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Profile

- Communications consultant, experienced in public and Indigenous engagement for nuclear energy.
- Landscape painter, with recent public showings, commissioned works, and an online-portfolio.
- Retired business executive, with senior leadership experience in Canadian media companies and a global policy think tank, in public affairs, and in board governance of health care.

Career

J. FRED KUNTZ COMMUNICATIONS – OWNER / PRINCIPAL CONSULTANT June 2022 – present
Supporting Indigenous engagement and public communications in nuclear energy.

LAURENTIS ENERGY PARTNERS January 2021 – June 2022

Laurentis, a commercial subsidiary of Ontario Power Generation, is a leader in medical isotopes, nuclear engineering and project management in the global energy sector.

- **Director of Communications** (January 2021 – June 2022)

ONTARIO POWER GENERATION (OPG) October 2016 – June 2022

OPG, owned by the Government of Ontario, generates more than half of the electricity in Ontario.

- **Senior Manager, Corporate Relations and Projects** (March 2019 – June 2022)
- **Manager, Corporate Relations and Communications** (October 2016 – March 2019)

CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL GOVERNANCE INNOVATION 2010 – 2015

Independent, non-partisan think tank on international governance. CIGI is funded by both private and public sources, including the Government of Canada, to conduct public-policy research.

- **Vice President of Public Affairs (January 2011 – July 2015)**
- **Senior Director of Communications and Public Affairs** (May-December, 2010)

THE TORONTO STAR 2006 – 2008

Canada's most-read daily newspaper.

- **Editor-in-Chief**

GRAND RIVER VALLEY NEWSPAPERS (GRVN), Torstar Corp. 2001 – 2006

Publishing the Waterloo Regional Record, Guelph Mercury, Cambridge Reporter and Grand Magazine.

- **Group Publisher**

THE GLOBE AND MAIL February 2000 – July 2001

Canada's premier national and business newspaper.

- **Associate Editor**

THE TORONTO STAR 1981 – 2000

- **Progressively senior positions**, including Saturday Editor, Deputy Managing Editor, City Editor, Business Editor, Deputy City Editor, Senior Editor, News Editor, Assistant City Editor, Assistant National Editor, Copy Editor

Education

- **Directors Education Program**, Rotman School of Management. 2010. Obtained ICD.D designation.
- **Bachelor of Arts – Journalism**, Ryerson University, 1977-80, graduated 1982.
- **Canadian Securities Course**, with Honours. Toronto, October 1994.

Awards and Recognition

- Doctor of Letters (Honourary), Wilfrid Laurier University. In recognition of “outstanding service as a corporate executive” and “commitment to public service.” 2007.
- Michael R. Follett *Community Leader Award*, a Business Excellence award of the Greater Kitchener-Waterloo Chamber of Commerce, 2007.
- Multiple journalism awards including: Twice a co-winner of the Michener Award for Public Service Journalism; two Citations of Merit in the National Newspaper Awards; 2007 Harmony Award for the Toronto Star, while I was Editor-in-Chief, for the newspaper’s continuing work to break down diversity barriers in Canada; Canadian Journalism Foundation Award Excellence in Editorial Award, for the Waterloo Region Record newsroom (as led by Editor-in-Chief Lynn Haddrall), 2003; three-time winner of Award of Excellence from the Society for News Design, including: in 1999, in category of Front Page (175,000 and over), for Saturday Star on the introduction of the federal Clarity Act; in 2000, in category of News Section Design, for The Globe and Mail; and in 2000, in category of Breaking News Topic Design, for The Globe and Mail.

Community Involvement - sampling

- Member, Board of Directors, **Wilfrid Laurier University Student Publications**. Not-for-profit, student-run media corporation. 2014-16.
- Member, Board of Directors, **Balsillie School of International Affairs**, a three-way partnership among the University of Waterloo, Wilfrid Laurier University and CIGI. 2014-15.
- Member, Board of Directors, **Trillium Health Partners**, 2011-13. Largest hospital in Ontario, as measured by operating beds, inpatient separations and emergency department visits. Member of the CEO selection committee, Chief of Medical Staff selection committee, Governance committee, vice chair of Quality & Performance Monitoring committee.
- Member, Board of Directors, **Trillium Health Centre**, from 2009 until merger with Credit Valley Hospital in 2011. Member of Joint Steering Committee to guide and implement the merger.

Art Showings

- Art on the Fence, Southampton, 2023.
- Art on the Promenade, Port Elgin, 2016.
- Up the Alley, Southampton, 2016.
- Toronto’s Gallery 380, 1992.

Personal

- Born June 5, 1957, in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.
- Married to Elizabeth Kuntz, B.A., B.Ed., L.L.B., M.A, lawyer and professor. Children Jillian Evans and Robbie Graham-Kuntz.