

CINDY SPENCE

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OBJECTIVE

To obtain a writing and editing position in research and science news.

EDUCATION

University of Florida, Bachelor of Science in Journalism, May 1982.

- * U.S. Department of Agriculture seminar, Communicating Science.
- * Council for the Advancement and Support of Education seminar, Communicating University Research.
- * American Press Institute, seminar for news editing.
- * American Press Institute, seminar for city editors.
- * Southern Newspaper Publishers Association, seminar on business news.
- * Taught news editing seminars for The Tampa Tribune.
- * American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence, language arts certificate.

EMPLOYMENT

Editor, Community News Publications, the publisher of four weekly newspapers in the Hillsborough/Pasco County area, November 2011-May 2012.

Hillsborough High School, instructor, Advanced Placement Language and Composition and Intensive Reading, August 2011-October 2011.

Freelance writing and editing, February 2004-present.

As a freelance writer, I produced a variety of annual reports, research reports, science news articles and feature articles.

The Tampa Tribune, October 2000-February 2004.

As the South Tampa editor, I supervised a news and photography staff and coverage of the area south of Columbus Drive for both a standalone section and the main newspaper.

The University of Florida, November 1992-August 2000.

At the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, I served as a science writer, news media liaison, editor of the Institute's newsletter and managing editor of the Institute's research magazine. My work included writing and editing university news and placing scientists in national publications as expert sources. I served as campus news desk editor from 1992-1995 in UF's News & Public Affairs office.

The Tampa Tribune, September 1987-November 1992.

I served as assistant state editor, Marion/Alachua edition editor, bureau chief for two Hillsborough County news bureaus and night metro editor/weekend editor.

The Leesburg Commercial, April 1986-September 1987.

As city editor, I managed a staff of 10 reporters, directing coverage of two Central Florida counties.

The Orlando Sentinel, June 1982-November 1984.

I served as a bureau chief and reporter, covering higher education and the University of Central Florida, growth and the environment, migrant workers and the police beat.

The Independent Florida Alligator, March 1978-May 1982.

I worked my way through college at one of the nation's largest student-run dailies, serving as editor in chief, a member of the Campus Communications Inc. board of directors and assistant production supervisor. As editor, I joined a law student in filing a Sunshine Law suit against the University of Florida for access to search committee meetings for the new dean of the College of Law. The suit eventually won in the Florida Supreme Court.

The Miami Herald, internship, January-March 1980.

I worked as a correspondent for The Herald while attending UF.

The Tampa Times, internship, June-September 1979.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) Grand Award for feature writing.

CASE Special Merit Award for feature writing.

Florida Magazine Association Bronze Award of Excellence for Best In-depth Reporting.

Agricultural Communicators in Education (ACE) gold award for newsletters.

ACE gold award for news writing.

ACE silver award for news writing.

ACE silver award for magazine writing.

ACE bronze award for newsletters.

ACE silver award for magazine writing.

William S. Miller Enterprise Reporting Award and \$1,000 scholarship.

William Randolph Hearst College Journalism Competition, third place nationally in feature writing.

Sigma Delta Chi Mark of Excellence, first place in spot news reporting.

OTHER

Travel and freelance writing, November 1984-April 1986. Travels included East and West Germany, England, France, Spain, Andorra, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, Austria and Switzerland.

BACKGROUND

Interests: Travel; reading; writing; spectator sports.

Personal: Excellent health; Florida resident 40 years; married; parent of a UF student.