

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. | 1997-2020

- Associate professor, Robertson School of Media and Culture. Tenured in 2005. I taught theory and skills courses, directed our Capital News Service and served as director of undergraduate studies. Students won [more than 65 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 award-winning 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

EDITOR / MENTOR | STUDENT NEWSROOM & INNOVATION LAB | ONA17 & [ONA19](#)

[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

"Guest columnist: [Rename bases honoring Confederates](#)," *The Virginian-Pilot*, May 26, 2019.

"[1,000+ U.S. news sites refuse to comply with European privacy law](#)," Nieman Lab | Harvard, Aug. 7, 2018.

Speaker on [civic hacking and data journalism](#), Azerbaijan, for the U.S. State Department, May 2018.

Presenter, [Data & News Society International Conference](#), Hong Kong Baptist University, May-June 2016.

"[People's Republic of Taboos](#)," *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, February 2015.

Co-author, *Still Captive? History, Law and the Teaching of High School Journalism*, New Forums Press, 2015.

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