

Suzanne Hurt

JOURNALIST

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EXPERIENCE

Freelancing, January 2003 - present: I produce stories and story-and-photo packages for newspapers, radio, wire services, magazines and their websites. Clients include Reuters, *The Sacramento Bee*, KQED Public Radio, Capital Public Radio, *Her Sports, Rock & Ice, Climbing, Mammoth Monthly, The Chicago Tribune, Dandelion, Comstock's, Prosper* and others.

The Modesto Bee, Modesto, California

Reporter, Nov. 15, 1999 - December 2002. Covered immigration, homelessness and three cities.

The Register-Guard, Eugene, Oregon

General Assignment Reporter, May 31, 1995 - Oct. 28, 1998.

The Journal and ***The Daily Journal***, (Copley Newspapers) Naperville and Wheaton, Illinois

Assistant Features Editor, June 1992 - Dec. 27, 1994. Wheaton City Reporter, March 1992 - June 1992.

City News Bureau of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

Reporter, March 1988 - March 1992. Earned awards covering some of Chicago's biggest breaking news stories for legendary wire service. Cook County political/government reporter for historic, tumultuous 1990 campaign year.

EDUCATION

University of Oregon

Master of Science, Literary Nonfiction, September 1998.

Studied with program director Lauren Kessler and Pulitzer Prize winner Jon Franklin. Workshops with Robin Cody, Sallie Tisdale and John Daniel. Lecturers included Barry Lopez and Ms. co-founder Suzanne Braun Levine.

Northern Illinois University

Bachelor of Arts, News/Editorial Journalism, May 1986.

NIU Dean's List and National Dean's List, spring 1984. NIU Honors Program, 1981.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon

Graduate assistant, Sept. 30, 1996 - July 15, 1998. Editor of journalism school's alumni newspaper.

Oregon State House of Representatives, Salem, Oregon

Legislative assistant to Rep. John Schoon, House Finance Committee Chair, Jan. 5, 1995 - May 30, 1995. Managed capitol office. Worked with legislators, staff, constituents, lobbyists and reporters. Supervised workers.

AWARDS

California Newspaper Publishers Association, First Place, environmental reporting (75,001-200,000 circ.), 2000. "Aftermath of a Disaster" was a special team report on the one-year anniversary of a tire-pile fire.

Illinois Associated Press Editors Association, Second Place, spot news, 1992. Team coverage of cop killing.

Society of Professional Journalists Lisagor Award, Business Journalism, 1991. Team coverage.

City News Bureau of Chicago, three excellence awards plus honorable mentions.

WRITING WORKSHOPS

Flathead River Writers Conference Nonfiction Workshop with Tim Cahill, 2005, Whitefish, Montana.

Book Passage Travel Writers & Photographers Conference 2004, Corte Madera, California.

Harvard University Nieman Conference on Narrative Journalism 2001, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

National Writer's Workshops, in Oregon (1998), Washington (2000) and California (2001).

Regional writing workshop, by Jack Hart of *The Oregonian*.

INTERESTS

Rock climbing, diving, backpacking and other adventure. Travel: Southeast Asia (Thailand, Borneo, Laos, Malaysia, November 1998 - April 1999; Sulawesi and Bali, fall 2006), Spain, Mexico, U.S., Maui and Canada.