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### Summary

I'm a journalist, editor and writer with extensive experience fighting misinformation and fact-checking the presidency, Congress and federal elections. I currently serve as Editor-in-Chief of PolitiFact, the national politics website that plays a leading role in journalism's fact-checking movement. I was a reporter on the team that won the 2009 Pulitzer Prize for national reporting for our fact-checking of the 2008 election. As part of the Poynter Institute, I organize and present programs on fact-checking, misinformation and journalism. I have served on the advisory board of the International Fact-checking Network since its formation in 2015; the network encourages best practices among fact-checkers and monitors information policy around the world.

I hold dual master's degrees in journalism and library & information science. I've appeared on national television and radio shows (CNN, PBS Newshour, NPR, etc.) to discuss fact-checking, misinformation and U.S. politics. My public speaking includes presentations at conferences and public speeches to universities and civic groups.

### Experience

**PolitiFact**, 2007 to present.

**PolitiFact Editor-in-Chief**, 2013 to present. Assign and edit all fact-checking around the presidential election and congressional action. Manage story flow for both daily and enterprise reports as well as work with multiple news partners. Write weekly email to 100,000 subscribers. Represent PolitiFact to the national media and at conferences. Work with major platforms including Facebook's third-party fact-checking program and Google's use of ClaimReview structured data.

**PolitiFact deputy editor/PolitiFact Florida editor**, 2012-2013. Assigned and edited reporters who wrote fact-checks on national, state and local issues.

**PolitiFact reporter**, 2007-2011. Served as a reporter on the Pulitzer-prize winning team covering the 2008 election and early years of the Obama presidency.

*(PolitiFact has been at the Poynter Institute since 2018; before that it was part of the Tampa Bay Times.)*

**International Fact-checking Network, advisory board member**, 2015 to present.

Review and approve applications from fact-checking organizations from around the world to be certified as signatories to the network's Code of Principles. (Signatory status is encouraged by Facebook's third-party fact-checking program.) Advise the network's executive director on information policy and current events. Advise international fact-

checking start-ups on best practices; fact-check misinformation with established fact-checkers from around the world.

**Georgetown University, adjunct instructor, 2017-2018.** Taught digital journalism to graduate students.

**Tampa Bay Times, news librarian, 2005-2007.** Conducted in-depth research for investigative reporters using computer-assisted reporting (CAR) techniques.

## **Education**

University of South Florida School of Library and Information Science, MLS, 2010.

Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, MS in journalism, 1999.

University of Texas at Austin, BA in Plan II (Liberal Arts Honors), 1994.

## **Selected Writing**

“In the time of coronavirus, we’re all fact-checkers now,” April 2, 2020

<https://www.politifact.com/article/2020/apr/02/time-coronavirus-were-all-fact-checkers-now/>

“The State of PolitiFact in 2019: A report to our readers,” Dec. 3, 2019

<https://www.politifact.com/article/2019/dec/03/state-politifact-2019-report-our-readers/>

“2017 Lie of the Year: Russian election interference is a 'made-up story,’” Dec. 12, 2017

<https://www.politifact.com/article/2017/dec/12/2017-lie-year-russian-election-interference-made-s/>

“10 years of fact-checking: It got easier — and harder,” Aug. 7, 2017

<https://www.politifact.com/article/2017/aug/02/10-years-fact-checking-it-got-easier-and-harder/>