

**AIMEE CELESTE EDMONDSON**  
**Curriculum Vitae**

**Associate Professor, E.W. Scripps School of Journalism, Ohio University**

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- EDUCATION:** Doctor of Philosophy, Journalism, December 2008.  
University of Missouri School of Journalism  
Dissertation: "In Sullivan's Shadow: The Use and Abuse of Libel Law  
During the Civil Rights Movement."
- Master of Arts, Journalism, 1999.  
The University of Memphis  
Thesis: "An Analysis of Daily Newspapers' Youth Websites."  
Named Outstanding Graduate Student, Department of Journalism.
- Bachelor of Arts, Journalism, minor in American history, 1990.  
Louisiana State University
- Graduate of Briarfield Academy, Lake Providence, Louisiana, 1986.

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:**

- June 2014-present Associate Professor with tenure, E.W. Scripps School of Journalism,  
Ohio University, Athens, Ohio.
- 2008 to 2014 Assistant Professor, E.W. Scripps School of Journalism, Ohio  
University, Athens, Ohio.
- 2005-2008 Research Assistant, University of Missouri School of Journalism,  
Columbia, Missouri.
- 1997-1999 Graduate Assistant, University of Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee.

**TEACHING:**

- Ohio University: Communications Law  
Computer-Assisted Reporting/Data Journalism  
History of American Journalism  
The Media & the Civil Rights Movement  
Legal Research Methods graduate seminar  
Legal Issues of Online Journalism

Race, Gender and Class in the Media  
Feature Writing  
Newswriting (both traditional print and multimedia versions)

University of Missouri: Philosophy of Journalism graduate seminar, Fall 2007.  
History of American Journalism, Spring 2007.  
News writing, Spring 2006 and Summer 2007.

University of Memphis: Adjunct instructor, newswriting and reporting classes, 1999-2005.

*The Teen Appeal*, 1997-1999.  
Assistant coordinator of a city-wide high school newspaper geared toward minority teens. Helped launch and run the monthly tabloid, a project designed to encourage high school minorities to choose journalism, funded by the Scripps Howard Foundation, The University of Memphis, *The Commercial Appeal* and Memphis City Schools.

#### **REFEREED/SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS:**

Ken Ward and **Aimee Edmondson**, “The Espionage Conviction of Kansas City Editor Jacob Frohwerk: ‘A Clear and Present Danger’ to the United States,” *Journal of Media Law & Ethics* (Summer/Fall, 2017).

**Aimee Edmondson**, “Rearticulating *New York Times v. Sullivan* as a Social Duty to Journalists,” *Journalism Studies* (Fall 2016).

**Aimee Edmondson**, “A Pulitzer from the North, a Libel Suit from the South: Southern Editors’ Civil Rights Writings, 1954-1968,” *First Amendment Law Review*, 12 (Winter 2014).

**Aimee Edmondson**, “Tool of Empowerment: The Rhetorical Vision of Title Nine,” *Lodz Papers in Pragmatics* 7:1 (Fall 2011): 135-154.

Molly Yanity and **Aimee Edmondson**, “Ethics and the Online Coverage of Recruiting High School Athletes,” *International Journal of Sports Communication*, 4 (Winter 2011): 403-421.

**Aimee Edmondson** and Charles N. Davis, “Prisoners of Private Industry: Economic Development and State Sunshine Laws,” *Communication Law & Policy*, 16: 317 (Summer 2011): 317-348.

**Aimee Edmondson**, “In Sullivan’s Shadow: The Use and Abuse of Libel Law Arising from the Civil Rights Movement, 1960-1989,” *Journalism History* 37:1 (April 2011): 27-38.

**Aimee Edmondson** and Earnest L. Perry, “‘To the detriment of the institution’: *The Missouri Student’s Fight to Desegregate the University of Missouri.*” *American Journalism* 27:4 (Fall 2010): 105-131.

**Aimee Edmondson**, “Packing Heat: A Gun Battle between Privacy and Access,” *Journal of Media Law & Ethics*, 1:4 (Summer/Fall 2009): 217-240.

**Aimee Edmondson** and Earnest L. Perry, “Objectivity and *The Journalist’s Creed*: Local coverage of Lucile Bluford’s fight to enter the Missouri School of Journalism.” *Journalism History* 33: 4 (Winter 2008): 233-240.

Elinor Kelley Grusin and **Aimee Edmondson**, “Taking it to the Web: Youth News Moves Online.” *Newspaper Research Journal* 24: 3 (Summer 2003): 91-96.

### **FORTHCOMING:**

“In Sullivan’s Shadow: The Use and Abuse of Libel Law During the Civil Rights Movement.” This study analyzes libel cases filed by southern public officials relating to African Americans’ increasing fight for equal rights. Research identifies little-noticed lawsuits filed in the wake of the landmark *New York Times v. Sullivan*. This study expands on the evidence and argument that southern officials used existing libel laws to craft what amounted to a sedition law in order to stop the press from covering the civil rights movement. *Book contract with the University of Massachusetts Press.*

“Making Whiteness: Racial Defamation and the Negro Moniker,” revising and resubmitting article for *American Journalism*.

### **REPORTING EXPERIENCE (12 YEARS):**

June 1999-  
January 2006                    ***The Commercial Appeal***, Memphis. Circulation 235,000 Sunday.  
Reporter. Covered social services, K-12 education, general assignments and investigative projects for Metro.

March 1993-  
April 1996                    ***The Augusta Chronicle***, Augusta, Ga. Circulation 99,000 Sunday.  
Reporter. Covered science and medicine; wrote in-depth stories for the Sunday features sections.

February 1992-  
March 1993                    ***Griffin Daily News***, Griffin, Ga. Circulation 13,000.  
Education reporter and editor for afternoon daily.

January 1991-  
February 1992                    ***The Covington News***, Covington, Ga. Circulation 18,000.  
Education reporter and editor for tri-weekly.

Summer/Fall  
1990                            ***The Marietta Daily Journal***, Marietta, Ga. Circulation 20,000.  
Intern for metro.

January-May 1990            *The Morning Advocate*, Baton Rouge La. Circulation 125,000. Stringer during college.

August 1989-May 1990        *Gris Gris* – freelancer for premiere political magazine in Louisiana. Based in Baton Rouge.

Fall/Spring 1989        *The Daily Reveille*, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, La. Staff writer for student-run daily newspaper.

## **INVITED PUBLICATIONS:**

### **Book Chapter:**

“Forced to the Margins: The African American Press at the Turn of the Century.” *1908: Journalism at its Professional Birth*. Ed. Betty Winfield. Columbia, Mo.: University of Missouri Press, 2008, 303-315. Co-authored with Earnest Perry.

### **Essays:**

How to Overcome Your (and Your Students’) Fear of Excel, *MediaShift*, August 2017.

“The Historian’s Role in Teaching Data Journalism,” *The Intelligencer*, Summer 2016.

*Principles of American Journalism*, Essay on legal history and evolution of libel law textbook. Eds. Stephanie Craft and Charles Davis. New York: Routledge, 2013, 174-176.

### **Reviews:**

Reviews of two documentaries relating to civil rights and media, *American Journalism*, (29:4) Fall 2012, pp. 161-163. The documentaries are *Freedom Riders* and *Soundtrack for A Revolution*.

Kermit L. Hall and Melvin I. Urofsy’s “New York Times v. Sullivan: Civil Rights, Libel Law and the Free Press,” *Journalism*, 2012.

Peter Charles Hoffer’s “The Free Press Crisis of 1800, Thomas Cooper’s Trial for Seditious Libel,” *Journalism History* 37:3 (Fall 2011).

Carol A. Stabile’s “White Victims, Black Villains, Gender, Race, and Crime News in US Culture,” *Journalism* 11(2), April 2010, 244-246.

## **REFEREED PRESENTATIONS:**

“I was Afraid: African-American Journalist Alvin Adams’ Civil Rights Reporting for Jet Magazine in the 1960s,” research-in-progress presented at the American Journalism Historians Association annual conference, Little Rock, October 2017.

“Taking Your History Class on the Road: Inspiring Students with a sense of Place,” proposed panel accepted at the American Journalism Historians Association annual conference, Little Rock, October 2017.

“Buried Treasures: Digging Up Details of Police Brutality in the Trial Transcripts, Depositions, Affidavits and Other Untouched Sources Hidden Away in Dusty, Out of the Way Courthouses,” presented to the Media & Civil Rights Symposium, Columbia, South Carolina, March 2017.

“Protesting Police Brutality in the United States,” presented to the Minorities and Communication Division at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication annual conference, Minneapolis, August 2016.

“The Espionage Conviction of Kansas City Editor Jacob Frohwerk: ‘A Clear and Present Danger’ to the United States,” presented to the History Division at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication annual conference, Minneapolis, August 2016. (Co-authored with doctoral student Ken Ward)

“The Silencing of J.A. DeLaine,” research-in-progress presented at the American Journalism Historians Association annual conference, St. Paul, October 2014.

“At the intersection of libel and race: Aaron Henry picks up a hitchhiker?” presented to the Minorities and Communication Division at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication annual conference, Washington, DC., August 2013.

“Breaking the circle: Citizens, journalism, and the statutory divide,” presented to the Cultural and Critical Studies Division at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication annual conference, Washington, DC., August 2013. (Co-authored with doctoral student Edgar Simpson)

“What Did They Know and When Did They Know It?: *Editor & Publisher’s* Coverage of Libel during the Civil Rights Movement (1960-1970), presented to the Media and Civil Rights Symposium, Columbia, South Carolina, March 2013.

“The Bounce of Title Nine,” presented to the Commission on the Status of Women at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication annual conference, Chicago, August 2012.

“The Espionage Conviction of Kansas City Editor Jacob Frohwerk: ‘A Clear and Present Danger’ to the United States,” research-in-progress presented at the American Journalism Historians Association annual conference, Kansas City, October 2011.

“A Pulitzer up North, a Libel Suit down South: Southern Editors' Civil Rights Writings, 1954-1968,” presented to the History Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication annual conference, St. Louis, August 2011.

“From the USA to East Africa: A Public Policy Argument in Support of an Independent, Non-profit Press,” to be presented at the Africa Health and Development Communication Conference, in Nairobi, Kenya, June 27-29, 2011.

“Charlotta Bass and the *California Eagle*: The Black Editor who ‘Whipped the Klan,’” presented at the Media and Civil Rights Symposium, running concurrently with the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Southeast Colloquium, Columbia, South Carolina, March 2011.

“Making Whiteness: Racial Defamation and the Negro Moniker,” presented at the American Journalism Historians Association annual conference, Tucson, October 2010.

“Avoiding the Prisoner’s Dilemma: Economic Development and State Sunshine Laws,” presented to the Law Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication annual conference, Denver, August 2010. (First author with Charles N. Davis.)

“In Sullivan’s Shadow: The Use and Abuse of Libel Law During the Civil Rights Movement,” presented to the History Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication annual conference, Boston, August 2009.

“Black and White: The Case of Mistaken Identity and the Inevitable Libel Suit,” research-in-progress presented at the American Journalism Historians Association annual conference, Seattle, October 2008.

“Packing Heat: A Gun Battle between Privacy and Access,” presented to the Law Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication annual conference, Chicago, August 2008.

“‘To the detriment of the institution’: *The Missouri Student’s* Fight to Desegregate the University of Missouri,” presented to the History Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication annual conference, Washington, D.C., August 2007 (with Earnest Perry).

“Tool of Empowerment: The Rhetorical Vision of Title Nine,” presented to the International Communication Association Feminist Scholarship Division at the annual conference in San Francisco, May 2007.

“Let the Doors Be Opened! *The Missouri Student’s* Fight to Desegregate the University of Missouri,” work-in-progress presented to the American Journalism Historians Association annual conference in Wichita, October 2006 (First author with Earnest Perry).

“Objectivity and *The Journalist’s Creed*: Local coverage of Lucile Bluford’s fight to enter the Missouri School of Journalism,” presented to the Minorities and Communication Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, San Francisco, August 2006 (First author with Earnest Perry).

#### **ACADEMIC HONORS:**

**Top Faculty Paper**, Minorities and Communication Division, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication annual conference, Washington, D.C., August 2013, for “At the intersection of libel and race: Aaron Henry picks up a hitchhiker?”

**2013 Outstanding Graduate Faculty Award**, a university-wide honor that goes to a professor who has “demonstrated exemplary performance as an instructor, a researcher and a faculty member.” The recipient serves as the graduate commencement speaker the following year.

**2011 N. Victor Goodman Honors Tutorial College Award**, given to a faculty member at Ohio University during their first three years of tutoring Honors students. The award is given on the basis of quality of the tutor’s instruction as evidenced by student evaluations and observations of administrators. (Tutored 17 undergraduate honors students in Communication Law during first three years at Ohio.)

**J. William Snorgrass Award for the Outstanding Paper on a Minorities Topic**, American Journalism Historians Association, Tucson, October 2010, for “Making Whiteness: Racial Defamation and the Negro Moniker.”

Honorable mention, **David Sloan Award for the Outstanding Faculty Paper**, American Journalism Historians Association, Tucson, October 2010, for “Making Whiteness: Racial Defamation and the Negro Moniker.”

Honorable mention, **American Journalism Historians Association Margaret A. Blanchard Doctoral Dissertation Prize**. Presented dissertation at the annual AJHA conference in Birmingham, Alabama, October 6-8, 2009.

**Second Place Faculty Paper**, History Division, Education in Journalism and Mass Communication annual conference, August 2009, for “In Sullivan’s Shadow: The Use and Abuse of Libel Law During the Civil Rights Movement.”

**Third Place Paper**, Minorities and Communication Division, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, San Francisco, August 2006, for “Objectivity and *The Journalist’s Creed*: Local coverage of Lucile Bluford’s fight to enter the Missouri School of Journalism.”

Member, Kappa Tau Alpha honor society. Inducted in 1999.

**INVITED PRESENTATIONS:**

“Data-driven Reporting on the Environmental Beat,” Leipzig University, December 2017.

“The Freedom of Information Act in the United States,” Leipzig University, December 2017.

“Data Journalism: Best Practices,” Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong, November 2017.

“Teaching Data Journalism Across the Curriculum,” Fudan University, conference on the Future of Media and Communication Research: Media Ecology and Big Data,” Shanghai, China, November 2017.

“In Pursuit of Justice: Your Free Expression Rights,” University of Kentucky: Multicultural Opportunities, Strategies and Institutional Inclusiveness Conference (MOSIIC), November 2017.

“Keeping the zombies out of my classroom: Data for the college crowd,” Panelist, Teaching data journalism and computer-assisted reporting: Your best ideas. Investigative Reporters and Editors’ Computer-Assisted Reporting annual conference, Denver, March 2016.

“A Perspective of PR Education in the United States,” Al-Farabi Kazakh National University, Kazakhstan, November 2015. Invited to speak as part of an international conference hosted by the Ministry of Education and Science regarding “Actual Problems of PR Education in Kazakhstan.

Discussant, History Division, *Politics and the Making of Media Policy: A Historical Perspective*, the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication annual conference, Montreal, August 2014.

Discussant, *Journalistic Freedom and Political Activism in the Internet Age*, for the Graduate Student Interest Group of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication annual conference, Montreal, August 2014.

*The Press and the U.S. Civil Rights Movement: A Study of the Evolution of Libel Law*, Sino-US Bilateral Conference on Journalism and Communication: Communication History Research in the Age of Globalization, sponsored in part by Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China, May 2013.

Discussant, *Levers of Power: U.S. Institutions and Print Culture in Struggles for Civil Rights*, Media and Civil Rights Symposium, Columbia, South Carolina, March 2013.



Discussant, History Division, *African-American Voices, Viewpoints, and Historical Perspectives on Race*, the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication annual conference, Chicago, August 2012.

*Outside the Mainstream: Finding Diverse Voices in Alternative Press History*. Panelist at the American Journalism Historians Association annual conference in Kansas City, October 2011.

Discussant, History Division, *Finding Commonalities, Exploring Differences*, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Southeast Colloquium, Columbia, South Carolina, March 2011.

Panelist, *Ohio Sunshine Summit*, a gathering of students, faculty and experts from across the state to discuss FOIA issues and student access to university records, February 2011.

*Theo Wilson, the Grande Dame of the national Trial Press Corps*. Panelist for the Graduate Student Committee Panel: *She's Not a Woman, She's a Newspaperman: Five Female Journalists and Their Places in History*, at the American Journalism Historians Association annual conference in Richmond, October 2007.

*Learning to Teach: Developing Programs to Help Graduate Students Learn how to Teach Undergraduate Courses*. Panelist at the American Journalism Historians Association annual conference in Richmond, October 2007.

*Katrina and media research: Scholarship on America's worst modern natural disaster 18 months later*. Panelist for Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Southeast Colloquium, New Orleans, March 2007.

Casey Journalism Center, University of Maryland. 2006. Presented results of an infant mortality series that ran in *The Commercial Appeal* in 2005 at the Casey annual awards banquet for the nonprofit organization that focuses on reporting of children and families nationwide.

University of Mississippi Journalism Week, Oxford, Ms. 2005. Presentation to Ole Miss Journalism students regarding coverage of Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita after spending about five weeks in New Orleans and other parts of South Louisiana on assignment for *The Commercial Appeal*.

Education Writers Association Annual Convention, San Francisco, 2004. Served on panel with two other national winners of the annual reporting contest, discussing how we researched and wrote our stories.

Hechinger Institute on Education and the Media, Louisville, Ky. 2004. Served as panelist at seminar for education reporters on covering urban school districts. The session focused on coverage of national superintendent searches.

*Reaching Out to Young Readers and Future Journalists through a Citywide High School Newspaper*, presented to the Newspaper and Scholastic Divisions of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, New Orleans, August 1999.

### **WORKSHOPS IN COMPUTER-ASSISTED REPORTING**

(I conduct hands-on training for working journalists, faculty and students in data journalism):

November 2015. Conducted two-week data journalism seminar for students at Al-Farabi Kazakh National University in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

May 22, 2015. Conducted day-long CAR training for graduate students. Leipzig University, Germany.

May 24, 2013. Introduction to data journalism. Zhjiang University, Hangzhou, China.

June 2-23, 2012. Training sponsored by Internews. Conducted 21 days of CAR training for working journalists in Nairobi, Kenya.

March 18, 2012. St. Francis College, Hyderabad, India. Sponsored by the Indian Press Academy and the American Consulate. Conducted half-day CAR training for faculty and students.

March 13, 2012. International Symposium on Convergence, Multimedia Platforms and Classroom Teaching. Sri Padmavati Mahila Visvavidyalayam (SPMVV) Women's University, Tirupati, India. Conducted half-day CAR training for faculty and students.

June 27-29, 2011. Africa Health and Development Communication Conference, in Nairobi, Kenya. Conference sponsored by Daystar University and the University of Nigeria in Kenya; Makerere University in Uganda, St. Augustine University in Tanzania and others. Conducted half-day CAR training for working journalists from several East African countries.

### **GRANTS**

\$1,250 Joseph McKerns Research Grant, American Journalism Historians Association, 2015. For travel and other costs relating to legal historical research project.

\$1,000 ALT-Textbook Initiative, Ohio University grant with the primary purpose of offering resources and incentives to keep the cost of textbook and course materials low for students.

\$200 Reimagining the Research Assignment, Ohio University collaboration through the library system.

Recipient of a 2012 Fulbright Hayes Grant through the U.S. Consulate-General in Hyderabad, India (Award #: S-IN650-12-GR-174 – *Forging a Strategic Partnership, Empowering People and Encouraging Good Governance.*) From the U.S. Consulate-General in Hyderabad, India – \$9,000. Dr. Yusuf Kalyango, Principal Investigator. The themes of the

sponsored five-day training workshops in Tirupati and Hyderabad were: 1). Journalism in a Changing Media Landscape; 2). One-Day International Symposium on Multimedia Technologies; 3) Computer-Assisted Reporting.

\$3,000 - Ohio University Honors Tutorial Research Apprenticeship, 2010. Funding for undergraduate apprentice for research project on intersection of race and libel.

\$25,000 - Ohio University new faculty research grant, 2008. This is a three-year start-up grant for general research.

\$800 - University of Missouri, dissertation travel grant, 2007.

\$2,000 - Masters thesis research grant, the Newspaper Association of America, 1999.

### **DOCTORAL DISSERTATION COMMITTEES (COMPLETED):**

Enakshi Roy, “Social Media, Censorship and Securitization in the United States and India” (2017).

Clay Carey, “Telling Us What We Already Know: A Case Study Analysis of Poverty Coverage in Rural Appalachian Community News Outlets” (2014) Chaired committee.

Paul Jacoway, “Are Documentaries Journalism? The Gap Between a Shared Truth and Verification” (2014).

Jim DeBrosse, “Lost in the Master’s Mansion”: How the Mainstream Media’s Treatment of JFK Assassination Theories Has Failed America” (2014).

Ashley Furrow, “Instilling a Rugged Manhood: The Popular Press Coverage of College Athletics and the National Collegiate Athletic Association, 1896-1916.” (2013) Chaired committee.

Molly Yanity, “Publishing for Paydirt: Analyzing How Messages About Big-Time College Football Reinforce Power.” (2013) Chaired committee.

Edgar C. Simpson. “Rise of the Audience: News, Public Affairs, and the Public Sphere in a Digital Nation. (2012)

### **MASTER’S THESES COMMITTEES (COMPLETED):**

Samantha Peko, “Stunt Girls: “Elizabeth Bisland, Nell Nelson, and Ada Patterson as Rivals to Nellie Bly,” (2016).

Audrey Bonfig, “The Hatfields and McCoys: America’s Feud as Portrayed in the New York, West Virginia, and Kentucky Press, 1888-1890 (2016).

Zachary A. Lloyd, "Four Mile: The Cultural History of an Appalachian River Campground" (2015).

Allison Hunter, "News Is Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas: A Critical History of the Holiday Shopping Season and ABC Network's Nightly News" (2014). Chaired committee.

Yayu Feng, "Analysis of Moral Argumentation in Newspapers Editorial Contents with Kohlberg's Moral Development Model" (2014).

Meng Liu, "Moral Dilemmas in Blog Commenting: A Study on the Ethics Behind the Comment Policies on Feminist Blogs" (2014).

Aerin Curtis, "'Straight jacket' or 'high bar:' Wyoming parents and the debate on state standards." (2014) Professional project.

Sijie Wang, "Criticism, Censorship and Influence on Newswork: A Content Analysis of film reviews published in Photoplay magazine" (2014).

Annah Abetti Korpi, "Behind Closed Doors: Saudi Women Make Their Mark Through Poetry, Photography, and Professional Ambition" (2013).

Bixi Tian, "A Multimedia Website: A Promotional Go-To Website for Chinese Applicants to E.W. Scripps School of Journalism" (2013).

Lu Wu, "Tell it if you can: A Study of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder in Newspapers and Military Blogs" (2013).

Magdalena Chapin, "A History of the Homeless Grapevine" (2013).

Carolyn Fisk, "Creating a Hyperlocal Information Site in Rural Appalachian Ohio." (2013) Chaired professional project.

Xiyuan Liu, "Homosexual Representation Diversity in Media: The Role of Associative Interference in Diminishing Stereotypes and Improving Attitudes." (2012)

Daniel Doyle, "A Discourse-Proceduralist Case for Election and Media Reform after Citizen's United." (2012)

Celanie Polanick, "The Steel Generations: Steelworkers in Western Pennsylvania and their continuing cultural and economic impact on the way we work." (Professional project, 2011)

Evan Barton. "The Messenger and The Crisis during World War I and the Red Scare." (2011)

Molly Yanity. "Identifying Ethical and Legal Challenges and solutions in the Online Coverage of Recruiting High School Athletes." (Completed in 2011)

Ashley Furrow. "Race and Gender Bias in Editorial and Advertising Photographs and in Sources in Sports Illustrated Kids, 2000-2009." (2010)

Brianna L. Savoca. "Leon Bibb: A Pioneer in Ohio Broadcast Journalism." (2010)

Edgar C. Simpson. "'Sustained Outrage': Owner/Publisher W.E. 'Ned' Chilton III and the *Charleston* (West Virginia) *Gazette*, 1962-1987." (2009)

### **UNDERGRADUATE HONORS THESES (ADVISER):**

Selina Nadeau, "In Defense of Propaganda: The Republican Response to State-Created Narratives Which Silenced Political Speech During the Northern Irish Conflict," 1969-1998.

Amy Rubenstein, "Turning 'Torture' into a Blameless Blunder: Abu Ghraib in U.S. Media." (2015)

Jessie Cadle, "Transcending Transvestite: Analyzing the Language of Ohio Courts and Media in Regard to Transgender Individuals." (2013)

### **REPORTING AWARDS AS A WORKING JOURNALIST:**

**Casey Medal for Meritorious Journalism (\$1,000).** National award for reporting on children and families for "Born to Die." Conducted original research that showed Memphis had the highest infant mortality rate among the nation's 60 largest U.S. cities. The 10-month project ran in three ad-free special sections on consecutive Sundays. 2006.

**Green Eyeshade Excellence in Journalism Award.** The Society of Professional Journalists. First place, investigative reporting for "Born to Die." Competition of working journalists in 11 southeastern states. 2006.

#### **Education Writers Association national citation.**

Third place, 2003. For series of stories on K-12 teachers who cheat in the wake of high stakes school reform. Conducted a survey of 11,000 city and county teachers on their attitudes and behaviors as part of the project, which placed third behind *The Wall Street Journal* and *Philadelphia Inquirer*. This story also garnered the 2003 School Bell Award given by the teachers' union, the Tennessee Education Association.

### **Scripps Howard In-house Awards:**

#### **The Best of Scripps, Quarterly Awards (\$1,000)**

Spot News, Second Quarter 2005. For team coverage of the FBI sting "Operation Tennessee Waltz" that led to the indictments of five state legislators on corruption charges.

Specialty Reporting, First Quarter 2005. Awarded for "Born to Die."

### **The Best of Scripps, Annual Awards (\$1,000)**

Spot News, 2004. For team coverage of an Arkansas bus wreck that killed 15 passengers after the driver fell asleep at the wheel.

### **The Best of Scripps, Monthly Awards (\$250)**

**Enterprise Reporting**, February 2004. For feature story “Women Who Protect Us,” about female police, firefighters and paramedics who are changing the face of public safety in Memphis post 9/11.

**Spot News**, July 2003. Team coverage of “Hurricane Elvis,” actually hurricane-strength straightline winds that ripped through Memphis, leaving thousands without power for weeks.

**Spot News**, June 2003. For extensive coverage of the death of a Memphis toddler, forgotten in a sweltering day care van. Stories helped lead to the reform of Tennessee’s subsidized day care industry.

**Specialty Reporting**, November 2002. For an investigation of a high-priced plan to revamp Memphis City Schools’ air conditioning systems. The story showed how the job could be done for half of the amount planned. The city schools scrapped that original plan after the stories ran and rebid the project for millions in savings.

**Enterprise Reporting**, June 2001. Spent a semester in one of Memphis’ lowest performing schools, showing daily life here, amid the national debate about school quality.

**Specialty Reporting**, February 2001. For feature on a high-discipline school in the Bronx that became a model for a new program in Memphis, showing how great teaching can help break the poverty cycle.

**Enterprise Reporting**, June 1999. For several stories showing inequities in Memphis’ property reappraisal program (with Louis Graham).

### **Tennessee Associated Press Managing Editors:**

Malcolm Law Investigative reporting award, 2006, for Born to Die infant mortality series.

First place, non-deadline reporting, 2001. For the story of a semester in a low-performing school. The story also won the 2001 Award for Excellence in Education Reporting given by the Tennessee School Boards Association.

### **Georgia Associated Press**

Third place, features, 1993. For a series published in *The Augusta Chronicle* on women in the military. Followed women at the co-educational Georgia Military College in the wake of

Shannon Faulkner's legal battle for entrance into The Citadel. This story also garnered Feature of the Year and Story of the Year at *The Chronicle* and \$2,000.

Associated Press awards while working for *The Griffin Daily News*, the small newspaper division: First place, features, 1992; Second place, features, 1992; Third place, public service, 1992.

**Society of Professional Journalists**, Augusta, Ga. chapter.  
Cindy Pleasant's Award for Humanitarian Journalism, 1993.  
First place, feature reporting, 1994.

**Employee of the Month**, *The Augusta Chronicle*, July 1994.

#### **PROFESSIONAL AND PEDAGOGY DEVELOPMENT:**

**Investigative Reporters and Editors** annual convention, Phoenix, June 2017. Escorted students from my data journalism class at Ohio. Taught hands-on session in Excel to working journalists.

**Investigative Reporters and Editors** annual convention, New Orleans, June 2016. Escorted six students from my data journalism class at Ohio.

**Investigative Reporters and Editors'** Computer-Assisted Reporting annual conference, Denver, March 2016.

**Investigative Reporters and Editors'** Computer-Assisted Reporting annual conference, Atlanta, March 2015. Escorted 15 students from my CAR class at Ohio.

**Investigative Reporters and Editors'** Computer-Assisted Reporting annual conference, Baltimore, March 2014. Escorted 11 students from my CAR class at Ohio.

**Poynter Institute**, A New Curriculum for a New Journalism: Adding Basic Data, Visualization and Digital Storytelling to Journalism Courses, January 6-8, 2014.

**Investigative Reporters and Editors'** Computer-Assisted Reporting annual conference, Louisville, Kentucky, March 2013. Escorted 6 students from my CAR class at Ohio.

**Fellow for Kiplinger Program in Public Affairs Journalism**, training for working journalists to make better use of online tools and social media, Ohio State University, May 1-2, 2012.

**Investigative Reporters and Editors'** Computer-Assisted Reporting annual conference, Phoenix, Arizona, March 2010.

**Ohio State Bar Association** Law and Media Conference, Columbus, October 2009. October 2013.

**Investigative Reporters and Editors’ Better Watchdog Workshop**, Kent State University, March 2009.

**National Freedom of Information Coalition FOI Summit**. Seattle, May 2007; Philadelphia, May 2008.

**Investigative Reporters and Editors’ Computer-assisted Reporting Bootcamp**. University of Missouri. Week-long seminar on using spreadsheets and databases to analyze information to create high-impact stories. August 2006.

As a working reporter:

**Columbia University**, Hechinger Institute on Education and the Media.

Received seven fellowships over several years to attend seminars for education reporters on a variety of topics, from covering school boards to charter schools to No Child Left Behind.

**Fellow at the Western Knight Center for Specialized Journalism, University of Southern California Annenberg School for Communication, Los Angeles**. While reporting for *The Commercial Appeal*, was named a member of a Scripps Howard “Dream Team” and received fellowship to attend seminars on brain science and early childhood education. The training culminated in a series of stories written by the team that appeared in all Scripps Howard newspapers. 2003.

**The Poynter Institute National Writers Workshop**, sponsored by the University of South Carolina and *The State* newspaper, Columbia, South Carolina, 1995.

#### **New Directions for News**

Leadership and management training seminar sponsored by the independent media research think tank, focusing on coverage of and for women, teenagers and senior citizens. Augusta, Georgia. 1993.

#### **SERVICE:**

**Assistant Academic Director** (for research), Study of the U.S. Institute on Journalism and Media (SUSI), Summer 2012. As part of a \$289,000 grant from the U.S. Department of State, served as co-principal investigator with Prof. Mary Rogus and Dr. Yusuf Kalyango in administering a summer media training institute for 18 journalism and media professors/scholars from 18 countries for six weeks.

**Professional:** *Journalism History*, assistant editor, 2012-present.

#### **American Journalism Historians Association:**

Board of Directors, 2010-2013.

*American Journalism* Editorial Advisory Board, 2010-2012.

Annual Book Award Judging Coordinator, 2009-present.

Education Committee, 2008-2016.



- School:** Chair, Assessment Committee, 2014-present.  
 Member, Diversity Committee, 2013.  
 Member, Graduate Committee, 2010-present.  
 Member, Technology Committee, 2010-2014.  
 Member, Director's Advisory Committee, 2010-present.  
 Adviser, Association for Women in Sports Media, 2012-2013.  
 Co-adviser, Society of Professional Journalists student chapter, 2011-12.  
 Member, Transfer Committee, 2009-2010.  
 Member, Capstone Curriculum Committee, 2009-2010.  
 Member, Senior Scholar Search Committee, Fall 2008.
- Presenter, High School Journalism Workshop, Ohio University, 2010, 2012, 2016.
- Collaborator and presenter, legal issues and computer-assisted reporting. Study of the U.S. Institute on Journalism and Media (SUSI), Summer 2010-present.
- College:** Member, Search Committee, Scripps in DC program coordinator, 2017.  
 Member, Search Committee, Immersive Media Initiative Project Manager, 2016  
 Member, Search committee, new Infographics faculty position within the School of Visual Communication, 2014-2015.  
 Member, Qualitative Research Methods Committee, 2011.  
 Member, Schuneman Symposium planning committee, 2013.
- University:** Budget Planning Council (2016-2017) Faculty at-large member of advisory body to the university president in matters relating to long-term financial policies and budgeting priorities and focused on the long-term fiduciary health of the institution.
- Member, Post Business Manager Search Committee, 2016.
- Chair, Post Publishing Board (2012-2015) Presided over board meetings, worked with the Post editor and business manager and provided oversight to chose the new editor each year.
- Program Reviewer (2015-2016). Reviewer for other academic departments at Ohio University, reviewing that department's self study and conducting a two-day on-site visit with a team of external and other internal reviewers to determine the viability and quality of OU's programs.
- Member, Screening committee for the position of Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students (2013). Duties

included narrowing applicant list for airport interviews and participating in interviews and public forums with the three finalists.

**Judge:** Reviewer for *American Journalism, Journalism History, Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly* and *Howard Journal of Communications*.  
Reviewer for American Journalism Historians Association research papers for annual convention (standing commitment).  
AEJMC Law Division research papers, Southeast Regional Colloquium, 2009-present.  
AEJMC History Division and Law Division research papers, annual convention (standing commitment).  
National Association of Real Estate Editors Contest, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016.  
Oxford University Press, Newswriting book proposal, 2007.  
Casey Medal Competition, University of Maryland, 2006.

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS:**

Kappa Tau Alpha honor society  
Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication  
American Journalism Historians Association  
Investigative Reporters and Editors  
Chi Omega fraternity

**VOLUNTEER WORK:** Hiked the 2,158-mile Appalachian Trail, which runs from Georgia to Maine through 14 states, to benefit the National Stroke Association after a family member suffered a stroke. The wilderness trail walk took six months in 1996. Met with stroke victims along the way and helped coordinate fundraising activities, which included soliciting sponsorship from corporations as well as individual pledges for the hike.

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