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## **PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY**

An accomplished media industry leader with exceptional academic achievements. Expertise in journalism, news and media management, media technology and applied research; demonstrated ability to translate those skills into effective classroom instruction and industry-academic partnerships.

**Journalist and Media Executive:** Reported on Turner Broadcasting and Coca-Cola as a business writer at *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*; interviewed President Reagan at the White House; edited award-winning coverage of Eastern Airlines' bankruptcy; led multi-million dollar upgrade of facilities and publishing technology as the newspaper's Administrative Editor; was a founding executive of Cox Enterprises' Internet division and served as Vice President overseeing operations and product development; spearheaded technical diligence on \$500 million in new media investments.

**Consultant and Entrepreneur:** Founded Internet Decisions, LLC, a strategic research firm for media and technology clients; was President and investor at a technology incubator and was on the board of directors of a technology start-up company; published two books on innovation and entrepreneurship.

**Scholar and Educator:** Doctoral dissertation received Curtin University's highest academic honor; dissertation published as a peer-reviewed book by Peter Lang and favorably reviewed in the *Newspaper Research Journal*; named journalism department's Teacher of the Year in 2014; appointed Professor of Practice and Director of the Cox Institute in 2016; appointed Morris Chair in News Strategy and Management in 2018; received UGA's Creative Teaching Award in 2019, named a University Writing Fellow in 2020 and a Transformative Teaching Fellow in 2023. Recipient of two 2024 Taste Awards for a creative project, the *Wines We Drink* podcast.

## **EDUCATION**

**Doctor of Philosophy, Media and Information (Internet Studies) – Curtin University** (Perth, AU – 2011)

Dissertation: "*The U.S. Newspaper Industry's Relationship with Online Media 1980-2005.*"

- Dissertation received Chancellor's Commendation for Excellence.
- Dissertation committee included two prominent U.S. independent examiners: Steve Jones, Ph.D., Distinguished Professor of Communication at the University of Illinois – Chicago, and John Pavlik, Ph.D., Professor and former Chair of the Department of Journalism and Media Studies at Rutgers University.
- Dissertation updated and published as a peer-reviewed book by Peter Lang Publishing in 2012.

**Master of Liberal Studies – University of Oklahoma** (Norman, OK – 1997)

Thesis: "*The 90s Newspaper Debate: Profits vs. the Public Trust.*"

- Interdisciplinary degree in journalism, law and political science.
- Recipient of merit-based Alumni Scholarship Award.
- Completed the degree as part of Cox Enterprises' employee education assistant program.

**Bachelor of Arts in Journalism – University of Georgia** (Athens, GA – 1982)

Minor included courses in accounting, economics, finance, management, marketing and public administration.

- Graduated with honors: Cum Laude.
- Received the senior student's service award.
- Awarded scholarships by the Georgia Press Association and the News Election Service.
- Interned at *The Macon (GA) Telegraph* and held paid reporting positions at *The Athens (GA) Banner-Herald*, *The Anderson (SC) Independent* and *The Elbert (GA) Beacon*.

## TEACHING/UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE

### University of Georgia, College of Journalism and Mass Communication

#### William S. Morris Chair in News Strategy and Management

August 2018 - Present

#### Professor of Practice, Journalism Department

#### Executive Director\*, James M. Cox Jr. Institute for Journalism Innovation, Management & Leadership

August 2016 – Present

- Advanced Reporting and Writing
- Business of News
- Entrepreneurial Journalism
- Financial Journalism
- First Year Odyssey on Leadership
- Food Journalism
- Investigative Reporting
- Journalism Ethics and Diversity
- Media, News and Consumers
- Media Management (Graduate seminar)
- Multiplatform Projects (Capstone)
- Writing and Reporting Across Platforms

\*Named Executive Director in August 2021 after serving as Director since August 2016.

#### *Ongoing activities:*

- Manage the Cox Institute's Levin Leaders program; leadership training for 10 students each year.
- Collaborate with directors of the Cox Institute Innovation Lab and Writing Lab about ongoing initiatives.
- Coordinate scholarship programs for our Levin Leaders, Fink Fellows and Griffiths Innovators programs.
- Mentor the Morris Masters Fellows who are assigned to various projects and internships.
- Oversee "The Lead," a student podcast featuring interviews with news media leaders.
- Coordinate an Industry Fellows program that brings news leaders to campus for guest lectures.
- Serve as affiliate faculty in the college's Business and Public Communications Fellows Program.
- Coordinate student fellowships with the Society for Advancing Business Editing and Writing (SABEW).
- Manage scholarships issued through the Barry Hollander Award and the Todd Bauer Award.

#### *Other activities and highlights:*

- Presented at Georgia Scholastic Press Association conference (2016-2019, 2022-2024).
- Led creation and directed Cox Institute's university-wide Certificate in News Literacy (2022-2024).
- Oversaw College Connect, a personal finance writing workshop in partnership with SABEW (2016-2024).
- Served on the faculty selection committee for students in the McGill Fellows program (2014-2024).
- Served as elected faculty representative on the University Council (three-year term 2020-2023); assigned to the strategic planning committee.
- Served on hiring committee for an associate director within the Center for Teaching and Learning (2023).
- Recognized by Career Services for contributing to student career development (2016-2023).
- Directed the Betty Gage Holland awards program recognizing excellence in college media (2016-2023).
- Chaired selection committees seeking Knight Chair in Health and Medical Journalism (2017, 2022).
- Lectured visiting journalists from Ethiopia, Kazakhstan, South Korea and China (2017-2019, 2021-2022).
- Hosted Entrepreneurial Journalism Symposium for student training (2015-2020).
- Served on the university's entrepreneurship certificate advisory committee (2015-2020).
- Received University's Creative Teaching Award (2019).
- Honored with the Darwin-Davis Award, reflecting the college's spirit (2019).
- Led the Cox Institute's Management Seminar for College News Editors (MSCNE) (2016-2019).
- Directed the Mobile News Lab before relaunching it as the Journalism Innovation Lab (2016-2019).
- Managed the Independent Journalists Resource Coalition (IJRC) (2017-2019).
- Hosted Matter VC industry boot camp on design thinking; sponsored by Google (2018).
- Served on the college's Scholarship and Awards Committee (2017-2018).
- Coached entrepreneurship team that represented UGA at the SEC Pitch Competition (2017).
- Developed and hosted the Georgia Press Association's "J-School" training program (2017).
- Lectured in Emerging Media M.A. program: "The Art and Science of Product Development" (2016-2017).
- Facilitated Stats Camp with Sense About Science USA; more than 250 students participated (2016).
- Developed and hosted a privacy conference in collaboration with Family and Consumer Sciences (2016).

## **Reynolds Visiting Professor in Business Journalism, Journalism Department**

**January 2016 – July 2016**

- Business Journalism
- Entrepreneurial Journalism
- Public Affairs Reporting
- Leadership Development
- Facilitated \$150,000 gift for the Cox Institute's leadership development program (2016).
- Presented at Management Seminar for College News Editors (2016).
- Received grant for business journalism student internships at *Fortune* magazine and NPR (2016).
- Developed a Reynolds lecture series featuring 10 professional business journalists (2016).
- Hosted lecture on identity theft and privacy featuring two prominent expert authors (2016).

## **Visiting Professor, Journalism Department**

**August 2012 – December 2015**

- Advanced Reporting and Writing
- Business Journalism
- Entrepreneurial Journalism
- Financial Literacy for Communicators
- Journalism Ethics
- Magazine Journalism
- Managing News Organizations
- Newswriting and Reporting
- Mobile News Lab
- Leadership Development
- Recognized as an Atlanta Mobility Star for creating and directing the Mobile News Lab (2015).
- Organized college's first Entrepreneurial Journalism Symposium (2015).
- Named to UGA committee on university-wide Entrepreneurship Certificate (2015).
- Taught at Management Seminar for College News Editors (2013, 2015).
- Recognized by Career Services for contributing to student career development (2014-2015).
- Named Journalism Department's Teacher of the Year (2014).
- Led Cox Institute's name change and advisory board launch (2014).
- Led creation of Mobile News Lab as part of Cox Institute's innovation initiative (2014).
- Developed and launched "Cox Institute Presents" industry lecture series (2014).
- Served as a faculty judge for the Peabody Awards (2014).
- Hosted healthcare reporting conference for SABEW (2014).
- Created student fellowship with SABEW for selected students to study in New York (2014).
- Hosted digital skills workshop presented by the Society of Professional Journalists (2013).
- Conceived and produced symposium: "Managing News @ the Digital Edge" (2013).
- Created Cox Institute's leadership development program (2013).
- Developed digital and eBook publishing practicum for four top journalism students (2013).
- Participated in Faculty Learning Community on classroom best practices (2012-13).

## **Lecturer, Journalism Ethics, Journalism Department**

**August 2011 – December 2011**

- Invited by dean and department chair to launch program development initiatives for the Cox Institute.
- Facilitated faculty visit with Dr. Matthew Allen, an Australian scholar in internet studies.
- Led a series of mentoring sessions with journalism students.

## **Other Professional Engagement with UGA**

- Served on the college's advisory board of directors (1999-2002).
- Facilitated a \$100,000 license grant from Proxicom Inc. for internet publishing software (1998).
- Taught at Management Seminar for College News Editors (1996-97).
- Served as Executive-in-Residence; lectured in various courses including newswriting and reporting, copy editing and newspaper management (1994).

## **Kennesaw State University, College of Humanities**

### **Adjunct Faculty, Communication Department**

**August 2005 – July 2012**

- Communication Research Methods
  - Contemporary Issues in Media
  - First-Year Seminar (Leadership)
  - Introduction to Mass Communication
  - Media Management
  - Uses and Effects of Mass Media
- Received Career Services Center citation for “making a difference in the life of a graduate” (2012).
  - Hosted Australian Scholar Dr. Matthew Allen; keynote sponsored by Institute for Global Initiatives (2011).
  - Mentored students in China study abroad program; accompanied 35 students as part of international communication and consulting program with Shanghai International Studies University (2011).
  - Recognized for excellent teaching in the First-Year Seminar (2010).

## **INDUSTRY CAREER**

### **Internet Decisions, LLC: Founder and President**

**January 2005 – July 2016**

Founded information services firm that produced strategic research for business planning; conducted leadership training; specialized in the media and technology sectors. Clients included: CSM Research (Crisp Media, ACS and Disney); SWOT Management Group (Sun Microsystems, Oracle, Hitachi, and CA Technologies); eOne Group, Cyspan, The New York Times Co., and the Technology Association of Georgia (TAG).

- Completed more than 200 research projects including six “State of the Industry” reports for TAG.
- Developed custom research for analyzing deployed technologies, determining customer satisfaction, evaluating usability and assessing market potential. (See Industry and Applied Research section below).
- Implemented a collaborative content management system and client engagement platform using wiki-based technology, saving a client more than \$175,000 over traditional systems.

### **Hartwell Industries: Vice President and General Manager, One Source Pro**

**May 2004 – December 2004**

Hired by private equity owner to upgrade technology platforms and restructure website operations of this e-commerce fulfillment company.

- Managed deployment of an e-commerce solution based on the software-as-a-service model developed by eOne Group, an IBM solutions partner.
- Developed custom web interfaces for key customers including Office Depot and Verizon Wireless.
- Reduced website development time by more than 50 percent.

### **Cox Radio Interactive, unit of Cox Radio: Director of Operations**

**January 2001 – May 2004**

Led website development, content development, technology operations and audience data analysis. Unit developed and maintained more than 80 websites in 17 markets for stations and on-air personalities.

- Managed development of an analog-to-digital interface allowing Cox Radio to become the first commercial radio company to display song titles on the internet simultaneously with over-the-air broadcasts.
- Led deployment of streaming platform that pioneered commercial radio’s first internet-only advertising.
- Managed development of an internal web-based content publishing platform; system appraised at 15 times its development costs.

### **Red Hot Technology Accelerator: President, COO and Equity Investor**

**May 2000 – December 2005**

Worked with emerging technology and new media companies on their business planning and fundraising.

- Served as president and chief operating officer May-December 2000.
- Collaborated on raising operational capital and early-stage funding for a dozen portfolio companies.
- Led client engagements and business planning; exited investment in 2005.

### **Cox Interactive Media, a division of Cox Enterprises: Vice President**

**October 1996 – May 2000**

Launched division as one of six founding executives; served as Vice President of Operations and later as Vice President of Planning and Product Development.

- Oversaw development of company-wide internet publishing systems, including a public-facing community publishing tool that allowed thousands of non-profit organizations to create their first web presence.
- Led technical diligence for Cox's strategic internet investments of about \$500 million; served on the board of directors of Enkia Corp., an investment recipient.
- Negotiated streaming media partnership with Yahoo Broadcast that generated \$1 million in revenue.

### **The Atlanta Journal and Constitution: various reporting and editing positions**

#### **Administrative Editor**

**August 1990 – October 1996**

Managed newsroom operations including \$50 million in operating and capital budgets; chaired technology oversight committee.

- Led conversion of mainframe publishing to client/server; directed \$6 million upgrade of the newsrooms, including extensive workflow and technology integration; project received global recognition for newsroom innovation; presented project results at a leading European media operations conference.
- Spearheaded planning for coverage of the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, including development of an intranet-based reporting database and a print-on-demand system for souvenir editions in partnership with Xerox.
- Managed multi-year conversion to digital photography in cooperation with photo department, allowing the AJC to be among the first newspapers to close its darkrooms.

#### **Deputy Business Editor**

**January 1989 – July 1990**

Supervised 40-person business news staff; directed story selection and assignments.

- Directed coverage of Eastern Airlines bankruptcy, which won Best of Cox award for deadline reporting.
- Edited "Chaos on Wall Street" series by Bill Hendrick, which won Best of Cox award for specialty and explanatory journalism.
- Developed and taught a financial literacy program for reporters throughout the newsroom.

#### **Assistant Business Editor**

**February 1988 – January 1989**

Managed team of reporters who covered retailers, airlines and the media

- Served in dual role as a night production editor.
- Recognized by editor-in-chief for outstanding performance on deadline.
- Developed internal training programs for covering business and financial news.

#### **Business Writer**

**September 1982 – January 1988**

Started as a general assignment reporter and wrote extensively about Georgia's rural economy; promoted to cover high-profile media and marketing beat including Turner Broadcasting and Coca-Cola Co.

- Interviewed President Reagan in the White House about farm policy.
- Reported details of Turner's attempted acquisition of CBS based on sealed federal deposition obtained through sources.
- Developed Wall Street sources and reported plans of a stock split by Coca-Cola before it was announced.

## **GRANTS, GIFTS AND SPONSORSHIPS**

### **Adam Levin and Levin Family Foundation (New York, NY – 2016-2025)**

Facilitated gifts totaling more than \$700,000 from author and consumer advocate Adam Levin and his family foundation in support of the Cox Institute leadership education program and the Peabody Awards.

**Barron's Readership Sponsorship** (New York, NY – 2018-2025)

Received sponsorships of more than \$20,000 to support a Barron's readership program in financial journalism.

**Richard T. Griffiths Student Support Fund** (Atlanta, GA – 2024-2025)

Facilitated a private gift from Mr. Griffiths that was matched by the UGA Foundation and Cox Institute to create a fund to support students engaged in the Cox Institute's Innovation Lab, who are known as Griffiths Innovators.

**Various Private Donors** (2014-2025)

Raised more than \$60,000 to fund student fellowships, scholarships and experiential learning initiatives.

**College Connect, Society for Advancing Business Editing and Writing** (Phoenix, AZ – 2016-2024)

Awarded grants totaling \$33,500 to fund student workshops in personal finance reporting; program runs in partnership with the National Endowment for Financial Education.

**Covering Poverty Initiative** (Athens, GA – 2022-2023)

Collaborated on funding of more than \$35,000 to support the Cox Institute Writing Lab project. Benefactors included The Atlanta Journal-Constitution and UGA's Institute on Human Development and Disability.

**Georgia Association of Broadcasters' Program Sponsorships** (Atlanta, GA – 2015-2019, 2021-2022)

Awarded sponsorship funds totaling \$21,000 to fund leadership education and other training programs.

**Scripps Howard Foundation** (Cincinnati, OH – 2020-2022)

Awarded grant of \$7,500 for the Cox Institute to revive the Covering Poverty initiative in Fall 2020; additional \$7,000 in support provided for summer reporting internships in 2021 and 2022.

**Mandela Washington Fellowship - U.S. Department of State** (Washington, DC – 2020)

Shared in a grant of \$20,000 with colleagues Valerie Boyd and Tudor Vlad with assistance from the Office of Global Engagement and the Fanning Institute; project supported online training in digital media and storytelling for the Mandela Washington Fellowship, which trains 700 young African leaders each year.

**Online News Association Innovation Challenge Grant – Research Prize** (Washington, DC – 2020)

Shared in prize of \$15,000 recognizing research completed as part of a project exploring how immersive 360-degree video can be used in explanatory news. Shared with principal investigator Bartosz Wojdyski and co-investigator Ivanka Pjesivac. (See 2017 Challenge Grant).

**TrueFiduciary Institute** (Reston, VA – 2019)

Gift of \$25,000 in matching funds to support a research project about transparency at the intersection of financial journalism and financial technology. Project was in partnership with the Digital Media Attention and Cognition Lab and the College of Family and Consumer Sciences.

**Online News Association Innovation Challenge Grant** (Washington, DC – 2017)

Awarded grant of \$35,000 to produce and study virtual reality for explanatory news. Shared with principal investigator Bartosz Wojdyski and co-investigator Ivanka Pjesivac.

**National Association of Broadcasters' PILOT Innovation Initiative** (Washington, DC – 2017)

Awarded sponsorship (terms not disclosed) for virtual reality equipment for the Mobile News Lab.

**Reynolds National Center for Business Journalism – Arizona State University** (Phoenix, AZ – 2016)

Received \$40,000 visiting professor grant to teach business journalism in spring semester; additional \$10,000 funded lecture series with business journalists. Other grants of \$16,000 provided internships at *Fortune* and NPR.

**Microbilt's Integra Financial Benchmarking** (Atlanta, GA – 2014)

Received an academic use grant for proprietary data to study financial performance of various media industries.

**Georgia Technology Authority** (Atlanta, GA – 2013)

Awarded a grant of about \$25,000 to produce case studies on two broadband internet projects in rural Georgia.

## FELLOWSHIPS

**University of Georgia Transformative Teaching Fellowship – Center for Teaching and Learning** (Athens, GA – 2023-2024) Part of a faculty cohort exploring transformative teaching practices.

**University of Georgia Writing Fellowship – Center for Teaching and Learning** (Athens, GA – 2020-2021) Part of a faculty cohort of “writing fellows” studying best practices for teaching student writing.

**Reynolds National Center for Business Journalism – Arizona State University** (Phoenix, AZ – 2016) Business Journalism Visiting Professor Fellowship to teach business journalism at UGA in Spring 2016.

**Ted Scripps Leadership Institute – Society of Professional Journalists** (Atlanta, GA – 2015) Scripps Howard Foundation Fellowship to attend SPJ leadership training.

**Reynolds National Center for Business Journalism – Arizona State University** (Phoenix, AZ – 2013) Business Journalism Professor Fellowship to attend training for teaching business and economic journalism.

**Postdoctoral Fellowship – Curtin University** (Perth, Australia – 2011-2012) Adjunct, external appointment that provided resources for editing dissertation into a published book.

**Cox Industry Fellowship with Cox Institute – University of Georgia** (Athens, GA – 1991-1993) Served as a mentor and adviser to selected journalism students.

**Davenport Fellowship in Business & Economics Reporting - University of Missouri** (Columbia, MO – 1984) Residence-based certificate program with intensive study of accounting, finance and economics taught in partnership with the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School of Business.

**Pulliam Journalism Fellowship** (Indianapolis, IN – 1982) Post-undergraduate internship in business journalism at *The Indianapolis News*.

## BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

Herndon, K.L. with Varnum, C.N. as editor (August 2025). *Wine Conversations: Exploring Meaning, Mystery and Myth*. Interactive Edition. Dubuque, IA: Innovative Ink Publishing.

Herndon, K.L. with Varnum, C.N. as editor (January 2025). *Wine Conversations: Exploring Meaning, Mystery and Myth*. Dubuque, IA: Innovative Ink Publishing. Earned a Silver Award in the Nonfiction Book Awards sponsored by the Nonfiction Authors Association.

Qi, J.; Chatterjee, S.; Worthy, S.; Herndon, K.; Wojdyski, B. (2024). Using an Extended Post-Acceptance Framework to Examine Consumer Adoption of Fintech. *International Journal of Bank Marketing*. DOI: IJBM-10-2022-0448.

Herndon, K.L. and Norsworthy, C.F. eds. (2023). *Media, News, & Consumers: Exploring Media Literacy and Journalistic Responsibility, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*, Dubuque, IA: Kendall Hunt Publishing.

Herndon, K.L. and Norsworthy, C.F. eds. (2021). *Media, News, & Consumers: Exploring Media Literacy and Journalistic Responsibility*. Dubuque, IA: Kendall Hunt Publishing.

Pjesivac, I.; Wojdyski, B.; Binford, M.; Kim, J.; and Herndon, K. L. (2021). Using Directional Cues in Immersive Journalism: The Impact on Information Processing, Narrative Transportation, Presence, News Attitudes, and Credibility. *Digital Journalism*, 9(5), 1-23.

Norsworthy, C.F. and Herndon, K.L. (2020). Leading by Ear: Podcasting as an Educational Leadership Tool. *Journal of Leadership Education*, special Association of Leadership Educators conference issue, 19(3), 61-68.

Herndon, K.L., Norsworthy, C.F., and Kor-Sins, R. (2020). Democrat or Republican? Using Political Stereotypes as a Bias Discussion Exercise. *Journal of Leadership Education*, 19(2), 97-104.

Norsworthy, C.F. and Herndon, K.L. eds. (2020). *News Leadership: Conversations about Journalism and Its Future*. Dubuque, IA: Kendall Hunt Publishing. [Note: Received two gold medals in the 2020 eLit Book Awards for excellence in digital publishing; awarded in the current events category and the category recognizing best use of multimedia.]

Herndon, K.L. and Kor-Sins, R. (2019). Developing Thought Leaders: An Industry Practicum Approach. *Journal of Leadership Education*, 18(1), 174-182.

Herndon, K.L. and McCline, R. (2017). Leadership as a Way of Being: A Way Forward for a News Industry in Chaotic Transition. *Journal of Leadership Education*, special issue, 16(4), 135-147.

Herndon, K. L. and Krueger, V. (2016). Leadership Training in an Industry Context: Preparing Student Leaders for a Chaotic News Media. *Journal of Leadership Education*, 15(2), 48-57.

Herndon, K. L., ed. (2013). *Managing News @ The Digital Edge*. Athens, GA: Cox Institute. [Note: Proceedings from a media leadership symposium compiled by Lindsey Cook, Kelsey Deans, Polina Marinova and Cody Schmelter].

Herndon, K. L. (2012). *The Decline of the Daily Newspaper: How an American Institution Lost the Online Revolution*. New York, NY: Peter Lang Publishing.

Herndon, K. L. (2008). *Entrepreneurs and Innovation: Creating Value with Emerging Technologies*. Atlanta, GA: Innovations Publishing. [Note: Published in partnership with the Robinson College of Business entrepreneurship program at Georgia State University; adopted by entrepreneurship courses at UGA's Terry College of Business.]

Herndon, K. L. (2007). *Raising Capital When You Don't Have a Silicon Valley Address*. Atlanta, GA: Innovations Publishing. [Note: Published in partnership with the Robinson College of Business entrepreneurship program at Georgia State University; adopted by entrepreneurship courses at UGA's Terry College of Business.]

## CONFERENCE PAPERS/PRESENTATIONS

Herndon, K.L.; Poproski, R.; Derickson, A.; Adams-Pope, B. (2025). Examining Transformational Teaching Through the Lens of Transformational Leadership, Paper presented at the Association of Leadership Educators conference, San Diego, CA, July.

Herndon, K.L.; Kenney, E.; Adams-Pope, B. (2024). Teaching AI as a Productivity Tool: Practice and Pedagogy. Poster presented at the Association of Leadership Educators conference, Minneapolis, MN, July. [Outstanding Practice Poster Award].

Herndon, K.L.; Hester, K.E.; Adams-Pope, B. (2023). Quantifying Innovation: An Empirical Index for Informing Communities and Empowering Community Leaders. Poster presented at the International Leadership Association annual conference, Vancouver, Canada, October.

Herndon, K.L.; Hester, K.E.; Norsworthy, C.F. (2023). Fact or Fiction: Empowering News Literacy as a Leadership Skill. Paper presented at the Association of Leadership Educators conference, Nashville, TN, July.

Herndon, K.L.; Hester, K.E.; Andrews, E. (2022). Shrimp Tank: Preparing Entrepreneurial Leaders Using a Pitch Competition. Paper presented at the Association of Leadership Educators conference, Kansas City, MO, June.

Qi, J.; Chatterjee, S.; Worthy, S.; Herndon, K.; Wojdynski, B. (2021). Using an Extended Post-Acceptance Framework to Examine Consumer Adoption of Fintech. Poster presented during Center for Financial Planning (CFP) Board Academic Research Colloquium, virtual, November.

Norsworthy, C.F.; Herndon, K.L.; Adams-Pope, B.; Turknnett, C.; Harris, L. (2021). Applying Leadership Self-Efficacy Theory: Understanding the Innerworkings of Assessments by Creating Our Own. Paper presented at the Association of Leadership Educators conference, virtual, June. [Distinguished Innovative Practice Paper Award].



Herndon, K.L. and Windham, C. (2020). Entrepreneurial Leadership: Teaching Product Development Principles Using the Perceived Attributes of Innovation. Paper presented during conference of the Association of Leadership Educators, virtual, July.

Norsworthy, C.F. and Herndon, K.L. (2020). Leading by Ear: Podcasting as an Educational Leadership Tool. Paper presented during conference of the Association of Leadership Educators, virtual, July. [Distinguished Innovative Practice Paper Award].

Windham, C.; Herndon, K.; Adams-Pope, B.; Lake, K. (2020). Teaching Entrepreneurial Leaders Through a Lens of the Perceived Attributes of Innovation. Training workshop accepted at the Student Global Leadership Conference (Foundation for International Education), London, UK, April. [Note: event cancelled due to pandemic.]

Wojdyski, B.; Pjesivac, I.; Jihoon, K.; Binford, M.; Herndon, K. (2019). Look Around and Learn: Effects of 360-Degree Video in Online News. Presented by Wojdyski and Binford at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication conference, Toronto, Canada, August.

Herndon, K.L., Norsworthy, C.F., and Kor-Sins, R. (2019). Democrat or Republican? Using Political Stereotypes as a Bias Discussion Exercise. Presented at the Association of Leadership Educators conference, Albuquerque, NM, July.

Pjesivac, I.; Wojdyski, B.; Binford, M.; Jihoon, K.; Herndon, K. (2019). Using Directional Cues in Immersive Journalism: The Impact on Information Processing, Narrative Transportation, Presence, News Attitudes, and Credibility. Presented by Pjesivac at International Communication Association conference, Washington, DC, May.

Herndon, K.L. and Kor-Sins, R. (2018). Labor Productivity: Proposing the Economic Metric as an Empirical Leadership Proxy. Presented at the International Leadership Association conference, West Palm Beach, FL, October.

Walker, B., Herndon, K.L., and McCline, R. (2018). Teaching Leadership in a Management Course: Using Q Methodology to Engage Students in Theory Building. Presented at the Association of Leadership Educators conference, Chicago, IL, July.

Herndon, K.L. and Kor, R. M. (2017). Industry Practicum: Teaching Skills, Producing Thought Leaders. Presented at the Association of Leadership Educators conference, Charleston, SC, July.

Keib, K.M., Herndon, K.L. and Williams, D.E. (2017). Television Broadcasting Employment Defies the Forces Reshaping Labor in the Media Industries. Presented by Williams at Society for Cinema and Media Studies conference, Chicago, IL, March.

Herndon, K.L. and McCline, R. (2016). Leadership as a Way of Being: An Authentic Leadership Model for Emerging Millennial Leaders in the News Media. Presented at International Leadership Association conference, Atlanta, GA, November.

Herndon, K.L. and Williams, D.E. (2016). Mission Accomplished: A Three-State Labor Analysis Confirms Tax Credits Increase Film Labor. Presented at Society for Cinema and Media Studies conference, Atlanta, GA, April.

Keib, K.M. and Herndon, K.L. (2016). Reshaping Broadcast Television: Employment Patterns Reflect Shifting Work in a Consolidating Sector. Presented by Keib at Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication midwinter conference, Norman, OK, February.

Herndon, K. L. (2015). Profitability in Newspapers: Industry Benchmarking Data Shows Newspaper Industry Makes Money and is Less Risky Following Layoffs and Restructuring. Presented at Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication conference, San Francisco, CA, August.

Herndon, K. L. and Williams, D. E. (2015). Broadband Demand in Rural America Sparks Community Action: A South Georgia Case Study. Presented by Williams at Southern States Communication Association conference, Tampa, FL, April.

Herndon, K. L. (2015). No Economies of Size and Scale in the Newspaper Industry: Analysis of Industry Benchmarking Data Shows Larger Newspapers No More Profitable Than Smaller Ones. Presented at Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication midwinter conference, Norman, OK, March. [Received top paper abstract award in media management and economics division.]

Lee, J. H., Leblebici H., and Herndon, K. L. (2014). How Rhetorical History Influences the Change in the U.S. Newspaper Industry in the 21st Century. Presented by Lee at the 30th European Group for Organizational Studies colloquium, Rotterdam, The Netherlands, July.

Allen, M. and Herndon, K. L. (2012). The Rise and Fall of the New Century Network: American Newspapers and the Quest for Control of Online News in the 1990s. Paper presented at Southern States Communication Association conference, San Antonio, TX, April. [Selected as a top paper in the mass communication division.]

Herndon, K. L. (2011). Understanding the Present, Re-evaluating the Past. Panel discussion regarding media history at Southern States Communication Association conference, Little Rock, AR, March.

Herndon, K. L. (2009). Newspapers in the Mid-1990s: At a Crossroads with Online Media. Paper presented at Association of Internet Researchers conference, Milwaukee, WI, October.

Herndon, K. L. (2007). The History and Hype of Early Online Media Endeavors. Paper presented at Association of Internet Researchers conference, Vancouver, BC, October.

### **INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND KEYNOTES (academic)**

Herndon, K.L. (2025). Wine's Sustainable Future, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Athens, GA, September.

Herndon, K.L. (2024). The Creator Economy and the Future of Media, Georgia Press Institute, Athens, GA, February.

Herndon, K.L. (2023). Opportunity in Chaos: Imagining the Media's Future, Georgia Press Institute, Athens, GA, April.

Herndon, K.L. (2020). Journal of Leadership Education Author Advice Session, panel discussion during conference of the Association of Leadership Educators, invited panelist, virtual online conference, July.

Herndon, K.L. (2020). Writing & Thriving: Supporting Student Writers and Writing Instruction Across the Curriculum, Write@UGA, University of Georgia, invited panelist, Athens, GA, February.

Herndon, K.L. (2020). Six Trends Driving Media Innovation, Georgia Press Institute, Athens, GA, February.

Herndon, K.L. (2019). Six Trends Redefining Media, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Athens, GA, September.

Herndon, K.L. (2019). Six Trends Driving the Future of News, Georgia Press Institute, Athens, GA, February.

Herndon, K.L. (2018). New Ideas for Covering News, Georgia Press Institute, Athens, GA, February.

Herndon, K.L. (2018). The Intersection of Innovation and Leadership. First Year Odyssey class, University of Georgia, Athens, GA, October.

Herndon, K.L. (2017). The Future of News. Department of Journalism, Ethics and Democracy, University of Notre Dame, invited panelist, South Bend, IN, September.

Herndon, K.L. (2017). News on the Small Screen: Getting Information to Readers Every Way You Can. Georgia Press Institute, Macon, GA, February.

Herndon, K.L. (2017). The Intersection of Innovation and Leadership. First Year Odyssey class, University of Georgia, Athens, GA, October.

Herndon, K.L. (2016). The Intersection of Innovation and Leadership. First Year Odyssey class, University of Georgia, Athens, GA, October.

Herndon, K.L. (2016). From Zombies to Transformers: The Myths and Realities of Today's News Market. Westminster Schools, journalism writing workshop, Atlanta, GA, November.

Herndon, K.L. (2016). Reaching Readers on the Go: How News Shifted to the Small Screen. College Media Association, fall conference, Atlanta, GA, October.

Herndon, K. L. (2016). Leverage: Using Existing Resources to Create a Killer Course. Reynolds National Center for Business Journalism, Arizona State University, business journalism professors training, Phoenix, AZ, January.

Herndon, K. L. (2015). Leadership in the Digital Era: Your Generation is Poised for Success. University of Georgia Phi Kappa Literary Society, awards banquet keynote, Athens, GA, April.

Herndon, K. L. (2015). Not All Leaks Are Equal: Journalistic Plumbing is Necessary in an Era of Free Flowing Information. University of Georgia Phi Kappa Literary Society, invited oration, Athens, GA, January.

Herndon, K. L. (2013). Cox Poynter Leaders: Leveraging the News University for Leadership Development. Panel discussion organized by the Poynter Institute at Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication conference, Washington, DC, August.

Herndon, K. L. (2012). Digital Disruption of Media and the Effects on Political Involvement. Kennesaw State University Constitution Week sponsored by the American Democracy Project, Kennesaw, GA, September.

Herndon, K. L. (2012). *The Decline of the Daily Newspaper: How an American Institution Lost the Online Revolution*. Book presentation organized by Peter Lang Publishing at Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication conference, Chicago, IL, August.

Herndon, K. L. (2012). Researching the State of the Technology Industry in Georgia. Kennesaw State University International Center for Innovation in Technologies, lecture series, Kennesaw, GA, April.

Herndon, K. L. (2011). Transforming a Teaching Philosophy into a Learning Strategy. Kennesaw State University, adjunct instructor training, Kennesaw, GA, July.

Herndon, K. L. (2011). Leadership in the Digital Era: Collaboration Trumps Charisma. Association of Non-Traditional Students in Higher Education, national conference keynote, Kennesaw, GA, March.

Herndon, K. L. (2010). Leadership in the Digital Era: Substance Supplants Style. Kennesaw State University National Society of Collegiate Scholars, induction ceremony keynote, Kennesaw, GA, October.

## **INDUSTRY AND APPLIED RESEARCH**

Proprietary research projects and white papers in the media and technology industries. Examples include:

*Storytelling, Improv and Reframing Failure: Emerging Methods in Leadership Education*. (2025). Editor, white paper by Alexis Derickson. Athens, GA: Cox Institute, Aug.

*Leaving Legacy Behind: Employment Trends in the Media Industry*. (2024). Editor, white paper by Erin Kenney. Athens, GA: Cox Institute, May.

*Innovation and Shifts: Changes Across Fortune 500 Companies Over the Years*. (2020). Editor, white paper written by Mikaela Cohen. Athens, GA: Cox Institute, Nov.

*Data Analytics in Journalism and PR*. (2020). Editor, white paper by Jessica Wurst. Athens, GA: Cox Institute, Nov.

*Entrepreneurial Journalism Symposium: Connecting Students with Innovators*. (2017). Editor; white paper by Ryan Kor. Athens, GA: Cox Institute, Apr.

*State of the Technology Industry in Georgia Annual Report. (2011-2016)*. Analyses of U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and U.S. Commerce Department data and proprietary surveys of technology decision makers. Atlanta, GA: Technology Association of Georgia, March.

*American Top 40: Mobile Web and App Design in the 40 Top U.S. Web News Sites.* (2015). The news media's use of mobility. UGA faculty: Bartosz Wojdyski and Mark Johnson. Student researchers: Savannah Brock, Aashka Dave, Hayden Field, Kathryn Harris, Brittini Ray, John Roark and Erin Smith. Athens, GA: Cox Institute, Feb.

*Documenting the Origins of Key Rural Broadband Initiatives: Case Studies of the North Georgia Network and the South Georgia Regional Information Technology Authority* (2013). Primary field interviews and primary document research; internal document. Atlanta, GA: Georgia Technology Authority, Sept.

*Youth Today's Audience and Readership: Assessing the Value Proposition after Kennesaw State University Takes Control of the Publication* (2102). Survey of 400+ readers; readership analysis; internal presentation of findings. Research partner: Burruss Institute. Kennesaw, GA: Center for Sustainable Journalism, Oct.

*Key Mobile Trends Reshaping the Media Landscape* (2012). Analysis of primary industry documents and published sources; proprietary client document. Atlanta, GA: Internet Decisions, LLC, Aug.

*Newspaper Industry Revenue Rebounds from Recession: Are the Gains Sustainable?* (2012). Analysis of benchmarking database; proprietary client document. Atlanta, GA: Internet Decisions, LLC, Sept.

*Exploring the Evolving Digital Strategy of The Weather Channel in the Emerging Mobile Era* (2011). Primary material research; internal document. Alpharetta, GA: ProCom Consulting, Apr.

*The Technology Strategy of a Business Information Publisher: A Case Study of Reed Elsevier in North America* (2010). Primary material research; internal document. Hillsborough, NJ: SWOT Management Group, March.

*Selling Enterprise Security in an Era of Data Breaches and Privacy Concerns: Evaluating the Strategies of Symantec, SecureWorks and Solutionary* (2010). Primary interviews and published industry material; client document. Atlanta, GA: Internet Decisions, LLC, Nov.

*Muzak's Bankruptcy and the Future of the Captive Music Market: An Overview of Emerging Competitors* (2009). Primary interviews and material research; internal presentation of findings. Atlanta, GA: Croft & Bender, Apr.

*Customer Assessment of PreVisor's Revised E-Commerce Strategy: Documenting Usability Responses Using Prototype Models* (2009). Primary customer interviews. Research Partners: Jeff Garbers and Jill Terrell; internal document. Atlanta, GA: CSM Research, Dec.

*Media Insights into a Mobile Software Provider: A Customer Satisfaction Study of the Crisp Media Platform* (2008). Primary interviews; internal document. Atlanta, GA: CSM Research, Oct.

*The Effects of Music Digitization on Independent Recording Labels: Industry and Demographic Trends* (2008). Primary material research; internal presentation of findings. Atlanta, GA: Wise Marketing, June.

*E-Commerce Best Practices in the Financial Marketplace: A Technology Profile of E\*Trade Financial* (2007). Primary interviews and research; internal document. Hillsborough, NJ: SWOT Management Group, June.

*Major League Baseball and its Online Media Investments: A Case Study of MLB.com* (2007). Primary interviews and material research; internal document. Hillsborough, NJ: SWOT Management Group, May.

*Cyspan's Application Development Methodologies for Media and FinTech Customers* (2006). Primary interviews and propriety documentation; client document. Atlanta, GA: Internet Decisions, LLC, Dec.

*Assessing Disney's Employee Satisfaction with Internal Technology Platforms* (2006). Primary interviews; internal presentation of findings. Atlanta, GA: CSM Research, Aug.

*Customer Assessment of LifeWire as a Web Content Syndication Service* (2006). Primary interviews; internal presentation of findings. New York, NY: The New York Times Co., June.

*Lincoln Financial's Sports Media Strategy: The Aftermath of the Jefferson-Pilot Acquisition* (2005). Primary interviews and published material; internal document. Hillsborough, NJ: SWOT Management Group, Oct.

*Database Metrics for Internet Traffic Analysis: A Comprehensive Guide* (1997). Editor, industry whitepaper. Atlanta, GA: Cox Interactive Media, Oct.

## **INDUSTRY PRESENTATIONS/ENGAGEMENTS (selected examples)**

- James Beard Foundation: judge in annual awards competition (2022-2025).
- Association of Leadership Educators: *Leading by the Glass* (2025).
- Jackson County Chamber of Commerce: “*The Ethics of AI: Implications for Our Future*” (2024).
- Georgia Association of Broadcasters conference: “*Filling Your Talent Pipeline with the Next Generation of Broadcasters*,” panel moderator (2022).
- Georgia Association of Broadcasters conference: *Benefitting from UGA’s Digital Natives Program*, panel moderator (2022).
- Georgia Association of Broadcasters conference: “*What Every Broadcast Leader Needs to Know About Hiring in Today’s Labor Market*” (2019).
- Georgia Association of Broadcasters conference: “*Six Technology Trends Every Broadcast Leader Must Understand*” (2019).
- Alliance of Area Business Publishers, national conference: “*Newsroom 2029*” (2019).
- Society of Professional Journalists, Georgia chapter freelance fair: “*Six Steps to Building a Freelance Business*” (2019, 2018).
- Society of American Business Editors and Writers: judge in awards competition (2015-2017; 2019).
- Georgia Association of Broadcasters conference: “*Here Come the Zoomers and Other Dynamic Changes in the Workplace*” (2018).
- Society of Professional Journalists, Region 3 conference: “*Six Steps to Building a Foundation for Freelancing*,” with Lori Johnston (2018).
- Georgia Association of Broadcasters conference: “*Leading Across Generations*” (2017).
- Atlanta Press Club: panelist for *Media Literacy 101* (2017).
- Technology Association of Georgia: “*State of the Technology Industry in Georgia*,” venues included Atlanta, Athens, Augusta and Macon (2016-2011).
- Technology Association of Georgia, Entrepreneurship Society: “*The Art and Science of Product Development: Bringing Innovations to Market*” (2016).
- Commerce Club, Atlanta: “*Frontline Leadership: Managing the Generational Shift*” (2016).
- Commerce Club, Atlanta: “*Frontline Leadership: Managing Change in the Digital Era*” (2016).
- Georgia Association of Broadcasters conference: “*Frontline Leadership*” (2015).
- Georgia Association of Broadcasters conference: “*Managing Millennials*” (2015).
- Community Newspapers Inc.: Company Awards Program, judge in editorial category (2015).
- National Public Health Information Coalition: Annual Awards; judge in website category (2015).
- Mobility Live: “*Developing a Mobile News Lab*” (2014).
- Journalism Next: “*Writing for Online Audiences*” (2014).
- Digital Atlanta Conference: “*New Media Ethics*” (2013).
- Digital Atlanta Conference: “*News Delivery: Form and Function*” (2013).
- Hypepotamus Startup Academy: “*Understanding the Pillars of Transformational Leadership*” (2013).
- Jackson Spalding Employee Training: “*Digital Disruption and The News Media*” (2012).
- William Mills Agency Employee Training: “*Five Truths Driving Today’s Media Marketplace*” (2012).
- Jabian Consulting Employee Conference: “*Understanding Georgia’s Technology Industry*” (2011).
- Strategic and Competitive Intelligence Professionals National Conference: “*C-Level Intelligence: Executive Interviewing for Insight*.” (2009).
- Chi Phi Club of Atlanta Executive Luncheon: “*The Importance of Innovation*” (2009).
- UGA Alumni Association: Organized and hosted “*Entrepreneurs and Innovation Summit*” (2009).
- Inventors Association of Georgia: “*Research for Bringing Ideas to Market*” (2009).
- UGA Terry College of Business Capital Seminar: “*Raising Capital in the Southeast*” (2008).
- Georgia State University Robinson College of Business Entrepreneur Banquet: “*Entrepreneurship and Innovation*” (2008).
- Atlanta Technology in Entertainment Forum: “*Streaming Media Increases in Importance*” (2003).
- UGA New Media Institute: “*Cox’s Streaming Innovations – Industry Firsts*” (2003).
- Atlanta Venture Capital Conference: “*Incubators and New Media Development*” (2000).
- Bank One Electronic Commerce Forum: “*The Cox Approach to Central Internet Control*” (1999).

- The IFRA Media Technology Forum: “*Creating a Newsroom for the Digital Future*” (1995).
- The Atlanta Journal-Constitution University: “*Overcoming the Fear of Reporting Numbers*” (1994).

## **MEDIA ENGAGEMENTS (selected examples)**

- Interviewed by Thomas Wheatley for Axios. *AJC to end print after 157 years* (Aug. 29, 2005).
- Produced and co-hosted with Charlotte Norsworthy Varnum the *Wines We Drink* podcast (Season 5, 12 weekly episodes June 11-August 27, 2025).
- Interviewed by Anila Yoganathan for the Atlanta Business Chronicle. *AJC faces industry and local challenges in ‘audacious’ expansion plan* (Sept. 5, 2024).
- Produced and co-hosted with Charlotte Norsworthy Varnum the *Wines We Drink* podcast (Season 4, 12 weekly episodes May 29-August 14, 2024). 16<sup>th</sup> annual Taste Awards finalist for best drink or beverage program.
- Produced and co-hosted with Charlotte Norsworthy Varnum the *Wines We Drink* podcast. (Season 3, 12 weekly episodes May 31-August 16, 2023). 15<sup>th</sup> annual Taste Awards winner for best lifestyle podcast and best food or drink podcast.
- Interviewed by Mahira Dayal for Bloomberg Law. *O’Melveny Entices Baker Botts’ Longtime Client Liberty Media* (July 26, 2023).
- Featured in a Grady College website article by Elise Kim. *Wines We Drink: Turning a passion into a podcast*. (March 17, 2023).
- Interviewed by Del Walters for Scripps News’ *Evening Debrief*. *National News Literacy Week: University of Georgia now offers university-wide certificate in news literacy*. (January 26, 2023).
- Featured in Georgia Public Radio newscast and digital report by Devon Zwald. *Gannett reports dismal second quarter results*. (August 12 and August 16, 2022).
- Produced and co-hosted with Charlotte Norsworthy the *Wines We Drink* podcast. (Season 2, 12 weekly episodes June 1-August 17, 2022). 14<sup>th</sup> annual Taste Awards finalist for best lifestyle podcast and best drink or beverage program.
- Interviewed along with Charlotte Norsworthy by Rose Scott for WABE’s *Closer Look*. *Launch of Cox Institute’s Certificate in News Literacy* (April 1, 2022).
- Interviewed by Dr. Clinton Lee for *Wine Buzz* video blog of the Asia Pacific Wine and Spirit Institute. *Wine Education, Media and Culture* (September 9, 2021); adapted for podcast (December 23, 2021).
- Produced and co-hosted with Charlotte Norsworthy the *Wines We Drink* podcast. (Season 1, 12 weekly episodes June 2-August 18, 2021).
- Interviewed by Jewell Wicker for Georgia Recorder. *News outlets strain against money ills worsened by pandemic losses* (July 6, 2021).
- Interviewed by Dan Jenkins and Lauren Bullock for Leadership Educator Podcast. *Podcasting and leadership* (June 28, 2021).
- Interviewed by Hannah Barron for a *Georgia* magazine podcasting article. *The academic perspective* (Summer 2021).
- Interviewed by Branden Lisi for Built on Strategy podcast. *Strategic business of news* (February 9, 2021).
- Interviewed by Jill Nolin for Georgia Recorder. *Local news ailing as it informs communities of coronavirus threat* (April 2, 2020).
- Featured in Sense about Science web article. *Using the Bureau of Labor Statistics data to understand the economy* (September 9, 2019).
- Included by Pamela Dorsett in Sizing up the South, SPJ Region 3 newsletter. *40 freelancers attend SPJ Georgia’s annual job fair* (May 21, 2019).
- Quoted by Marcus Howard in *How Journalists and the Public Shape Our Democracy: From Social Media and “Fake News” to Reporting Just the Facts*, Georgia Humanities Council (March 2019).
- Interviewed by Stell Simonton for Sizing up the South, SPJ Region 3 newsletter. *Are you feeling vulnerable about freelancing? There is help available to guide journalists* (September 19, 2018).
- Featured in WABE newscast and online reporting by Martha Dalton, Marilyn Geewax and Grace Walker. *Cox Enterprises considers sale of WSB-TV* (July 24, 2018).
- Interviewed in Comstock’s by Allen Young. *Breaking news: With a 161-year-old legacy to protect, McClatchy is doubling down on media’s digital future* (June 5, 2018).
- Interviewed in Pundit.business by Dan Baker. *Freelance & entrepreneurial skills now pivotal subjects at University of Georgia’s journalism school* (March 3, 2018).

- Featured in Worldwide Editing by Tom Oder. *UGA extends a lifeline to freelancers* (January 30, 2018).
- Quoted in National Association of Broadcasters blog post by Charlotte Norsworthy. *Virtual reality project shows what's possible* (January 19, 2018).
- Interviewed by Adam Ragusea On Second Thought (Georgia Public Broadcasting). *The decline of alternative weekly newspapers* (January 12, 2018).
- Interviewed for WABE newscast by Kelly Fu. *Three Georgia newspapers now owned by New York publisher* (October 4, 2017).
- Featured in Poynter Institute newsletter. *Try This: Tools for Journalism* (August 21, 2017).
- Interviewed for WUGA by Alexia Ridley. *Gatehouse acquires Morris Communications* (August 9, 2017).
- Cited by Julie Jones in "Going Mojo: Students Covering Severe Weather, Sports, and Racial Conflict," chapter in *Global Journalism Education in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Challenges and Innovations*, Goodman & Steyn (eds.), Knight Center for Journalism in the Americas, University of Texas - Austin (June 2017).
- Featured in Valdosta Daily Times editorial. *Does fake news exist?* (May 24, 2017).
- Authored article for HUB magazine (Technology Association of Georgia). *Commitment to innovation keeps Georgia at the forefront of the nation's news industry* (September 27, 2016).
- Interviewed by Adam Ragusea for On Second Thought (Georgia Public Broadcasting). *Journalism ethics: Reporters and their relationship with law enforcement* (July 12, 2016).
- Authored article for BusinessJournalism.org (Reynolds National Center for Business Journalism). *The art and craft of business reporting* (June 15, 2016).
- Interviewed in The Atlanta Journal-Constitution by Rodney Ho. *Steve McCoy admits he 'recycled' old Trump interview* (October 15, 2015).
- Quoted in Associated Press article by Tali Arbel. *40 percent of millennials pay for print, online news* (September 30, 2015).
- Quoted in Red & Black article by Nate Harris. *Georgia's technology sector increasing job demand, lacks supply* (August 25, 2015).
- Interviewed by TAG Radio (podcast of the Technology Association of Georgia). *Georgia's innovation economy and its influence on workforce development* (April 15, 2015).
- Quoted in Augusta Chronicle article by Wesley Brown. *Georgia taxpayers billed \$12,000 for Gov. Nathan Deal's press flight to Augusta* (February 25, 2014).
- Interviewed by Business RadioX. *Innovation and the information economy* (May 14, 2012).
- Interviewed by TAG Radio (a podcast of the Technology Association of Georgia). *Technology sector leads Georgia's economic recovery* (May 11, 2012).
- Interviewed by Business RadioX. *Innovation: Path to a bright future* (March 29, 2012).
- Quoted in Atlanta Business Chronicle article by Martin Sinderman. *Tech-based businesses leading state's recovery* (April 15, 2011).

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Subject matter expertise training in wine and spirits (2020-2025).
  - Asia Pacific Wine and Spirit Institute: Certified Wine Sommelier, Certified Wine Educator, Certified Wine Specialist (U.S. wines, sparkling wines and port), Certified Spirits Professional.
  - Napa Valley Wine Academy: Certified American Wine Expert (AWE).
  - Fine Vintage Ltd.: Certified Food and Wine Pairing Professional.
  - Rioja Wine Academy: Diploma.
  - School of Port: Essentials and master's courses.
  - Wine Scholar Guild: Certified Sherry Wine Specialist (CSWS).
  - University of Adelaide (edX): World of Wine certificate course.
  - Comité Champagne: Certified Connoisseur
  - Country/regional wine certificates: Australia, France (Burgundy and Côte du Rhône), Georgia, Italy, Portugal and South Africa.
  - Consumer wine training: Aldi (UK) and Ste. Michelle Wine (three badges).
- Certified Prompt Engineer Training (AI), Blockchain Council (2023).
- Understanding Generation Z Demographic Trends, Association for Leadership Educators (2019).
- Applied Leadership Development Training, Association for Leadership Educators and International Leadership Association conferences (2018).
- Tools for Covering Private Businesses, Society of American Business Editors and Writers (2017).

- Podcasting Best Practices, Online News Association (2017).
- Google News Lab Training, Roundtable, AEJMC (2017).
- Creating Compelling Content, Poynter Institute Seminar, Georgia Association of Broadcasters (2017).
- Future of News Technology Seminar, Georgia Association of Broadcasters (2017).
- Leadership in the Digital Era Training, Association for Leadership Educators (2017).
- Entrepreneurship Training, MediaShift Journalism Hackathon held at UGA (2016).
- Leadership Education Training, International Leadership Association (2016).
- Leadership Education Training, Association for Leadership Educators (2016).
- Mobile Reporting Tools and Uses, Society of American Business Editors and Writers (2016).
- Mobile Research Platform Training, Mobile Marketing Research Association (2015).
- Global Leadership Development; earned certificate from UGA's International Student Affairs (2013).
- Industry Benchmarking Database Training, Microbilt/Integra (2010).
- Competitive Intelligence Seminar, Strategic and Competitive Intelligence Professionals (2009).
- Internet Research Training, Association of Independent Information Professionals (2007).
- American Seminar Leaders Association Training; earned designation as Certified Seminar Leader (2006).
- Practical Skills for Leading People, Cox Enterprises (2002).
- Managing Workplace Diversity, *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* (1994).
- Electronic Publishing Conference, Seybold (1994).
- New Product Development, American Press Institute (1993).
- Reaching New Audiences, American Press Institute (1993).
- Finance and Accounting for Non-Finance Managers, Georgia State University (1993).
- Frontline Leadership Development, *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* (1992).

## MEMBERSHIPS

- American Wine Society
- Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication
- Association of Internet Researchers
- Association of Leadership Educators (Reviewer for annual conference 2017-2025; conference sponsorship 2017-2019; 2025; conference speaker committee 2019; conference committee 2024-25)
- International Leadership Association
- Online News Association (Student chapter adviser 2016-2019)
- Society for Advancing Business Editing and Writing (Best of Business reporting competition, judge 2015-2017, 2019)
- Society of Professional Journalists (Student chapter adviser 2016-2019; Named Region 3 Outstanding Chapter for 2018-19)
- Society of Wine Educators
- The Podcast Academy
- Wine Scholar Guild