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- Experience:** **Pioneer Press**, St. Paul, Minnesota; September 2004–May 2008
- *Urban life reporter*, December 2007–May 2008
Revealed the quirky sides and serious issues in St. Paul's neighborhoods. Used multimedia skills to create news videos. Showed how a bar used a chest-level video camera to film its waitresses.
 - *Washington County crime, courts and government reporter*, September 2004–December 2007
Cultivated sources to get exclusives, such as an award-winner about a guilt-racked sheriff's deputy who'd failed to stop a murder. Exposed an anti-Muslim smear campaign against a Forest Lake mayoral candidate. While helping Knight Ridder cover Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans, examined how flooding had destroyed court evidence, potentially enabling some defendants to walk.
- Monterey County Herald**, Monterey, California; January 1999–August 2004
- *General assignment reporter*, September 2001–August 2004
Covered city hall, courts and investigations. Documented waste in a municipal housing program, prompting reform. Exposed years of inefficiency and mismanagement at the county hospital.
 - *Education reporter*, June 1999–September 2001
Covered a dozen K-12 school districts and several colleges. Wrote a three-part series that dug into the mysterious death of a local school district finance official and the financial mess he left behind. Served as a temporary copy editor beginning January 1999 before switching to reporting.
- Knight Ridder Moscow Bureau**, December 2003–January 2004
- Covered Russian and Georgian elections, features and breaking news as a correspondent on loan from the Monterey County Herald. Analyzed the failure of reformers in the Russian Duma, and covered President Vladimir Putin's crackdown on big business and consolidation of power.
- The Prague Post**, Prague, Czech Republic; July 1994–November 1998
- *Assistant business editor*, May 1996–November 1998
Helped guide business coverage, pinpointing topics of interest to an international audience. Supervised a dozen staff writers, researchers, free-lancers and columnists while writing stories.
 - *Business/general news reporter*, July 1994–May 1996
Wrote stories explaining country's post-communist economic and political transformation. Focused on industry, banking, securities and the economy – especially fraud in banking and privatization.
- Free-lance:** *USA Today; Atlanta Journal-Constitution; Investor's Business Daily; BNA's Eastern Europe Reporter*
- Awards:** 2008 Society of Professional Journalists Page One Awards; Short Feature – *Third Place*
2004 Minnesota Associated Press Association News Contest; Continuing News Coverage – *First Place (Team)*, Spot News – *Second Place (Team)*
2003 California Newspaper Publishers Association; *Blue Ribbon – Investigative Reporting*
- Education:**
- *Master of science*, European political economy, London School of Economics, London, UK; 2009
 - *Postgraduate studies*, Ruhr-Universität, Bochum, Germany; October 1989–July 1994. Studied German, history and politics on a one-year Rotary scholarship. Taught English to finance further studies.
 - *Bachelor of arts*, journalism with minor in history, University of Georgia; 1989
- Languages:** *German:* Fluent *Czech:* Intermediate *Spanish:* Intermediate
- Skills:** MCTC Web Design Professional Series Certificate: Basic XHTML, CSS, Dreamweaver, Flash, Photoshop
Working knowledge of Excel, WordPress, blogging, social media, video production
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