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I've been a print and radio journalist for more than 30 years. I believe in the traditions of my work: investigation and storytelling as public service; skepticism, but also the struggle to understand.

I love the English language.

One of the things that I like best about reporting is that it is not a profession but a trade. Its standards are set not by some state licensing authority but by custom, by the shared experience of generations of writers, by their shared pursuit of truth and their commitment to storytelling.

JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

Freelance Reporter | Oct. 2009 - Present

Cover Southern California trends and breaking news with an emphasis on environmental issues. Publications include: ***The California Report, The Christian Science Monitor, Marketplace, VOA, Ensis, The California Health Report.***

Story Links:

[Fund for Investigative Journalism Santa Susana Project:](#)

about the ongoing failure of California's toxic waste regulator to compel the cleanup of a half-century-old nuclear meltdown site, and similar failures at other toxic sites throughout the state.

[Relaxed Rules at Center of Debate Over Underground Fuel Leaks:](#)

about a new policy that would end cleanup efforts at hundreds of gasoline spills.

[L.A. Battery Recycling Plant Showers Communities in Lead Dust:](#)

about efforts to curtail lead contamination in East Los Angeles.

[In Hinkley, Toxic Legacy Sets the Stage for a Ghost Town:](#)

about the slow demise of the desert community made famous by the movie "Erin Brockovich."

The Press-Enterprise, Staff Writer | Dec. 2004 - Oct. 2009

Work included extensive reporting on city efforts to turn back a violent crime rate that made San Bernardino among the most dangerous cities in the state. Stories featured multimedia production and GIS mapping.

Freelance Reporter and Editor | 1998 - 2004

- ***NPR, BBC, PRI, VOA, The California Report, The Weather Notebook, KPCC-FM:*** Covered Southern California issues and breaking news.
- ***The Christian Science Monitor* and *Monitor Radio:*** Covered California politics, criminal justice and technology.
- ***Marketplace:*** Helped set daily coverage. Edited reporters in bureaus nationwide. ***National Press Foundation Fellow.*** Regular story contributor, 2000-2004. Fill-in news and night editor, 1998-2000.
- ***ACFNewsource/The Osgood File:*** Conducted interviews and wrote scripts for Charles Osgood's program on the ***CBS Radio Network.***

KPFK-FM, Freelance Reporter | 1992 - 1998

Covered government, immigration and prisons. ***RTNA Golden Mike Award in Investigative Journalism.***

EDUCATION

University of Southern California, 1990

Masters Degree. **Fellow, Center for International Journalism.** The course of study was conducted in Los Angeles and Mexico City. While in Mexico, reported on economic and political issues for the ***Fort Worth Star-Telegram, San Francisco Chronicle*** and ***Copley News Service.***

Harvard University, 1982

A.B. Cum Laude in English and American Literature and Language.

CIVIC

Volunteer crew member for the Los Angeles Maritime Institute's **TopSail Youth Program**, providing sail training for at-risk youth aboard twin brigantine-rigged tall ships.