

Resumé

First, the facts...

After graduating with a BA in English from Catawba College (Salisbury, NC) and an MA in English from Western Washington University (Bellingham, WA), I worked 15 years as a reporter, then 10 as sports editor at the York (PA) Dispatch and York Sunday News.

Next, I spent 14 years as a professor at the University of Missouri's School of Journalism (Columbia, MO) where, to be honest, I learned more than I taught.

At Missouri, I led three international study groups: to Beijing (for the 2008 Olympics); to Guangzhou, China (for the 2010 Asian Games) and on a media tour through France, Belgium, Germany and Italy.

I've published (poetry, fiction and non-fiction) everywhere from literary magazines to journalism industry publications (Poynter.com, Associated Sports Editors and Harvard's Neiman Storyboard).

Since I moved back to Pennsylvania, I've been writing creative nonfiction and judging writing contests (United States Basketball Writers Association, Society of American Travel Writers, and City and Regional Magazines Association).

Recent publications include: Southeastern Review (Florida State University), Saw Palm (University of South Florida) Arts and Letters (Georgia College), Fleas on the Dog (Ontario, Canada), Book of Matches (Clayton, North Carolina) and Barnstorm Journal (University of New

Hampshire). A poem “How to talk to a Giraffe” was included in “Goldfish, Germs and Galaxies” a children’s anthology published by Harvard College.

And now, the interesting stuff...

My hobbies include collecting writing-related art and juggling - especially the legendary “Apples of Death” in which the juggler eats apples while he juggles them. (To be fair, a friend has suggested that it’s more an inconvenient, rather than deadly, way of eating apples. But, let’s be honest, “Apples of Inconvenience” just doesn’t have the same ring.)

I served as honorary coach of the University of Missouri gymnastics team (honorary record: 0-1)

I appeared (briefly) as a sportswriter in the film "Major League II" and (even more briefly) as a contestant in a biscuits-and-gravy eating contest on the Travel Channel’s reality show “Truck Stop Missouri.” (Spoiler alert: I lost in the first round. The contest was eventually won by Bean, a midget who rode a motorized ice chest.)

I did a radio voice-over for the Atkins Pest Control Service in Missouri (catch phrase, “Life is Hard”) I also wrote and performed “The Inverted Pyramid Song.” With over 10,000 views on YouTube, it was the journalism hit of 2011.

Favorite writing moments include: editing an Allen Ginsberg poem; hovering in a blimp over a Philadelphia-Washington NFL game; and watching, with journalism students at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, while Jamaican Usain Bolt ran faster than any human being had ever run before.

