

CURRICULUM VITAE

RUSSELL E. ESHLEMAN JR.

EMPLOYMENT

Penn State University, senior lecturer (now assistant teaching professor), August 2001 to present, associate head Department of Journalism, July 2009 to July 2014. Head, Department of Journalism, Fall 2013 to present.

Capitolwire.com, managing editor, August 2000 to August 2001

Penn State University, lecturer of communications, August 1999 to August 2000

The Philadelphia Inquirer, bureau chief, reporter, June 1984 to August 1999

Lancaster New Era, editor, reporter, February 1979 to June 1984

Lancaster Sunday News, sports staff (Saturday night desk), 1977 to 1979

National Central Bank, writer, October 1977 to February 1979

Gettysburg Times, reporter, June 1977 to October 1977

ADDITIONAL WRITING

Monthly state politics column, Lancaster Sunday News, Centre Daily Times, August 2005 to December 2008

Periodic election blog, Spring 2008, WPSU

Weekly politics column for Capitolwire.com, carried at least occasionally in newspapers including the Wilkes-Barre Times Leader, the Intelligencer Journal, the York Daily Record, the Altoona Mirror and the Elmira Star Gazette, January 2001 to March 2005

Freelance op-ed piece in Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, December 12, 2004

Various freelance articles in Central Pennsylvania Magazine, the Franklin and Marshall College Reporter, and The Penn Stater, between 1996 and 2000

ADDITIONAL TEACHING, JOURNALISM SEMINARS

Director, Penn State Institute for High School Journalists, 2004-2009

Director, Penn State Institute for High School Sports Journalism, 2006-2009

Writing seminars, Lancaster Newspapers Inc., 2111, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2005, 2001, 2000

Writing seminar, Centre Daily Times, 2000

Speaker, Greensboro (N.C.) News and Record, 2000

Speaker, Wilkes-Barre Times Leader, 2000

Adjunct instructor, magazine writing, Penn State-Harrisburg, 1999, 1998

Adjunct instructor, public affairs reporting, Temple-Harrisburg, 1998, 1997

Professional in Residence, Penn State University, 1996

Speaker, Chesapeake Writers Conference, Ocean City, Md., 1995

Speaker, Wilmington Writers Workshop, Wilmington, Del., 1995

Adjunct instructor, editing, Lebanon Valley College, Lancaster Center, 1995

Speaker, Poynter Institute for Media Studies, St. Petersburg, Fla., 1993

COLLEGE SERVICE

Numerous committees – faculty searches, curriculum assessment, academic integrity, department head evaluation throughout Penn State career – 2001 to present.

SPEECHES, PANEL DISCUSSIONS

Panelist, “Trust, Transparency and the News,” Pennsylvania NewsMedia Association/Centre Daily Times/Donald P. Bellisario College of Communications, October 2017.

Panelist, “The Real Problem of Fake News,” Pennsylvania Press Conference, sponsored by Pennsylvania NewsMedia Association, 2017

Moderator, “Covering the Amish Schoolhouse Tragedy,” Pennsylvania Press Conference, sponsored by Pennsylvania Newspaper Association, Harrisburg, 2007

Moderator, “Covering the Campaign,” conference of the Association of Capitol Reporters and Editors, Philadelphia, 2007

Panelist, “Winning Strategies for Covering Election 2004: Campaign for Great Writing,” Pennsylvania Press Conference sponsored by Pennsylvania Newspaper Association, State College, 2004

Speech, “Education and the Media,” Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials, State College, 2004

Panelist, “Making Friends and Influencing Opinion Makers,” National Conference of Court Public Information Officers, Pittsburgh, 2004

Panelist, “Media, Ethics and Politics,” Susquehanna University, 2004

Panelist about Pennsylvania politics and government on numerous television and radio talk shows in central Pennsylvania, 1986 to mid-2000s.

Speaker, various civic and professional groups, 1986 to present

JOURNALISM-RELATED PROJECTS

Interviewer for Project for Excellence in Journalism survey for Pew Charitable Trusts, 2007

Interviewer for Pew Hispanic Center survey for Pew Charitable Trusts, 2006

Interviewer for Oral History of Pennsylvania Journalism, Penn State College of Communications 2005-present

Interviewer for IssuesPA state government survey for Pew Charitable Trusts, 2005

Interviewer for Stateline.org survey for Pew Charitable Trusts, 2005

Contest Judge, SPJ/SDX 2012

Contest Judge, John Curley Center for Sports Journalism “Excellence in Coverage of Youth Sports” award, 2010

Contest Judge, assistant Centre Daily Times editor Bob Heisse on various contests 2005-2011

Contest Judge, “Katey Lehman Award,” Penn State University, 2004

Contest Judge, "Bart Richards Award," Penn State University, 2004-present
Contest Judge, Association of Opinion Page Editors, 2005, 2004
Contest Judge, Wilkes-Barre Times Leader in-house contest, 2004

PROFESSIONAL AND JOURNALISM MEMBERSHIPS

President, board of directors, The Daily Collegian, Sept. 2012-May 2015
Director, Pennsylvania Freedom of Information Coalition, 2012, 2011
Member, Editorial Advisory Committee WPSU, 2012

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science, Journalism, West Virginia University, 1977
J.P. McCaskey High School, Lancaster, Pa., 1973

AWARDS

Distinguished Writing Award, American Society of Newspaper Editors, 1992
Deans' Excellence Award for Teaching, College of Communications,
Penn State University, 2013-2014, 2004-2005
First Place, Columns, Division 1, Keystone Awards,
Pennsylvania Newspaper Association, 2007

HONOR

Two of my Philadelphia Inquirer stories were included in "America's Best Newspaper Writing," a collection of American Society of Newspaper Editors prizewinning stories. The stories were chosen by Roy Peter Clark and Christopher Scanlon of the Poynter Institute, and the book was published by Bedford/St. Martin's in 2006.

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