

# Jeff South | Professor, journalist, traveler

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**How I live my life:** Learn something new. Help others succeed. Pay it forward. Don't make excuses.

**Things I'm good at:** Sticking with it. Critical thinking. Logic. Working with data. Writing. Ideas.

## Education

*Yep, just a B.A.*

**BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN JOURNALISM | UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN | 1974**

## Journalism and Teaching Experience

**VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY | RICHMOND, VA. | 1997 TO PRESENT**

- Associate professor, Robertson School of Media and Culture. Tenured in 2005. I teach theory and skills courses, direct our Capital News Service program and serve as director of undergraduate studies. My students have won [more than 25 state, regional and national awards](#) for work done in my classes.

**AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN | AUSTIN, TEXAS | 1989-97**

- State editor, overseeing bureaus at the Texas Capitol, Mexico City and Washington, D.C. I also served as database editor, leading the newspaper's computer-assisted reporting efforts.

**VARIOUS NEWSPAPERS | TEXAS, ARIZONA AND VIRGINIA | 1974-89**

- Reporter and editor for the Dallas Times Herald, Phoenix Gazette, Virginian-Pilot and other papers. One interruption: Served as a teacher in the **U.S. Peace Corps** in Morocco in 1983-85.

## Awards

**[DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD](#) | SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS | 2016**

**BEST TEACHER IN SUMMER PROGRAM | FUDAN UNIVERSITY, CHINA | 2016**

**FULBRIGHT AWARD TO TEACH DATA JOURNALISM IN CHINA | 2014**

**UNIVERSITY DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD | VCU | 2008**

**KNIGHT INTERNATIONAL JOURNALISM FELLOWSHIP | UKRAINE | 2007**

**DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD | VCU COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES & SCIENCES | 2004**

## Recent Research

Presenter, Data & News Society International Conference, Hong Kong Baptist University, May-June 2016.

Trainer, International Center for Journalists, Vietnam-U.S. Reporting Program, Hanoi, December 2015.

Co-author, with Don Belt, of "Slow Journalism and the Out of Eden Walk," *Digital Journalism*, 2015.

"People's Republic of Taboos," *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, February 2015.

Author, chapter on "Stellar High School Programs That Have Adjusted with Time," for *Still Captive? History, Law and the Teaching of High School Journalism*, New Forums Press, 2015.

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