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Employment

Associate Professor of Communication, Seattle University, 1985-present

Assistant Professor of Communication, Seattle University, 1978-1985

Specialties: Communication Law, Literary Journalism, Sexual Justice and Communication Rights, International Communication (Asia).

Chair, Department of Communication, Seattle University, 1991-1999

Chair, Department of Journalism, Seattle University, 1981-1988

Responsibilities: Budget and faculty oversight, student advising, curricular and departmental development. Through my efforts the Department of Journalism was transformed from one of the smallest programs in Seattle University's College of Arts and Sciences into the Department of Communication, one of the college's largest programs (in declared student majors).

Investigative Reporter and Literary Journalist, The Riverside Press-Enterprise (Ca.) 1972-1978

For this 100,000-circulation newspaper located near Los Angeles, I wrote investigative and literary journalism articles focused on politics or on the environment.

Night Editor, Copy Editor, The Riverside Press-Enterprise (Ca.) 1974-1978

In addition to reporting, I regularly supervised copy editors and reporters and designed local news pages, including the Sunday section.

Editorial Assistant, Loyola University, New Orleans (La.) 1971

Editorial assistant, Lester Granger, former executive director of the National Urban League. I helped Granger compile his memoirs on his involvement with the Civil Rights movement from the 1930s to the 1950s, including previously unpublished notes and recollections about the efforts of early civil rights leaders to desegregate the military.

General Assignment Reporter/Intern, The Washington Post, Summer 1970

As a reporting intern, I covered numerous features and news stories in the Washington D.C. area and researched and wrote an in-depth article about the struggle of the elderly to retain their houses in the face of rising assessments and taxes.

Freelance Writer, 1967-present

Articles for a variety of periodicals, including: *The Nation*, *Chicago Tribune Magazine*, *New Orleans Times-Picayune Dixie Magazine*, *New Times*, *Seattle Times Pacific Magazine*, and *New Orleans Review*.

Accomplishments

Social Justice Programs Catalyzed

Sexual Justice in Asia: Thailand (in process: launch in Spring 2005)

This study abroad program introduces students to issues of sexual and gender justice in Asia, with the initial target region in northern Thailand, where a confluence of migration and communication corridors from Myanmar, southern China, and Laos have created severe needs for refugee and migrant assistance in education, employment and HIV/AIDS education. Following campus instruction in Asian human rights and sexual justice issues, students will engage in field orientation and placement during summer 2004, assisting a number of agencies with their education and communication needs.

International Communication & Politics: China/Tibet, 1998-2001

This study abroad program, which I helped create in 1998, was the College of Arts and Sciences' first successful program in Asia. It introduced Seattle University students to the political and cross-cultural challenges then facing the United States and the People's Republic of China. The program included campus orientation to Chinese history and communication followed by extensive meetings and travel in China. In 2000, the program expanded to include Tibet. In its final season in 2001, students also traveled across Tibet to Nepal, where some were placed in villages to assist in anti-sex trafficking education.

Department of Communication, Seattle University

As chair, I helped transform a small print journalism program (35 majors) into an up-to-date Communication Department (190+ majors) offering two Bachelor of Arts degrees and courses in print and broadcast journalism, interpersonal communication, rhetoric, public speaking, and visual/digital communication. As chair from 1981 until 1988, and again from 1991-1999, I increased the department's faculty, budget, curriculum, facilities, and enrollments. Most importantly, the department curriculum was refocused to emphasize using communication knowledge and skills to investigate and advocate for social justice.

At the end of my term as chair in 1999, the National Communication Association recognized the department – and its social justice focus in particular – by giving it the NCA's "Program of Excellence" award as the nation's most outstanding undergraduate communication program.

American Friends Service Committee, Executive Committee and Gay-Lesbian Program

From 1984 until 1990, I served on the executive committee of this Quaker organization's Pacific Northwest Region, overseeing ten social justice programs and a half-million dollar budget. During my term, I helped create the *first* gay-lesbian social justice program in this international human rights organization, establishing community organizer

positions in Seattle and in Portland. I also served as chair of the gay-lesbian program, charged with oversight of the Seattle-based program.

People of Color Against AIDS Network, Seattle (1985-88)

As chair of the AFSC's gay-lesbian program, I worked with community organizers and volunteers to prepare the grant proposals and organizational structure needed to involve people of color in Seattle in AIDS education and prevention. This helped established the People of Color Against AIDS Network (POCAAN) as an independent organization. POCAAN secured government and private funding sufficient to hire numerous organizers who could work with ethnic and racial minorities.

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Accomplishments...continued

Gay-Lesbian Youth Program, Seattle (1988-1990)

As chair of AFSC's gay-lesbian program, I worked with community organizers and volunteers to establish a citywide gay-lesbian youth program, including a new gay-lesbian youth center (now called Lambert House). I chaired meetings to design the program, wrote the block-grant proposal that secured city funding, testified before the City Council, and oversaw the creation of a media component that included paid internships for at-risk gay and lesbian youth.

Publications: Books

Gay Seattle: Stories of Exile and Belonging,
University of Washington Press, 2003

Covering the century from 1893 until 1993, this is the first book to trace the struggle of gays and lesbians in Seattle to establish a public voice. The book describes and analyzes turning points in the city's gay history and includes original interview and document research material, case studies of individuals who played important roles, and analyses of the communication challenges that gays and lesbians faced as they "came out" and sought a political voice..

Winner: 2004 Washington State Book Award

Winner: 2004 American Jesuit Colleges and Universities Jesuit Book Award

Received; Seattle University College of Arts & Sciences "Outstanding Scholarship Award" for 2003

Reporting with Understanding,
Iowa State University Press, 1987

I co-authored this book with William L. Rivers of Stanford University to educate public affairs reporters. In particular, my chapters on "Cultivating Sources," "Following the Paper Trail" and "Making Sense with Numbers and Statistics" aimed to make investigations more fruitful. My chapters about reporting on "Environment and Energy,"

“Business and Economics,” “Values and Religion,” and “Minority Affairs” provided theories and practical tips to make stories more insightful.

**Publications: Major Investigative or Literary Journalism Articles
(2,000-7,500 words)**

“I’m Not Trying To Be A Hero” *Seattle Weekly*, March 8, 1989

Profile of Sgt. Perry Watkins’ struggle against the U.S. Army’s gay exclusion policy. The U.S. Supreme Court later upheld Watkins’ right to remain in the military

“Forced March in the Military” *The Nation*, January 2, 1989

Review of the constitutional freedom of speech issues raised by the military’s gay policies

“The Bishop and the Bomb” *Seattle Times Pacific Magazine*, June 20, 1982

Profile of Seattle’s controversial archbishop, Raymond Hunthausen, his refusal to pay taxes, and his opposition to military bases in the Puget Sound region. Also republished: *Chicago Tribune Magazine*, Fall 1982.

Major Journalism Articles...cont'd
(2,000-7,500 words)

"Colville's Million-Dollar Mountain" *Seattle Times Pacific Magazine, August 30, 1981*

Environmental and social issues raised by plans to locate a molybdenum mine on a Northwest Indian reservation. Joint student/faculty project which also produced a special supplement to the university newspaper, *The Spectator*, entitled "The Colville Tribe: A Local Nation Faces Third World Choices." The *Spectator's* supplement won an award from the Washington Press Association for the Best Investigative Reporting by a Weekly Newspaper.

"The Death and Dying of Dewayne Baker" *Seattle Times Pacific Magazine, July 12, 1981*

Profile of 22-year-old man fighting against leukemia. Article won second place award for Best Personality Story of the Year from Sigma Delta Chi, Western Washington Chapter.

- "Desert Rats" *Riverside Press-Enterprise, November 16, 1978*

Profile of colorful, long-time California desert residents who were being moved aside to make room for tourists

"100 Years of News" *Riverside Press-Enterprise, June 29, 1978*

Primary author of newspaper's centennial supplement

"Pollution Solution: Nice Clean Coal" *Riverside Press-Enterprise, October 2, 1978*

5-part investigative series on the impact of energy developments in the California desert

"Wilderness: The Coming Struggle" *Riverside Press-Enterprise, April 30, 1978*

Research story on Bureau of Land Management's plans to create additional wilderness areas in the California Desert

- "Destruction: The Heritage of Recreation" *Riverside Press-Enterprise, March 19, 1978*

Research story on environmental impacts of recreation and tourism in the California desert

"The California Desert: Into the 1980s" *Riverside Press-Enterprise, February 12, 1978*

Investigation of Bureau of Land Management's attempts to protect the California Desert

- "Hotels of the Poor: Frail Shelters" *Riverside Press-Enterprise, January 22, 1978*

Lives of elderly pensioners and transients living in run-down hotels in the California desert

"The Great Burro Roundup" *Riverside Press-Enterprise, September 25, 1977*

Environmental impacts from burros and wild horses in the California desert. Article won Twin Counties Press Club award for Best Environmental Story

"And Then To Dream" Riverside Press-Enterprise, July 24, 1977

Profile of environmentalist Harry James, 82, and his life in early Southern California

"Angry Miners" Riverside Press-Enterprise, May 17, 1977

Profile of miners in the California desert and investigation of environmental effects

"The Jukebox Operators" Riverside Press-Enterprise, March 20, 1977

Profile of father-son team who maintained jukeboxes in out-of-the-way desert cafes. Article won Twin Counties Press Club award for Best Feature Story of the Year.

Major Journalism Articles...cont'd
(2,000-7,500 words)

"Dusty Lonely Life of a Desert Ranger" Riverside Press-Enterprise, February 13, 1977
Profile of the first California desert park rangers hired by the Bureau of Land Management

"Showdown in Sohio Oil Controversy" Riverside Press-Enterprise, January 23, 1977
Environmental effects of planned oil pipeline through the California desert

"In Search of New Objectivity" in Mass Media Issues, Prentice-Hall, 1977
Historical/critical analysis of the rise of objectivity in the American press.

"High Death Rate along I-15" Riverside Press-Enterprise, August 8, 1976
Investigation of dangerous highway conditions along I-15 route between Riverside and San Diego, causing unnecessary deaths

"Graveyard Shift at Trucker's Cafe" Riverside Press-Enterprise, July 30, 1976
Truckers' and waitresses' lives at a late-night desert truck stop

"Ramona's Name Enriched, but Not Her Sons" Riverside Press-Enterprise, July 18, 1976

"At Tribal Hall: Old Failures, New Programs" Riverside Press-Enterprise, July 19, 1976

"Sun, Salty Soil Leave Little Hope for Indians" Riverside Press-Enterprise, July 20, 1976

3-part investigative series on the harsh conditions faced by the Torres-Martinez Indians. Articles received Associated Press News Executives runner up award for Best Investigative Series.

"A Lonely Confused Way of Death" Riverside Press-Enterprise, April 25, 1976
Investigation of dangers for the elderly in nursing homes; cases of walkaways killed

"Families Return to Harsh Reservation" Riverside Press-Enterprise, March 21, 1976
Difficulties faced by Cahuilla Indians returning to a mountain reservation

"Temeculas Jealously Guard Country" Riverside Press-Enterprise, September 7, 1975
Profile of small Indian reservation trying to maintain its traditions as onslaught of resort and urban development approaches

"Rail Safety Violations," Riverside Press-Enterprise, August 10, 1975
Investigation of defective railroad track concerns in Southern California; spotchecks and review of files show twisted metal tie plates, worn rail.

"Family's Golden Dream Grew to Nightmare" Riverside Press-Enterprise, May 15, 1975

Investigation of the murder conviction of an impoverished Hispanic family; research supported defense argument that the family was innocent and the conviction was eventually abandoned. ("Couple Convicted...Freed of Charge," Riverside Press-Enterprise, November 22, 1975). Initial investigative article won Twin Counties Press Club award for Best Feature Story of the Year.

Major Journalism Articles...cont'd
(2,000-7,500 words)

"Appalling Conditions at Juvenile Homes," Riverside Press-Enterprise, February 16, 1975

Investigation of conditions at institutional homes for juveniles

"Freight Wheels Singing Their Last" Riverside Press-Enterprise, February 9, 1975

Profile of the last railroad-riding hobos and challenges they face making a living

"Safety Tightened for Desert Cyclists" Riverside Press-Enterprise, November 25, 1974

Investigation of safety measures taken by promoters of large desert motorcycle rides

"Windy, Bleak Village Haven for Blacks" Riverside Press-Enterprise, September 15, 1974

Profile of a small town near Palm Springs, where those who are black and work in the resort's hotels make their homes

"Wasting Money on Court Attaches" Riverside Press-Enterprise, June 30, 1974

Investigation of money spent on courtroom attaches (clerks, bailiffs) in Riverside County

"Sick and Illegal: A Problem for Everyone" Riverside Press-Enterprise, March 10, 1974

Investigation of health care for impoverished illegal immigrants in Southern California

"The Scandals of Irwindale" New Times Magazine, May, 1974

Investigation of blackmail and bribery in a Southern California suburb

"A Baby Dies: Parents Persecuted?" Riverside Press-Enterprise, November 24, 1973

Investigation into the procedures followed by police and coroner in prosecuting a young, poor couple whose infant likely died from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome

"Richard Krupp's Nightmare Didn't End" Riverside Press-Enterprise, August 25, 1973

Profile of a police officer found innocent of murdering 22-year-old but forced to flee his community and go into hiding in the desert. Article won Twin Counties Press Club award for Best Feature Story of the Year, and California Newspaper Publishers Association runnerup award for Best Feature Story.

"Lake and Land" Riverside Press-Enterprise, May 13, 1973

Environmental impacts of Lake Perris, the new and final reservoir of California's aqueduct system

"Critics Attack Agricultural Research Goals" Riverside Press-Enterprise, March 18, 1973 Investigation of university agricultural research ties to California agribusiness

"Rough Road to Recovery" Riverside Press-Enterprise, December 17, 1972
Feature on those in an addiction program at state hospital

"Beep..Beep...Alpha Machine...at Work" Riverside Press-Enterprise, November 26, 1972
Feature on the alpha wave biofeedback craze and the medical science behind it

Major Journalism Articles...cont'd
(2,000-7,500 words)

"Smog No Respector of County Lines" Riverside Press-Enterprise September 9, 1972

"Names, Numbers Contribute to Haze" Riverside Press-Enterprise September 10, 1972

"Uniform Alert Levels Remain Dream" Riverside Press-Enterprise, September 11, 1972

3-part investigative series examining the conflicting terminology and responses of county-based smog control agencies in Southern California

"The Black Man and the American Experience" New Orleans Review, Fall, 1972

Interview about the civil rights movement during the 1940s and 1950s with Lester B. Granger, former executive director of the National Urban League.

"Inflation, Fixed Incomes Lock in Elderly" Washington Post, August 27, 1970

Research story on the struggle of the elderly to keep their homes in the face of rising assessments and property taxes

Shorter Journalism Articles of Note
(500-2,000 words)

"Northwest Tribe's Historic Deal" Christian Science Monitor, July 1981

Colville Tribe's plans to allow major molybdenum development on reservation land

"The Supreme Court's Affront: Zurcher v. Stanford Daily" f-10 Forum, May/June 1978

Review of Supreme Court's decision to allow warrantless searches of newsrooms for reporters' notes and photographers' negatives

"Stress [for photojournalists]" F-10 Forum, January-February 1978

Psychological and physical stress in photojournalism

"Holy the Firm" Riverside Press-Enterprise, November 6, 1977

Review of Annie Dillard book

"Land Reform Would Alter Agriculture" Riverside Press-Enterprise, August 24, 1977

Feature explaining impact of two federal court rulings applying aspects of the federal Reclamation Law to California agribusiness

"The Little Bureaucracy that Grew Up" Riverside Press-Enterprise, August 14, 1977

Feature on the expansion of the Bureau of Land Management from a "rancher's agency" into a multifaceted environmental agency.

"Along the Dry Edge" Riverside Press-Enterprise, June 26, 1977

Profile of those of the frontline of California's aqueduct system

"Miners vs Rangers" Riverside Press-Enterprise, May 22, 1977

Feature on violent conflicts between miners and U.S. park rangers in California

"Tiny Water Company Huge Headache" Riverside Press-Enterprise, February 27, 1977

Feature on concerns about safety of a water system in small desert town of Mesa Verde

**Shorter Journalism Articles of Note
(500-2,000 words)**

“Joshua Tree in Financial, Political Crunch” Riverside Press-Enterprise, October 25, 1976

Budget cuts at Joshua Tree National Monument leading to safety, environmental concerns

“Watching for an End” Riverside Press-Enterprise, August 22, 1976

Profile of desert feedlot operators facing an uncertain economic future

“Two Farmers Settle for Coyote Serenade” Riverside Press-Enterprise, May 9, 1976

Profile of elderly brother and sister living in Joshua Tree National Monument

“Tribes Receive Reform Agency Skeptically” Riverside Press-Enterprise, April 4, 1976

Responses to Congress’ review of American Indian policy

“Urban Sprawl Comes This Way” Riverside Press-Enterprise, February 29, 1976

Environmental impacts of housing developments creeping from Orange County

“Big Step Toward Indians’ Land Control” Riverside Press-Enterprise, December 26, 1975

Feature explaining federal court ruling freeing reservations from county government control

“Front Porches: Victims of Changed Lifestyle” Riverside Press-Enterprise, June 13, 1975

Architectural feature noting the passing of the front porch

“Railroad’s County Land” Riverside Press-Enterprise, July 28, 1974

Southern Pacific’s environmental impact in Riverside County with its large land-holdings

*“Guardianships Gone but Indians Still Can’t Use Land”
Riverside Press-Enterprise, March 31, 1974*

Followup on earlier Pulitzer Prize winning investigation by the Press-Enterprise. Wealthy members of the Palm Springs tribe of Agua Calientes had been kept under the control of whites through guardianships and much of their wealth had been squandered

“Latest Indian Guardianship Case” Riverside Press-Enterprise, July 1, 1973

Details of the termination of a white guardianship over a wealthy Agua Caliente tribal member in Palm Springs.

“Libraries Need Upgrading” Riverside Press-Enterprise, April 15, 1973

Research story on which county libraries do and do not meet national standards

"Socialism" Riverside Press-Enterprise, October 1, 1972

Review of Michael Harrington book

- *"Computer Students" New Orleans Times-Picayune Dixie Magazine, April 27, 1969*

Fortran arrives and students in New Orleans begin to learn a new communication language

"Theater Builders" New Orleans Times-Picayune Dixie Magazine, March 30, 1969

Feature on New Orleans high school students who work to create their own theater

**Shorter Journalism Articles of Note
(500-2,000 words)**

“Onstage at Jesuit” *New Orleans Times-Picayune Dixie Magazine*, April 21, 1968
Teen thespians in New Orleans find a niche with “Man of All Seasons”

“Bringing Home a Brother,” *New Orleans Times-Picayune Dixie Magazine*, May 5, 1968
Feature on a hospital candy-striper who gets her family to adopt a child welfare client

“From School to Job” *New Orleans Times-Picayune Dixie Magazine*, October 1, 1967
Feature on high school students in professional education programs

“Driving Toward Safety” *New Orleans Times-Picayune Dixie Magazine*, August 13, 1967
Feature on Louisiana’s program to educate teenagers about driver safety

“Aiming to Serve” *New Orleans Times-Picayune Dixie Magazine*, May 21, 1967
Feature on high school service clubs and those teenagers who join them

“Today’s Teachers” *New Orleans Times-Picayune Dixie Magazine*, March 19, 1967
Who chooses the unenviable job of teaching high school teenagers, and why

“Politics, Youth Style” *New Orleans Times-Picayune Dixie Magazine*, February 12, 1967
Feature on the American Legion’s way of teaching teens about politics: Boys State

Other writings

Review of David Bergman, *The Violet Hour*, for *Journal of American History*. (in publication, 2004)

Review of Peter Boag, *Same Sex Affairs: Constructing and Controlling Homosexuality in the Pacific Northwest*, for *Lambda Literary Journal*, Fall 2003.

“From Pervert to Compassionate Citizen: Sexual Marginalization and Communicative Experiences of Belonging,” paper for the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities, summer 2003.

Recent Presentations/Reviews

1) Public lectures, readings and conference presentations about *Gay Seattle: Stories of Exile and Belonging*

- a) University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, 5/16/03
- b) Bailey/Coy Bookstore, Seattle, 5/27/03
- c) Barnes & Noble Bookstore, Bellevue, 5/29/03
- d) By the Way Bookstore, Vashon Island, 5/30/03
- e) University Bookstore, Seattle, 6/10/03
- f) Elliott Bay Book Company, Seattle, 6/16/03
- g) Radical Women forum, Seattle, 6/19/03
- h) Starbucks Diversity Forum, Seattle, 6/24/03
- i) Third Place Books, Seattle, 6/25/03
- j) Barnes & Noble Bookstore, Seattle, 6/26/03
- k) Seattle University Academic Salons presentation, 10/15/03
- l) CSPAN, Northwest Bookfest discussion broadcast nationally, 10/18/03
- m) "Stepping Out" conference, Green River Community College, 10/25/03
- n) Seattle University School of Law class, 11/17/03
- o) Lifelong AIDS Alliance, Youthopolis Awards, "Gay Seattle" turned into a public performance, 11/21/03
- p) Pacific Northwest Historians Guild, 3/6/04
- q) University of Washington Department of Geography colloquium, 4/2/04
- r) Greater Seattle Business Association luncheon, 6/9/04
- s) Seattle Museum of History and Industry, 6/26/04
- t) Seattle Pride Parade grand marshal and speaker, 6/27/04
- u) Seattle City Council Pride Month presentation, 6/30/04

2) Media publicity and interviews for *Gay Seattle: Stories of Exile and Belonging*

- a) Seattle Weekly review, 4/2/03
- b) Seattle Times, interview and two-page feature, 4/6/03
- c) Seattle Gay News, interview, 4/11/03
- d) Salem (OR) Statesman-Journal, review, 4/13/03
- e) Seattle Post-Intelligencer, quoted, 6/24/03
- f) Seattle Times, quoted, 6/29/03
- g) Freedom Socialist Party newspaper, review, July 2003
- h) Capitol Hill Times, interview, 10/15/03

3) Academic journal reviews of *Gay Seattle: Stories of Exile and Belonging*

- a) Peter Boag, University of Colorado, "Oregon Historical Quarterly," Fall 2003
- b) Nancy C. Unger, Santa Clara University, "History: Review of New Books," Fall 2003
- c) Richard Violette, "Library Journal Review", Fall 2003

- d) Allan Spear, University of Minnesota Twin Cities, "Committee on Gay and Lesbian History Newsletter," American Historical Association, Spring 2004
- e) Thomas Diehm, University of Washington Tacoma, "Pacific Northwest Quarterly," Spring 2004
- f) Marc Stein, York University, "Journal of American History," Organization of American Historians, Spring 2004
- g) Benson Tong, Wichita State University, "Western Historical Quarterly," Summer 2004

Education

Master of Arts, Communication, Stanford University, Stanford (Ca.) 1972

Thesis focus: Development of the idea of objectivity in journalism. Courses: feature writing, mass media and politics, political philosophy.

Bachelor of Arts, Journalism, Loyola University, New Orleans, (La.) 1971

Magna cum laude. Focused course work on Journalism and Political Science.

Post-graduate Courses and Major Workshops:

- Institute of Theological Studies, Seattle University, Seattle (Wa.) 1985-86.
Five graduate courses on theology and values.
- University of Washington, Seattle (Wa.) 1983-84
Two graduate seminars on political economy and political culture
- San Francisco Theological Seminary, Berkeley (Ca.) 1982-83
Ten graduate seminars on values in American society
- Journalism Educators Seminar, American Press Institute, Renton (Va.) 1979
- Short Course, National Press Photographers Association October 1977
Newspaper graphic design and photojournalism
- Western Newspaper Foundation Graphics Seminar
University of Southern California January 1977
New graphic design and technology for newspapers
- Investigative Reporters Seminar, American Press Institute, Renton (Va.) 1974
Techniques of investigative reporting
- National Science Foundation Precision Journalism Seminar
Northwestern University, Evanston (Il.) 1974
Applying social science and computer techniques in journalism
- Oxford University, Oxford, England, Summer 1971
Graduate program in British Politics and Society
- Regular attendance at numerous professional seminars in journalism and in law

Additional University Service

Chair, Department of Communication, Seattle University, 1991-1999

Chair, Department of Journalism, Seattle University, 1981-1988

(described above in “Employment” and “Accomplishments”)

Student adviser, 1981-present

Throughout my years at Seattle University I have been either the primary or one of the primary student advisers for the department. When I became chair of the journalism department in 1981, I began advising all 35-50 of the department’s majors. Since the creation of the Communication Department, I have consistently advised 50-75 majors each year. Of my service responsibilities, this is the most important one and the one that regularly consumes most of my time.

Departmental committees, 1981-present

I have regularly participated in or lead all department meetings. This includes leading five successful faculty searches as chair and participating in a sixth successful search (as well as either leading or participating in three faculty searches in which hires were not made).

Urban Journalism Program

As chair of the department, working with faculty member Tomas Guillen, I catalyzed the creation of the Urban Journalism Program, which each summer brings minority high school students to Seattle University to learn journalism techniques. The establishment of the program, in cooperation with regional newspapers, was an important expression of the Communication Department’s commitment to social justice and to minority inclusion in the journalism profession.

Spectator Adviser, 1978-1988

Advised student editors and reporters, critiqued the newspaper, met often with university administrators including the university president regarding student press freedom issues

Additional Community Service (not already noted above in “Accomplishments”)

Field volunteer, Dau-ni-vucu research, Fiji, August, 1993

Assisted ethnomusicologist Stevan Key, from the University of California, Berkeley, in conducting interviews and field observations in remote Fijian villages to determine how the role of dau-ni-vucus, traditional masters of music and dance, has been changed by globalization and modernization.

Field volunteer, Lightning Brother research, Australia, August, 1991

Worked with elders of the Wardaman band of Aboriginals and archeologists attempting to gain knowledge of the Garnawala fertility site in a remote outback location in the Northwest Territories. The program intent was to preserve Wardaman culture. My interest was also in researching the visual symbols of masculinity and femininity used at the site – material now used in my “Sex, Myth and Media” course.

F-10 Forum co- editor, National Press Photographers Assn., February 1977-June 1978

Co-edited this newsletter for press photographers in California. The National Press Photographers Association recognized the newsletter as “Best of the Year” in 1978.