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## Professional Experience

November, 2016-Present

Interim director, Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Responsible for management and implementation of all facets of the Institute including short-term and long-term planning and ensuring Senator Simon's commitment to a visible and relevant nonpartisan public policy institute is continued and amplified. Currently manage staff of two full-time and three part-time faculty and staff as well as student employees and graduate assistants. Engaged in securing gifts for unit's endowment as well as grants and contracts to support its programs and activities. Report to SIUC Provost and advised by national Board of Counselors. Responsible for maintaining and growing unit visibility with commercial and public media outlets.

June, 2015- November, 2016

Media services consultant for Illinois Public Broadcasting Council, the Lincoln Academy of Illinois, and SIU College of Mass Communication and Media Arts specializing in news and public affairs, documentary production, and broadcast journalism instruction.

March, 1991-May, 2015

Senior producer, WSIU-TV, Carbondale, IL. Responsible for news and public affairs productions, elections programming, contract video production for public and private clients, on-air fundraising, feature and documentary television production.

Executive Producer & host, Illinois Lawmakers statewide public television series on Illinois General Assembly for Illinois Public Broadcasting Council. Served as Statehouse correspondent for Illinois Lawmakers since 1991. Producer/writer for Lincoln Academy of Illinois statewide public television series since 1995. Videographer and non-linear electronic content editor.

September, 1981-February 1991

News & public affairs director, WSIU Radio, Carbondale, IL. Developed professional local and regional radio news department for station, including the first full-time professional positions in news department (assistant news director and news producer positions), local Morning Edition host, reported for National Public Radio, Monitor Radio, Illinois Public Radio, Illinois Radio News Network, Associated Press and United Press International broadcast wires.

Enhanced educational opportunities for students in SIU Carbondale Radio-Television Department in WSIU Radio newsroom including serving as practicum instructor RT-311 News Reporting Class, and WSIU Radio Interim Station Manager, 1986-1987.

January, 1981-August, 1981

Commercial producer WCIL AM/FM, Carbondale, IL Host of Morning Magazine news/public affairs program on WCIL AM, May, 1981-August, 1981.

December, 1978-December, 1980

Morning News anchor/reporter, WPAD/WDDJ, Paducah, KY.

September, 1973-December, 1980

Air personality, commercial producer/announcer, WPAD/WDDJ, Paducah, KY.

August, 1971-August, 1973

Air personality, WMOK, Metropolis, IL

### Education

Associate of Arts, Shawnee Community College, Ullin, IL 1976

Bachelor of Science, Radio-Television, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Carbondale, IL, 1979

Master of Arts, Public Visual Communications, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Carbondale, IL, 1989

### Awards & Recognition

December, 2015 Commencement Speaker, Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Lincoln Academy of Illinois Certificate of Appreciation, May 2014

Illinois House of Representatives, House Resolution #409 for Illinois Lawmakers series 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, 2011

Lindell W. Sturgis Award for Professional Achievement, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, 2006

University Service Award, College of Mass Communication & Media Arts, SIUC, 2001

Excellence Award for Outstanding Service, College of Mass Communication & Media Arts, SIUC, 1999

Broadcaster of the Year, College of Mass Communication & Media Arts, 1990

Illinois Associated Press Best Downstate Radio Documentary, 1990

Illinois Associated Press Stringer of the Year 1987

Illinois United Press International Stringer of the Year 1986

### Current Associations & Affiliations

Secretary, Carbondale Community Arts, Board of Directors

Member, Illinois Arts Council Agency Strategic Plan 2013-2018 Committee

Member, Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association

Elder, First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Carbondale