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- More than 40 years of media experience
- Success in creating new media products

- Leader in staff development and diversity
- Professional and community engagement

CAREER HISTORY

June 2018-Present

THE DEMOCRACY COLLABORATIVE, Washington D.C.

Vice President of Communications

- Leads communication strategy as a member of the executive team
- Oversees content production across print and digital platforms

June 2016-Dec. 2017

PEOPLE'S ACTION, Washington D.C.

Communications Director

- Led a six-person team, including media relations, social media and online advocacy
- Wrote op-eds for co-directors; represented organization in media appearances

June 2006-June 2016

CAMPAIGN FOR AMERICA'S FUTURE, Washington, D.C.

Director of Online Communications, OurFuture.org and associated websites

- Served as executive editor of OurFuture.org, managing a team of writers and contributors
- Oversaw content and production of organization's web properties, reports and video

Dec. 2003-May 2006

CONGRESSIONAL QUARTERLY, Washington, D.C.

"Inside Congress" reporter

- Covered House and Senate leaders as a senior-level reporter
- Broke exclusive stories on major transportation legislation, other topics

Sept. 2000-June 2003

CENTRE DAILY TIMES, State College, Pa.

Opinion Page Editor

- Won the Keystone Press Award for editorial writing (2002)
- Commissioned and edited op-eds by local contributors

June 1997-Sept. 2000

THE GAZETTE, Gaithersburg, Md.

Prince George's County Editor (from Nov. 1997)

- Launched 13 weekly newspapers in Prince George's County, Md.
- Managed at peak a staff of more than 30 writers, editors and photographers
- Won Suburban Newspaper of America award for best special section (1999)

Nov. 1993-June 1997

ASBURY PARK PRESS, Neptune, N.J.

Entertainment Editor (from July 1995), News Desk Editor (from Feb. 1997)

- Served as copy editor and page designer for daily entertainment section
- Collaborated with graphics designer on overhaul of weekly entertainment tabloid

Sept. 1992-Oct. 1993

ARMY TIMES, Springfield, Va.

News Editor

June 1982-May 1991

THE WASHINGTON TIMES, Washington, D.C.

Chief District reporter (to August 1985), National Reporter (from August 1985)

- Key reporter covering the 1988 presidential campaign
- Won a Sigma Delta Chi award as chief D.C. government reporter

1979-1982

BLACK ENTERPRISE MAGAZINE, New York, N.Y.

Chief Washington Correspondent

1977-1979

THE NEWS WORLD, New York, N.Y.

Washington Correspondent

EDUCATION

Penn State University, University Park, Pa. (2000-2003)

- B.A. in journalism, political science minor, College of Communications.

Howard University, Washington, D.C. (1973-1974)

- Journalism major, School of Communications

University of Maryland, College Park, Md. (1972-1973)

- Journalism major, College of Journalism

EXTENDED TRAINING AND SEMINARS

- **Netroots Nation** conventions (2008, 2009, 2011, 2020)
- **National Association of Black Journalists** conventions (1990, 1992, 1993, 1995, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2003, 2004)
- **American Press Institute Seminar for Editorial Writers** (2002)
- **Montgomery College** management training course (1999)
- **Maynard Institute New Media workshop**, Chicago (1997)
- **National Gay and Lesbian Journalists Association** conventions (1994, 1995, 2005)
- **Society of Professional Journalists** editors' seminar, Richmond, Va. (1995)

SPECIAL SKILLS

- Windows and Mac OSX, Android and iOS
- Website design (HTML proficient, Wordpress CMS)
- Graphic design and desktop publishing (Quark XPress, Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign)
- Video production and editing (Adobe Premier Pro, iMovie)
- Audio editing and podcast production

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- **Board member**, Urban Village Corporation (an affordable housing complex)
- **Website creator**, dcourtmeisnow.org for D.C. marriage equality campaign
- **Member**, National Association of Black Journalists
- **Co-founder**, Washington Association of Black Journalists
- **Founding member**, National Gay and Lesbian Journalists Association
- **Community service award recipient** from WABJ for AIDS education and activism work

Published work and other information are available at Poole.media

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