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SUMMARY

My 30-year career in communications, newspapers and magazines includes direct publication or earned media in dozens of high-profile outlets. I collaborate with a wide range of professionals to successfully reach audiences.

Work Experience

Writing and Editing Services – Self-Employed (July 2025–Present)

Retainer, Freelance and Spec

- Independent writer whose clients include C-Ville Weekly, WilmingtonBiz magazine and the Greater Wilmington Business Journal
- Published my first book, “Anxiety: A Personal History,” in 2025—a top-10 bestseller in Amazon’s Counselling & Psychology Essays category for two weeks in a row
- Work-from-home dad who successfully juggles childcare and weekly deadlines

University of Virginia School of Engineering and Applied Science (Feb. 2024–July 2025)

Communications Manager/ Science Writer

- Senior writer of engineering-related articles and strategic content
- Skilled in boiling down complex subject matter and explaining it to a general audience
- Earned media individually or as part of a team in such outlets as the Daily Mail, Forbes, MSN, Newsweek, NPR/VPR (Radio IQ), Richmond Times-Dispatch and Sports Illustrated (for Cavalier Autonomous Racing)
- Contributed as part of a team to improving our U.S. News & World Report peer metric
- Profile on first Engineering alumna and female engineer at NASA helped earn a large donation
- Contributed to all-time record high website viewership/traffic

University of Virginia – UVA Today (Feb. 2022–Feb. 2024)

University News Senior Associate/ Science Writer

- Senior writer of science and research-related articles and strategic content
- Author of more than 100 science-related articles for UVA Today
- Served partners in the UVA schools of Engineering, Medicine, Arts & Sciences, Data Science, and groups such as the Environmental Institute and the Brain Institute
- Promoted UVA’s Grand Challenges and areas of strategic research focus
- Earned media in such outlets as: Discover, The Hill, Popular Science, Popular Mechanics, Bloomberg, The Washington Post, HealthDay, U.S. News and World Report

University of Virginia School of Law (2011–2021)

Associate Director of Communications/ Senior Writer

- Senior writer for the department, and frontline/developmental editor of daily articles
- Associate editor of UVA Lawyer magazine as well as the magazine's key writer
- Collaborator on video, brochures and other marketing content
- Earned media in such outlets as The Associated Press, Bloomberg, Forbes, The New York Times, NPR, Time, The Washington Post, USA Today
- Editor of faculty op-eds published in The Hill, Richmond Times-Dispatch, The Washington Post
- Writing for the department earned citations in numerous books

Screen Actors Guild (2005–10)

Editorial Manager/ Senior Writer

- Senior writer and editor of content, including a magazine and 22 branch or division newsletters
- Ghost writer for content placed in the Los Angeles Times (op-ed), used in People magazine
- Media strategist and press coordinator for diversity acting seminar, videogame development conferences

Savannah (Ga.) Morning News (2003–05)

Justice Team Reporter

- Police reporter for this daily newspaper, with articles picked up by The AP, Morris News Service

The Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle (2000–03)

Bureau Chief/ Energy and Business Reporter

- Chief editor, S.C. coverage, and Savannah River Site/Department of Energy beat reporter

The Aiken (S.C.) Standard (1999–00)

City Editor

- Assignment editor for this daily newspaper, also responsible for editing and layout

Marion (S.C.) Star and Mullins Enterprise (1997–99)

Editor

- Editor responsible for all news employees, overseeing writing, editing and production

Covington (Ga.) News (1996–97)

News Editor

- Breaking news editor and reporter, covering a wide variety of beats, including police and courts

Selected Awards

- Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE):
 - Silver Awards, Media Relations, coverage of August 2017 events and “Serial,” departmental wins
- International Labor Communications Association (ILCA):
 - First Place Awards for Feature Writing (Ernest Borgnine) and 75th Anniversary Issue
- Georgia Press Association:
 - First Place, Hard News
- South Carolina Press Association:
 - Montgomery Freedom of Information Award
 - First Place for Beat Reporting, Second Place for Enterprise Reporting

Education

The Johns Hopkins University, MA, Science Writing, 2020-2024

Savannah College of Art & Design, MFA (incomplete), Film and Television, 2003-05

University of Georgia, ABJ, 1990-1995 - Honors Graduate

Henry W. Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication

Recent and Selected Articles

[Anxiety: A Personal History](#) (Essays, Williamson & Sons Publishing, 2025)

Astronomy, “Physicists are building a trap to catch dark matter,” 2024.

Chronicle of Higher Education, “[Go-With-The-Flow Wind Turbine, Conceived by UVA Prof, Completes Successful Demo](#),” 2023. [Republished from UVA Today](#).

Columbia Medicine, “[Alumni Profile: To Learn Grace Under Pressure, Study Taison Bell '09, Master of Flow](#),” Winter 2023. [Republished from UVA Today](#).

C-Ville Weekly, “[Is UVA getting smarter about it plays its biotech research cards?](#)” (cover story), Nov. 12, 2025. “[Getting a read on interim UVA President Paul Mahoney and his future](#),” Aug. 20, 2025.

Greater Wilmington Business Journal, “[Spotlight On Chemours’ Expansion Plans](#),” December 10, 2025; “[Branching Out With THC Drinks](#),” Nov. 12, 2025; “[Ex-NFL Player Markets Luxe Landfall Home](#),” Oct. 9, 2025.

Medical Xpress, “[A 'Google Earth' view of bone—with an eye toward disease prevention](#),” Sept. 26, 2024.

Phys.org, “[Researchers put a finger on why men and women feel touch differently](#),” (with Jennifer McManamay), July 31, 2024.

SciTechDaily, “[How Electric Thrusters Are Revolutionizing Space Exploration](#),” Jan. 5, 2025.

Screen Actor magazine, “[Character, Driven](#)” (Lily Tomlin cover story), Fall 2016.

Tech Xplore, “[Autonomous vehicle safety: PreFixer makes sensor hardware swaps less dangerous](#),” December 2, 2024.

UVA Engineering, “[Watch as UVA Displays Its New High-Speed, Self-Correcting AI Algorithms](#),” Sept. 24, 2024.

UVA Lawyer magazine, “[CyberInsecurity: Alumni, Faculty Discuss Growing Threat](#),” Fall 2021.

UVA Today, “[As UVA Tests Viability of Alzheimer’s Implant, 2024 May Be a Year of Hope](#),” Dec. 11, 2023; “[Does Dunking Your Head in Water Ease Anxiety? Ask This Professor’s Diving Mice](#),” Oct. 16, 2023; “[With UVA Discovery, We May Be One Good Solution Closer to Solving Climate Change](#),” Oct. 6, 2023.

Virginia Living, “[Upwardly Mobile: Climbing tunes the mind to win uphill battles both on and off the rock](#),” Sept. 18, 2017.

WilmingtonBiz magazine, “[Looking at Leland](#),” Sept. 23, 2025.

Selected Earned Media

[Anthropocene](#), based on “[Fake Egg Gives Baby Sea Turtles a Better Crack at Survival](#),” UVA Today, Oct. 26, 2022.

[The Debrief](#), based on “[20 Years After ‘Hyper-X’, UVA Team Makes NASA Hypersonic Breakthrough](#),” UVA Engineering, June 27, 2024.

[Design and Development Today](#), based on “[20 Years After ‘Hyper-X’, UVA Team Makes NASA Hypersonic Breakthrough](#),” UVA Engineering, June 27, 2024.

[Earth](#), based on “[Research Discovery a Pearl of Hope for Imperiled Oyster Reefs](#),” UVA Today, April 5, 2022.

[ECO Magazine](#), based on “[Research Discovery a Pearl of Hope for Imperiled Oyster Reefs](#),” UVA Today, April 5, 2022.

[The Engineer](#), based on “[Fake Egg Gives Baby Sea Turtles a Better Crack at Survival](#),” UVA Today, Oct. 26, 2022.

[Discover](#), based on “[Bummer! You’re Not More Creative on Pot, Research Shows – You Just Think You Are](#),” UVA Today, Oct. 27, 2022.

[The Economist](#), based on “[Bummer! You’re Not More Creative on Pot, Research Shows – You Just Think You Are](#),” UVA Today, Oct. 27, 2022.

[Forbes](#), based on “[UVA’s Robot Racer Zooms to Victory at Indy Speedway](#),” UVA Engineering, Sept. 7, 2024.

[The Hill](#), based on “[Nasal Sprays Will Be Essential To Thwart Variants, UVA Collaborative Research Confirms](#),” UVA Today, July 19, 2022.

[IFL Science](#), based on “[We’re Living in a Space Bubble. An Undergrad Sculpted Its Magnetic Shape](#),” UVA Today, Jan. 11, 2023.

[Interesting Engineering](#), based on “[20 Years After ‘Hyper-X’, UVA Team Makes NASA Hypersonic Breakthrough](#),” UVA Engineering, June 27, 2024.

[Nature World News](#), based on “[Fake Egg Gives Baby Sea Turtles a Better Crack at Survival](#),” UVA Today, Oct. 26, 2022.

[New Atlas](#), based on “[Fake Egg Gives Baby Sea Turtles a Better Crack at Survival](#),” UVA Today, Oct. 26, 2022.

[New York Post](#), based on “[Finally, the Real Answer Why Your Best Ideas Come While Showering](#),” UVA Today, Oct. 5, 2022.

[Popular Science](#), based on “[Way Cool: UVA Professor Developing ‘Freeze Ray’ Technology for the Air Force](#),” UVA Today, July 28, 2023.

[Popular Mechanics](#), based on “[Way Cool: UVA Professor Developing ‘Freeze Ray’ Technology for the Air Force](#),” UVA Today, July 28, 2023.

[Radio IQ](#), based on “[UVA Effort to Mine the Silver From Old Solar Panels Receives \\$250K in DOE Support](#),” UVA Today, July 6, 2022.

[Science](#), based on “[Research Discovery a Pearl of Hope for Imperiled Oyster Reefs](#),” UVA Today, April 5, 2022.

[Sports Illustrated](#), based on “[UVA’s Robot Racer Zooms to Victory at Indy Speedway](#),” UVA Engineering, Sept. 7, 2024.

[SwimSwam](#), based on “[Your Final Assignment: Build a System To Improve UVA Swim Starts](#),” UVA Engineering, March 13, 2025.

[US News & World Report](#), based on “[Nasal Sprays Will Be Essential To Thwart Variants, UVA Collaborative Research Confirms](#),” UVA Today, July 19, 2022.

[USA Today](#), based on “[Should We Stop Pretending the Supreme Court Cares Much About Precedent?](#)” May 3, 2022.

[Vancouver Sun](#), based on “[Bummer! You’re Not More Creative on Pot, Research Shows – You Just Think You Are](#),” UVA Today, Oct. 27, 2022.

[The Washington Post](#), based on “[Finally, the Real Answer Why Your Best Ideas Come While Showering](#),” UVA Today, Oct. 5, 2022.

[WVTF](#), based on “[Q&A: Young People and Stroke – Your Blood Type May Increase Risk](#),” UVA Today, Sept. 13, 2022.

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In Books

The Absolutely Indispensable Man: Ralph Bunche, the United Nations, and the Fight to End Empire by Kal Raustiala (Oxford University Press): "[Unseating Segregation for a Night](#)," UVA Lawyer, Spring 2018.

Barred: Why the Innocent Can't Get Out of Prison by Daniel Medwed (Hachette Book Group): "[Third Innocence Project Client Receives Absolute Pardon](#)," UVA Today, Aug. 17, 2021.

Bizarro: The Surreal Saga of America's Secret War on Synthetic Drugs and the Florida Kingpins It Captured by Jordan S. Rubin (University of California Press): "[The Jacksons' Judicial Philosophy](#)," UVA Lawyer, Spring 2018.

Charlottesville: An American Story by Deborah Baker (Graywolf): "[Is It Time for Home Rule in Virginia?](#)" UVA School of Law, March 24, 2020.

Environmental Impact Statement on the Construction and Operation of a Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility at the Savannah River Site: "[MOX plant worries residents](#)," Augusta Chronicle, March 16, 2003.

Every Day Is Sunday: How Jerry Jones, Robert Kraft, and Roger Goodell Turned the NFL into a Cultural & Economic Juggernaut by Ken Belson (Grand Central Publishing): "[Re-Energized: Tim Goodell \[Roger Goodell's brother\] Helps Hess Navigate Past Downturn](#)," UVA Lawyer, Fall 2018.

Justice Rising: Robert Kennedy's America in Black and White by Patricia Sullivan (Harvard University Press): "[The Long Walk: What Life Was Like for Gregory Swanson, the Lawyer Who Integrated UVA](#)," UVA Lawyer, Spring 2018.

Making Endless War: The Vietnam and Arab-Israeli Conflicts in the History of International Law (Law, Meaning, And Violence) edited by Brian Cuddy and Victor Kattan (University of Michigan Press): "[The War-and-Peace Professor](#)," UVA School of Law, March 9, 2017.

The Monster: How a Gang of Predatory Lenders and Wall Street Bankers Fleeced America—and Spawned a Global Crisis by Michael W. Hudson (Times Books): "Senator, Lobbyists Clash on Lending Bill," Augusta Chronicle, Dec. 12, 2000.

Palmetto Press: The History of South Carolina's Newspapers and Press Association by Pat McNeely and Michael Smith (S.C. Press Association): personal reference as then-editor of the Marion Star & Mullins Enterprise.

Revolution by Law: The Federal Government and the Desegregation of Alabama Schools by Brian K. Landsberg (University Press of Kansas): "[Unseating Segregation for a Night](#)," UVA Lawyer, Spring 2018.

Savannah in the New South: From the Civil War to the Twenty-First Century by Walter J. Fraser Jr. (University of South Carolina Press): "Declining Numbers Offer Little Comfort," Savannah Morning News, Feb. 22, 2004.

In Scholarly Journals

Brooklyn Law Review: Justice Blackmun and Judicial Biography: "Hooters Hit with \$11.9 Million Fee," Augusta Chronicle, May 1, 2001.

Georgia State University Law Review, Vol. 19: "Predatory Lenders Inflate Homeowners' Loan Rates," Augusta Chronicle, July 6, 2001.

Virginia Law Review: "Feminist Legal History and Legal Pedagogy" by Paula A. Monopoli: "[Making Room for Women](#)," UVA Lawyer, Spring 2021.

Virginia Law Review: “A Tribute to Gordon Hylton” by Risa Goluboff: [“Glory Days: 40 Years of NGSL,”](#) UVA School of Law, April 3, 2017, and [“In Memoriam: Gordon Hylton, Legal Historian and Softball League Co-Founder,”](#) UVA Today, May 3, 2018.

Creative Writing

Personal Essay

“It Gets Under Your Skin,” “The Terror” and “Homing Instinct” (collected in [Anxiety: A Personal History](#)).

“Waking Bad,” Full Grown People (2014).

Poetry

[“Return of the Muse,”](#) poetry and lyrics set to music (2025).

“Trust Falls,” chapbook (2016).

“A Holding Pattern,” O. Georgia! A Collection of Georgia’s Newest and Most Promising Writers (book, 1997).

“The Baptism,” Stillpoint, University of Georgia (1993).

“Jesus Christ,” Lilliput Review, #42 (1993).

“Quitting,” Lilliput Review, #41 (1993).

3 poems in Haiku Headlines (1992-3)

“Pond” and “History Repeats Itself,” Night Roses (1992)

“Mekong Delta,” “Sunset” and “Superstitions,” Pegasus. (circa 1992)

“Simplicity,” The Plastic Tower (1991).

“You Like a Flower,” Algimore (1991)

“Art Is So Subjective,” The Paper Bag (1991)

“Cemetery,” Mudfish 6 (circa 1990).

Screenwriting

“The Acceptance of Gregory Swanson” (Previously “Virginia Law,” finalist Story Pros 2019)

“The Ex-Patriot” (requested for review by Lionsgate and Closest to the Hole Productions)

“Small Town News” (winner of Fade In magazine’s contest in the family drama category)

Additional Writing Samples

[UVA School of Engineering](#) (2024-25), [UVA Today](#) (2022-2024), [UVA School of Law](#) (2011-2021)

[Muck Rack](#)

[ericwilliamsonportfolio.com](#)