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## Professional History

### *Educator and scholar, 1986 to present*

Professor of Journalism, Medill School, Northwestern University, 2007-present; Charles Deering McCormick Professor of Teaching Excellence, Northwestern University, 2005-present; Associate Professor of Journalism, Northwestern University, 1994-2007; Associate Professor (adj.), Management Institute Center for Publishing, New York University, 1990-1994; Assistant Professor (adj.), Management Institute Center for Publishing, New York University, 1988-1990; Lecturer, Pratt Institute, 1987-1989; Lecturer, School of Visual Arts, 1986-1988.

### *Journalist and management consultant, 1973-1994*

President, Enfield Research, 1977-1994. Freelance Journalist, 1977-1994. Managing Editor, *Car and Driver Magazine*, 1973-1977. Editor-in-Chief, *Autoweek Magazine*, 1973. Managing Editor, *American Boating Magazine* 1972-1973.

## Education

Ph.D., American Civilization, New York University 1992; Masters of Journalism, University of California at Berkeley, 1973; Bachelor of Arts, History, Johns Hopkins University, 1969.

## Publications

### *Books*

Abrahamson, David and Prior-Miller, Marcia, eds. *The Routledge Handbook of Magazine Research: The Future of the Magazine Form*. New York: Routledge, 2017, 2017 (ppbk).

\_\_\_\_\_. *Magazine-Made America: The Cultural Transformation of the Postwar Periodical*. New York: Hampton Press, 1996.

\_\_\_\_\_, ed. *The American Magazine: Research Perspectives and Prospects*, Ames, IA: Iowa State University Press, 1995.

### *Articles/Chapters/Reviews*

\_\_\_\_\_ and Pelczar, Alison "Searching for the Perfect Title." *Literary Journalism Studies*, 9:2 (Fall 20117): 108-128.

\_\_\_\_\_ and Prior-Miller, Marcia "The Emergence of the Magazine as a Distinct Media Form." In Holmes, Tim and Stenadori, Miglena, eds. *The Handbook of Magazine Studies*. Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons, 2018: under contract.

\_\_\_\_\_. "Buckets and Fires: A Contrarian View of Long-Form Writing Pedagogy." *Journal of Magazine Media*, 18:1 (Summer 2017): <<http://aejmcjournal.arizona.edu/journal.html>>.

\_\_\_\_\_. "There Be Dragons: The Pedagogy of the First Person." *Journalism Educator*, 72:2 (Summer 2017): <<https://doi.org/10.1177/1077695817719138>>.

\_\_\_\_\_ and Leone, Callie. "Making News: The Political Economy of Journalism in Britain and America from the Glorious Revolution to the Internet." (review). *Harvard Business School Business History Review* (October 2016): 618-620.

\_\_\_\_\_. "The Future of the Magazine Form." *Journal of Magazine and New Media Research*, 15:1 (Fall 2015): <<http://aejmcjournal.arizona.edu/journal.html>>.

\_\_\_\_\_. "Digital Transformation, Print Continuity: Magazine as Art Form Rather than Platform." In Abrahamson, David and Prior-Miller, Marcia, eds. *The Routledge Handbook of Magazine Research: The Future of the Magazine Form*. New York: Routledge, 2015.

\_\_\_\_\_ and Abusharif, Ibrahim. "Literary Journalism in the Middle East: The Paradox of Arab Exceptionalism." In Keeble, Richard and Tulloch, John, eds. *Global Literary Journalism: Exploring the Journalistic Imagination*. New York: Peter Lang Publishing, 2012: 23-38.

\_\_\_\_\_. "Journalism and Deception: The Other Side of a Two-Faced Coin." *Journal of Magazine and New Media Research*, 13:1 (Spring 2012): <<http://aejmcjournal.arizona.edu/journal.html>>.

\_\_\_\_\_. "The Counter-Coriolis Effect: Contemporary Literary Journalism in a Shrinking World." In Bak, John and Reynolds, Bill, eds. *Literary Journalism Across the Globe*. Amherst, MA: University of Massachusetts Press, 2011: 79-84.

\_\_\_\_\_. "A Narrative of Collegial Discovery: Some Conceptual Essentials." *Literary Journalism Studies*, 2:2 (Fall 2010): 85-95.

\_\_\_\_\_. "Magazine Exceptionalism: The Concepts, the Criteria, the Challenge." In Holmes, Tim, ed. *Mapping the Magazine: Comparative Studies in Magazine Journalism*. New York: Routledge, 2009.

\_\_\_\_\_ and Polsgrove, Carol. "The Right Niche: Consumer Magazines and Advertisers." In Nord, David Paul; Rubin, Joan Shelley; and Schudson, Michael, eds. *History of the Book in America—The Enduring Book: Print Culture in Postwar America (Vol. 5)*. New York: Cambridge University of North Carolina Press, 2009: 107-118.

- \_\_\_\_\_. "The Future of Magazines, 2010-2020." *Journal of Magazine and New Media Research*, 11.1 (Spring 2009): <<http://aejmcmagazine.arizona.edu/journal.html>>.
- \_\_\_\_\_. "An Inconvenient Legacy: *The Jungle* and the Immigrant Imperative." *Journalism History* 34:2 (Fall 2008).
- \_\_\_\_\_. "Teaching Literary Journalism: A Diverted Pyramid." *Journalism and Mass Communication Educator*, 60:4 (Winter 2006), 430-433.

## Selected Conference Activity

- \_\_\_\_\_. "Ethics in the Journalism Classroom: Challenging Some Assumptions?" Presented at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, 11 August 2017.
- \_\_\_\_\_. "The Eternal Question, What's the Story?" Presented at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, 10 August 2017.
- \_\_\_\_\_. "The Brave New World: Once There Was a Profession Known as Magazine Editing." Organized at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, 10 August 2017.
- \_\_\_\_\_. "The Challenges of Teaching Writing 101." To be presented at the International Association for Literary Journalism Studies Annual Conference, University of King's College, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, 13 May 2017.
- \_\_\_\_\_. "The Future Foretold: A Special Theory of Magazines" (keynote speech). Presented at the international conference, "Mapping the Magazine IV: A Cross-Disciplinary Symposium on Magazine Studies" at University of Sydney, Australia, 12 December 2016.
- \_\_\_\_\_. "Literary Journalism and Immigration: A Stranger in a Strange Land." Seminar leader at the European Society for the Study of English International Conference, National University of Ireland in Galway, Ireland, 24 August 2016.
- \_\_\_\_\_. "Long-Form Journalism and the Conceptual Conundrum." Presented at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN, 4 August 2016.
- \_\_\_\_\_. "A Sword with More than Two Edges: Validating the 'I' in Journalism." Presented at the International Association for Literary Journalism Studies Annual Conference, Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio Grande do Sul, Porto Alegre, Brazil, 20 May 2016.
- \_\_\_\_\_. "The Dangerous Pedagogy of the First Person: Black, White and Shades of Gray" Presented at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, 9 August 2015.
- \_\_\_\_\_. "The Future of Magazine History: Research Perspectives and Prospects." Presented at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, 6 August 2015.
- \_\_\_\_\_. "*Periodic Redux*: Long-Form Journalism's Future in the Brave New Digital World." Keynote speech presented at the European Society of Periodical Research, Radboud University Nijmegen, The Netherlands, 10 April 2014.
- \_\_\_\_\_. "Literary Journalism and the Book II: The Virtuous Intersection." Presented at the International Association for Literary Journalism Studies Annual Conference, Paris, France, 17 May 2014.
- \_\_\_\_\_. "The Story-Teller's Zoo: The Ethology of the Narrative Domain." Presented at Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Annual Conference, Washington, DC, 11 August 2013
- \_\_\_\_\_. "Starting with the Shards: How Broken Media Reassemble Themselves." Presented at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Annual Conference, Washington, DC, 10 August 2013.
- \_\_\_\_\_. "War, Literature and the Arts: An Exploration of the Humanities." Presented at the International Association for Literary Journalism Studies Annual Conference, University of Tampere, Finland, 17 May 2013.

## Service, Activities, Contributions

- Executive Committee Member, International Association of Literary Journalism Studies, 2006-present (President, 2008-2010).
- General Editor, "Visions of the American Press" series, Northwestern University Press, 2003-present.
- Head, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Magazine Division, 1997-1998; History Division, 2002-2003.
- Director, Center for the Writing Arts, Northwestern University, 2002-2006.
- Member, Editorial Board, "Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the English-Speaking World" Series, *Presses Universitaires de Nancy*, France (2011-present), *Literary Journalism Studies* (2008-present), *Journalism and Mass Communication Quarterly* (2000-present), *The Journal of Magazine and New Media Research* (1998-present), *Journalism and Mass Communication Monographs* (1998-2004), *American Journalism* (1994-present), *Journalism History* (1993-present).

## Professional Honors, Recognition

- **President's Award**, American Journalism Historians Association, 2016.
- American Journalism Historians Association **Book of the Year Prize**, *The American Revolution and the Press*, (editor), 2014; Kappa Tau Alpha **Frank Luther Mott Book of the Year Award**, *Women of the Washington Press*, (editor), 2013; American Journalism Historians Association **Book of the Year Prize**, *Abolition and the Press*, (editor), 2009; Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication **Tankard Award**, *The Environment and the Press*, (editor), 2009; AEJMC **Tankard Award**, *The African American Newspaper*, (editor) 2007.
- **Sidney Kobre Award** for lifetime Achievement in Journalism History, American Journalism Historians Association, 2013-2014.
- **Educator of the Year**, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Magazine Division, 2011-2012.
- Charles Deering **McCormick Professorship** of Teaching Excellence, Northwestern University, 2005-present.
- Helen Gurley **Brown Research Professorship** in Journalism, 2002-2005.
- Northwestern University **Alumnae Professorship** Award for Academic Enrichment, 1997-2015.