiction-writing techniques for objective journalists.”* National College Media Convention: Associated Collegiate Press. Washington, D.C. 2016.

*“Building Better Relationships with Administrators.”* National College Media Convention: College Media Association, Associated Collegiate Press. Austin. 2015.

- "Social Justice Journalism."* National College Media Convention: College Media Association, Associated Collegiate Press. Philadelphia. 2014.
- "Managing Students and Money."* National College Media Convention: College Media Association, Associated Collegiate Press. Repeat session: presented at national college media conferences five times since 2009. Philadelphia. 2014.
- "How to Motivate Students."* National College Media Convention: College Media Association, Associated Collegiate Press. Philadelphia. 2014.
- "The Adviser's Guide to Establishing Policies."* National College Media Convention: College Media Association, Associated Collegiate Press. New Orleans. 2013.
- "The Adviser's Guide to Law and Ethics."* National College Media Convention: College Media Association. New York City. 2013.
- "Get That Internship!"* National College Media Convention: College Media Association, Associated Collegiate Press. Orlando. 2011.
- "Nurturing Relationships Between Advisers and Students."* College Newspaper Business and Advertising Managers Convention. Nashville. 2011.
- "Advising Millennials."* National College Media Convention: College Media Advisers, Associated Collegiate Press. Repeat session: presented at national college media conferences five times since 2008. Louisville. 2010.
- "Best Practices for the Practicum: Measuring Student Success."* National College Media Convention: College Media Advisers. New York City. 2009.
- "New Adviser Short Course: Budget Management, Advertising, Staff Recruitment and Training."* National College Media Convention: College Media Advisers. Washington, D.C. 2007.
- "Finding Stories on a Two-Year Campus."* National College Newspaper Workshops: Associated Collegiate Press. Washington, D.C. 2006.
- "News Writing Essentials."* National College Newspaper Workshops: Associated Collegiate Press. Washington, D.C. 2006.
- "Advanced Reporting Short Course."* National College Newspaper Workshops: Associated Collegiate Press. Washington, D.C. 2006.
- "Improve Your Interviewing Skills."* National College Newspaper Convention: Associated Collegiate Press. Los Angeles. 2006.

“*Investigative Journalism.*” National College Newspaper Convention: Associated Collegiate Press. Los Angeles. 2006.

“*What’s Your Problem, Buddy? Finding the Conflict in Every Reporting Situation.*” National College Media Convention: College Media Advisers, Associated Collegiate Press. Kansas City, Missouri. 2005.

“*Reporting Using All Five Senses.*” National College Media Convention: College Media Association. New York City. 2005.

“*From Lady Brett to Catherine Bourne: The Evolution of Women in Hemingway’s Novels.*” Annual Conference: Florida College English Association. Mount Dora, Florida. 1998.

### PUBLISHED FICTION

“Button Jar #1.” *Beloit Fiction Journal*. Beloit College, Wisconsin. 2017.

“By the Rails.” *South Dakota Review*. The University of South Dakota. 2016.

“1.2 Seconds Before the Boom.” *Green Hills Literary Lantern*. Truman State University. 2016. Nominated for Pushcart Prize.

“Out West.” *Vantage Point*. The University of Vermont. 2011.

“Candidate Clinton Visits the Bronx.” *Apalachee Review*. Florida State University. 2004.

“Cheated.” *Washington Square*. New York University. 2004.

“Colic.” *The Florida Review*. University of Central Florida. 2004.

“Alpha Female.” *Thought Magazine*. Independent: Burlingame, California. 2003.

“Amnio.” *Soundings East*. Salem State University, Massachusetts. 2003.

“New Family Life.” *Confluence*. Marietta College and Ohio Valley Literary Group. 2003.

### SELECTED HONORS and AWARDS

**Eugene Garber Award for Short Fiction.** Recognition in excellence in fiction writing for a single short story awarded by the State University of New York at Albany Ph.D. program in English. 2018.

**Board of Directors Award for First Amendment Advocacy.** Recognition from the board of College Media Association for efforts in protecting students from censorship and prior review as chairman of the CMA First Amendment Advocacy Committee. 2017.

**Distinguished Multimedia Adviser Award.** The nation's top award for mid-career college media advisers, awarded by College Media Association. 2014.

**Montana Prize in Fiction (Finalist).** Cutbank Literary Magazine. 2014.

**Top 100 Key Ethics and Media Law Resources for Journalists.** *The University of Vermont Journalism and Media Blog.* JournalismDegree.com. 2014.

**The 100 Best Sites for Journalists.** *The University of Vermont Journalism and Media Blog: UVMmedia.net.* JournalismDegree.com. 2012.

**The 40 Best Blogs for Student Journalists.** *The University of Vermont Journalism and Media Blog: UVMmedia.net.* The Open Education Database. 2012.

**College Media Association Board of Directors Award.** National award for excellence in college media advising and advocacy. 2011.

**Very Short Fiction Award (Finalist).** *Glimmer Train.* 2010.

**Student Choice Award for Excellence in Teaching.** Valencia College. 2006.

**Program Director's Award for Teaching Excellence.** New York University Expository Writing Program. 2002, 2003, 2004.

**Very Short Fiction Award (Finalist).** *Glimmer Train.* 2002.

**Best Education Reporting.** School Bell Award: Florida Education Association. 1996.

**Best Single Newspaper Section.** National Award: Education Writers Association. 1995.

**Benjamin Fine Award for Outstanding Education Reporting.** National Association of Secondary School Principals. 1995.

**Best Education Reporting, Overall and Series Reporting.** School Bell Award: Florida Education Association. 1995.

*Selected Student Journalism Awards*

A sampling of awards received by my students' publications during my time as adviser.

- Photo of the Year: Environmental Portrait. (2<sup>nd</sup> place.)** *The Vermont Cynic*. The nation's top award for excellence in environmental portraiture, awarded by Associated Collegiate Press. 2018.
- Advertisement of the Year: House Ad. (4<sup>th</sup> place.)** *The Vermont Cynic*. The nation's top award for excellence in ad design, awarded by Associated Collegiate Press. 2018.
- Pacemaker Award Finalist: Print Newspaper.** *The Vermont Cynic*. The nation's top award for overall excellence for a college print newspaper, awarded by Associated Collegiate Press. 2017.
- National Diversity Story of the Year.** "Kake Walk: Alumni, faculty and students reflect on 73-year tradition." *The Vermont Cynic*. Associated Collegiate Press. 2016.
- National Story of the Year. (2<sup>nd</sup> place.)** "Quality of Life: A Look Inside UVM Sodexo." *The Vermont Cynic*. Associated Collegiate Press. 2015.
- Top 50 College Newspapers (#19).** *The Vermont Cynic*. CollegeChoice.net. 2015.
- Top 20 College Newspapers (#18).** *The Vermont Cynic*. Princeton Review. 2014.
- Best of Show: Multimedia Package.** *The Vermont Cynic*. Midwinter National College Media Convention: Associated Collegiate Press. San Diego. 2014.
- Best of Show: Website, Small School.** *The Vermont Cynic*. National College Media Convention: Associated Collegiate Press. San Diego. 2014.
- Best of Show: Special Edition.** *The Vermont Cynic*. Midwinter National College Media Convention: Associated Collegiate Press. San Diego. 2014.
- Best of Show: Multimedia Package.** *The Vermont Cynic*. National College Media Convention. New Orleans. 2013.
- Best of Show: Special Edition.** *The Vermont Cynic*. National College Media Convention. New Orleans. 2013.
- Pacemaker Award: Online News Site.** *The Vermont Cynic*, *VermontCynic.com*. The nation's top award for overall excellence for a college newspaper website, awarded by Associated Collegiate Press. 2012.



**Best of Show: Weekly University Newspaper.** *The Vermont Cynic*. National College Media Convention. Chicago. 2012.

**Pacemaker Award: Print Newspaper.** *The Vermont Cynic*. The nation's top award for overall excellence for a college print newspaper, awarded by Associated Collegiate Press. 2011.

**Best of Show: Weekly University Newspaper.** *The Vermont Cynic*. National College Media Convention. Louisville. 2010.

*References and letters of recommendation are available.*