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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2005-present: Professor of Journalism, Henry W. Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Georgia.

2001-2005: Dean and Professor of Journalism, Henry W. Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Georgia.

2001: Daniel and Amy Starch Professor of Journalism and Director, School of Journalism and Mass Communication, Professor of Law (by courtesy), University of Iowa.

1997-2001: Professor and Director, School of Journalism and Mass Communication, Professor of Law (by courtesy), University of Iowa.

1996-1997: Professor and Director, School of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Iowa.

1995-1996: Professor, School of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Iowa.

1994-95: Professor, Acting Director and Head of Graduate Studies, School of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Iowa.

1992-1994: Professor and Head of Graduate Studies, School of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Iowa

1985-1992: Associate Professor and Head of Graduate Studies, School of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Iowa

1984-1985: Associate Professor, School of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Iowa

1978-1984: Assistant Professor, School of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Iowa

1977-1978: Instructor, School of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Iowa

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Mass Communication, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, 1978.

M.A., Journalism, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, 1976.

A.B., English and Political Science (*cum laude*), Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, 1974.

MEDIA EXPERIENCE

1977-78: *Iowa City Press-Citizen*. Copy editor/reporter. Responsibilities included assigning stories, editing copy, designing and laying out pages, writing headlines, selecting copy and photographs, etc. Worked full-time from May to August 1977 and 1978; part-time during the academic year.

1976-77: *Ottumwa Courier*. Consultant. Responsible for designing, implementing and analyzing a readership survey of the *Courier's* readers. This included offering suggestions on how the paper could be changed in light of the survey's results.

1976-77: *Iowa City Press-Citizen*. Consultant. Responsible for designing, implementing and analyzing a readership survey of the *Press-Citizen's* subscribers.

BOOKS

Gilbert Cranberg, Randall P. Bezanson and John Soloski, *Taking Stock: Journalism and the Publicly Traded Newspaper Company* (Ames, IA: Iowa State University Press, 2001).

John Soloski and Randall P. Bezanson (eds.), *Reforming Libel Law* (New York: Guilford Publications, 1992). This book is a collection of proposals for reforming libel law in the United States.

Randall P. Bezanson, Gilbert Cranberg and John Soloski, *Libel Law and the Press: Myth and Reality* (New York: The Free Press, 1987). The book won the 1987 Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi, Distinguished Service Award for Research about Journalism.

ARTICLES

John Soloski, "Stability or Rigidity: Management, Boards of Directors and the Newspaper Industry's Financial Collapse," *International Journal on Media Management* (forthcoming).

John Soloski, "Collapse of the U.S. Newspaper Industry: Goodwill, Leverage and Bankruptcy," *Journalism: Theory, practice and criticism*, (2013) 14:3:309-329.

John Soloski, "Taking Stock Redux: Corporate Ownership and Journalism of Publicly Traded Newspaper Companies" in Robert Picard (ed.), *Corporate Governance of Media Companies* (Jonkoping, Sweden, Jonkoping International Business Press, 2005): 59-76.

John Soloski and Robert Picard, "The New Media Lords: Why Institutional Investors Call the Shots," *Columbia Journalism Review*, September/October 1996: 11-12.

John Soloski, "The United States Libel System," *Medialine* Issue Five (Summer 96/97), 20.

Brian C. Murchison, John Soloski, Randall P. Bezanson, Gilbert Cranberg and Roselle L. Wissler, "Sullivan's Paradox: The Emergence of Judicial Standards for Journalism," *North Carolina Law Review* 73 (1994): 7-111.

John Soloski, "On Defining the Nature of Graduate Education," *Journalism Educator* Summer 1994: 4-11. This is a special edition of *Journalism Educator* devoted to graduate education.

John Soloski, "Legislative Efforts to Reform Libel Law," in John Soloski and Randall P. Bezanson (eds.), *Reforming Libel Law* (New York: Guilford Publications, 1992): 352-368.

John Soloski and Randall P. Bezanson, "A Concluding Note [on Libel Law Reform]" in John Soloski and Randall P. Bezanson (eds.), *Reforming Libel Law* (New York: Guilford Publications, 1992): 369-375.

Roselle L. Wissler, Randall P. Bezanson, Gilbert Cranberg, John Soloski, and Brian Murchison, "Resolving Libel Disputes Out of Court: The Libel Dispute Resolution Program," in John Soloski and Randall P. Bezanson (eds.), *Reforming Libel Law* (New York: Guilford Publications, 1992): 286-322.

Roselle L. Wissler, Gilbert Cranberg, John Soloski, Randall P. Bezanson, and Brian Murchison, "Resolving Libel Cases Out of Court: How Attorneys View the Libel Dispute Resolution Program," *Judicature* 75 (1992): 329-333.

John Soloski and Roselle L. Wissler, "The Dispute Resolution Program: A Way to Resolve Libel Disputes Out of Court," in *Beyond the Courtroom: Alternative for Resolving Press Disputes* (Washington, D.C.: The Media Institute, 1990): 83-111.

John Soloski, "Sources and Channels of Local News: A Case Study," *Journalism Quarterly* 66 (1989): 864-870.

John Soloski, "News Reporting and Professionalism: Some Constraints on the Reporting of the News," *Media, Culture and Society* 11 (1989): 207-228.

Roselle L. Wissler, Randall P. Bezanson, Gilbert Cranberg and John Soloski, "An Alternative Solution to the Problems of Libel Litigation" in John David Viera and Robert Thorne (eds.), *1988 Entertainment, Publishing and the Arts Handbook* (New York: Clark Boardman Co., 1988): 99-112.

Roselle L. Wissler, Randall P. Bezanson, Gilbert Cranberg and John Soloski, "Why Current Libel Law Doesn't Work and What Judges Can Do About It," *The Judges' Journal* 27 (1988): 28-33, 44.

Roselle Wissler, Randall P. Bezanson, Gilbert Cranberg and John Soloski, "Resolving Libel Cases Out of Court," *Judicature* 71 (1988): 197-201.

Roselle Wissler, Randall P. Bezanson, Gilbert Cranberg and John Soloski, "Alternative Strategies for Resolving Libel Claims Quickly," *Communications Lawyer* 5 (1987): 8-10, 20.

Randall P. Bezanson, Gilbert Cranberg and John Soloski, "The Cost of Libel" in E. Dennis E. Noam and M. Nadel (eds.), *The Cost of Libel: Economic and Policy Implications* (New York: Columbia University Press, 1989): 21-39.

John Soloski, "Guideposts to Understanding Communication Regulation," *Communication Research*, October 1986: 653-661.

John Soloski, "Libel Law and the Press: Who Sues for Libel?," *Iowa Law Review*, 71 (1985):217-220.

John Soloski, "Chaos or Competition: An Overview of Telecommunication Policy in the United States," *The Socio-Cultural Impact of New Media* (Taipei, Taiwan: Pacific Cultural Foundation, 1985): 109-120.

Randall P. Bezanson, Gilbert Cranberg and John Soloski, "Who Sues for Libel?," a monograph published by the Silha Center, University of Minnesota.

John Soloski and Carolyn S. Dyer, "The Cost of Prior Restraint: *U.S. v. The Progressive*," *Communication and the Law*, April 1984: 3-23 reprinted in Theodore R. Kupferman, ed., *Censorship, Secrecy, Access, and Obscenity: Readings from Communication and the Law* (Westport, CT: Meckler Corporation, 1990): 289-309.

John Soloski and Patrick J. Daley, "Symbolic Interactionism and Ethnomethodology: A Perspective on Qualitative Research," *Quarterly Journal of Ideology*, Spring 1981: 1-21.

John Soloski, "Economics and Management: The Real Influence of Newspaper Groups," *Newspaper Research Journal*, November 1979: 19-29.

John Soloski and Patrick J. Daley, "Approaches to Qualitative Research: Symbolic Interactionism and Ethnomethodology," *Journal of Communication Inquiry*, Summer 1978.

John Soloski (ed.), *Foundations for Communication Studies*, a monograph of four essays examining alternative approaches to the study of communication issues.

Patrick J. Daley and John Soloski, "Marxism, Language and Mass Communication," in John Soloski (ed.), *Foundations for Communication Studies*.

John Soloski, "Information and Meaning: A Perspective on Donald M. McKay," *Journal of Communication Inquiry*, Winter 1977: 51-59.

Kenneth Starck and John Soloski, "Feedback Profile: A Project to Help Student Writers," *Journalism Educator*, April 1978: 58-63.

Kenneth Starck and John Soloski, "Reporter Predisposition in Covering Controversy," *Journalism Quarterly*, Spring 1977: 120-125.

PAPERS

John Soloski, "Stability or Rigidity: Management, Boards of Directors and the Newspaper Industry's Financial Collapse," paper presented to the Media Economics and

Management Division at the annual convention of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Montreal, August 2014

John Soloski, "Collapse of the Newspaper Industry: Goodwill, Leverage and Bankruptcy," paper presented to the Media Economics and Management Division at the annual convention of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Chicago, August 2012

John Soloski, "Regulating Media Ownership in the U.S. in the Telecommunications Age," an invited paper presented at the annual convention of the International Communication Association, Chicago, May 1996.

John Soloski, "Efforts to Reform U.S. Libel Law," an invited paper presented at a special panel at the annual convention of the International Communication Association, Sydney, Australia, July 1994.

John Soloski, "Who Really Owns the Media: Institutional Ownership of Media Company Stock," an invited paper presented at the annual convention of the Association of Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Atlanta, August 1994.

John Soloski, "Libel Law and Journalistic Malpractice: A Preliminary Analysis of Fault in Libel Litigation," paper presented to the Law Division at the annual convention of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Boston, 1991.

John Soloski, "The News-making Process and Reification," paper presented to the Mass Communication Division at the annual convention of the International Communication Association, Honolulu, May 1985.

John Soloski, "News Reporting and Professionalism: Some Constraints on the Reporting of the News," paper presented to the Qualitative Studies Division at the annual convention of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Florida, August 1984.

John Soloski and Carolyn S. Dyer, "The Cost of Prior Restraint: *U.S. v. The Progressive*," paper presented to the Law Division at the annual convention of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, July 1982.

John Soloski, "News Reporting and Professionalism: Some Constraints on the Reporting of the News," paper presented at the Popular Culture Association and the American Culture Association annual convention, Louisville, Kentucky, April 14-18, 1982.

John Soloski, "News Professionalism and Democracy," paper presented at the Sixth National Conference of Educators and Scholars, University of Illinois-Champaign, Oct. 1-2, 1981.

John Soloski, "The Organizational Nature of News," paper presented to the Qualitative Studies Division at the annual convention of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, August 1981.

John Soloski and Carolyn S. Dyer, "The Gospel According to Gannett," paper presented at the regional meeting of the Qualitative Studies Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Iowa, March 1980.

John Soloski, "Economics and Management Techniques: The Real Influence of Newspaper Chains," paper presented to the Qualitative Studies Division at the annual convention of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Houston, Houston, Texas, August 1979.

John Soloski, "Symbolic Interactionism as Method: The Methodology of the Participant Observer," paper presented to the Qualitative Studies Division at the annual convention of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Houston, Houston, Texas, August 1979.

John Soloski and Carolyn S. Dyer, "The Right to Gather News: The Gannett Connection," paper presented to the Law Division at the annual convention of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Houston, Houston, Texas, August 1979 (ERIC #ED 174 985).

Patrick J. Daley and John Soloski, "Marxism and Communication," paper presented to the Qualitative Studies Division at the annual convention of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Washington, Seattle, August 1978.

Kenneth Starck and John Soloski, "Feedback Profile: Utilizing Reader Response in Writing," paper presented at the Mid-America Press Institute's writing seminar, St. Louis, November 11-13, 1977.

John Soloski and Patrick J. Daley, "Approaches to Qualitative Research: Symbolic Interactionism and Ethnomethodology," paper presented to the Qualitative Studies Division at the annual convention of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin, August 1977.

Kenneth Starck and John Soloski, "Feedback Profile: A Project to Help Student Writers," paper presented to the Secondary Education Division at the annual convention of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Maryland, College Park, July 31-August 4, 1976.

INVITED REVIEWS

John Soloski, "Power, Publicity, and the Abuse of Libel Law," *Journal of Communication* 43 (1993): 167-71.

John Soloski, "The Influence of Elites," an invited review of Robert M. Entman's *Democracy Without Citizens: Media and the Decay of American Politics*, *Journal of Communication* 41 (1991): 236-39.

John Soloski, invited review of Charles A. Fecher (ed.), *The Diary of H.L. Mencken*, *Journalism Quarterly*, Summer 1990: 424-425.

John Soloski, invited review of Al Neuharth, *Confessions of an S.O.B.*, *Journalism Quarterly*, Summer 1990: 442.

John Soloski, "No Ready Solution," an invited review of Philip Meyer's *Ethical Journalism: A Guide for Students, Practitioners, and Consumers*, *Journal of Communication* 37 (1988): 136-8.

John Soloski, invited review of Michael J. Robinson and Margaret A. Sheehan, *Over the Wire and on TV: CBS and UPI in Campaign '80*, *Contemporary Sociology*, May 1984: 304-305.

John Soloski, invited review of Howard F. Didsbury, Jr. (ed.), *Communications and the Future: Prospects, Promises, and Problems*, *Journalism Quarterly*, Spring 1983: 168-169.

SELECTED SPEECHES AND PRESENTATIONS

"Defamation: Alternatives to Court," The Australian Press Council, Melbourne, Australia, July 25, 1995.

"Libel, Actual Malice and Press Freedom: Keeping Public Officials Out of the Media's Pocket Book," Twilight Seminar on Defamation Law sponsored by the International & Commercial Law Centre in association with The Australian Press Council, Sydney, Australia, July 18, 1995.

"Regulating Media Ownership in the Telecommunications Age," International & Commercial Law Centre in association with The Australian Press Council, Sydney, Australia, July 11, 1995.

"Who Really Owns the Media? Institutional Ownership of Media Companies," Media Management and Economics Division and Newspaper Division, annual convention of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Atlanta, 1994.

"Libel Law Reform in the United States," Communication Law and Policy Interest Group, annual convention of the International Communication Association, Sydney, Australia, 1994.

"Reforming the Law of Libel: the Iowa Dispute Resolution Program," Freedom of Expression, Morality and the First Amendment, a symposium on the bicentennial of the Bill of Rights sponsored by the College of the Humanities, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, October 19, 1991.

"Resolving Libel Disputes Out of Court," the 1991 Law and Media Conference of the Ohio State Bar Association, the Ohio Newspaper Association and the Ohio Association of Broadcasters, Columbus, Ohio, July 13, 1991.

"Values in Conflict: Twenty-Five Years After *New York Times v. Sullivan*," a symposium assessing the impact of the *Sullivan* decision sponsored by the Constitutional Law Resource Center, the Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution, the National Endowment for the Humanities and the State Historical Society of Iowa, Des Moines, March 30-31, 1990.

"When It Comes to Libel, the Media Are Often Their Own Worst Enemy," a meeting of reporters and editors of Lee Enterprises, Davenport, Iowa, March 20, 1990.

“Truth Not Fault: The Way to Resolve Libel Cases Out of Court,” a symposium on New Directions in Defamation sponsored by the First Amendment Fund, The Silha Center for the Study of Media Ethics and Law and the Minnesota Journalism Center, Minneapolis, February 17, 1989.

“Steps to Avoid Libel,” Press Law Seminar, Mid-American Press Institute, St. Louis, January 28, 1989.

“Libel Issues in Communication,” Broadcast Financial Management Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, April 18, 1988.

“Containing Libel Litigation Costs,” Washburn Media Law Seminar sponsored by the Washburn University School of Law, Kansas Bar Association and Kansas Press Association, Topeka, Kansas, March 5, 1988.

“News Reporting and Professionalism,” First International Colloquium on Communication and Culture, Inter-University Centre of Postgraduate Studies, Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia, Sept. 28-Oct. 2, 1987.

“Who Sues for Libel: A Summary of the Iowa Libel Research Project,” Law Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, San Antonio, Texas, August 1987.

“Can Libel Disputes be Resolved Outside the Courtroom?,” Thirteenth Annual Media-Law Conference sponsored by the Florida Bar Association, Tampa, Florida, February 1987, with Randall P. Bezanson and Gilbert Cranberg.

“Who Sues for Libel and Why?,” annual meeting of the editors of Lee Enterprises, Billings, Montana, February 1987.

“The Three Ls of Libel: Libel, Lawyers and Litigation,” Tennessee Press Association Convention, Nashville, Tennessee, January 1987.

“Libel and the Press: Myth and Reality,” Wisconsin Press Association, November 1986, with Randall P. Bezanson and Gilbert Cranberg.

“Libel Law and the Press,” Iowa Press Association, October 1986, with Randall P. Bezanson and Gilbert Cranberg.

“The Cost of Libel” presented to a conference on the economics of libel sponsored by the Gannett Foundation for Media Studies, Columbia University, June 1986, with Randall P. Bezanson and Gilbert Cranberg.

“The Demographics and Dynamics of Libel: The Plaintiffs, the Defendants, and the Libel” presented to a meeting on libel sponsored by the Institute of Bill of Rights Law and the American Newspaper Publishers Association, Marshall-Wythe School of Law, College of William and Mary, June 1986.

“Libel and the Press” presented to symposium on libel law sponsored by the American Bar Association and the American Newspaper Publishers Association, March 1986, with Randall P. Bezanson and Gilbert Cranberg.

“Libel Law and the Press: Setting the Record Straight” 1985 Silha Lecture, University of Minnesota, May 1985, with Randall P. Bezanson and Gilbert Cranberg.

GRANTS

1998: Co-recipient of \$100,000 grant from the Open Society Institute to examine the rise of publicly-traded newspaper corporation and how such an enterprise balances the tension between journalistic and corporate values and responsibilities.

1990: Co-recipient of \$5,000 grant from the Ethics and Excellence in Journalism Foundation to examine how the courts evaluate journalistic performance in reported libel cases.

1989: Co-recipient of \$25,000 grant from the Knight Foundation to examine how courts determine journalistic negligence and malice in libel cases.

1989: Co-recipient of \$65,000 grant from the John and Mary R. Markle Foundation to test non-litigation method for resolving libel involving the media.

1987: Co-recipient of \$158,000 grant from the John and Mary R. Markle Foundation to develop non-litigation methods for resolving libel disputes involving the media.

1984: Recipient of \$4,400 grant from the John and Mary R. Markle Foundation to conduct research on libel litigation in the United States.

1983-84: Co-recipient of a nearly \$70,000 from the John and Mary R. Markle Foundation to undertake a detailed study of libel litigation in the United States.

ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONORS

1999 to present: Contributing Editor, *Journalism: Theory, Practice & Criticism*.

1998 to present: Fellow of the Open Society Institute, a private operating foundation created and funded by international philanthropist George Soros to foster the development of open societies around the world.

1997 to present: Member of the editorial board of *Mass Comm Review*.

July 1995: Visiting Professor, Faculty of Law and Legal Practice, University of Technology, Sydney, Australia.

July 1995: Inaugural Fellow of The Australian Press Council. Delivered speeches and lectures in Sydney, Melbourne, Perth and Brisbane to media attorneys, judges and journalists.

1995 to present: Member of the editorial board of the *Communication Law and Policy*.

1994: Awarded a Developmental Assignment for the spring of 1995 to examine how court decisions in libel cases affect journalistic practices.

1994-2002: Editor, *Journalism and Communication Monographs*.

1991: Selected to participate in the Leadership Institute for Journalism and Mass Communication Education sponsored by the Gannett Foundation Media Center, Columbia University, New York, June 16-21, 1991.

1990: Recipient of an Inter-disciplinary Research Assistantship grant from the Office of the Vice President for Research, University of Iowa.

1988: Recipient of the 1987 Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi, Distinguished Service Award for Research in Journalism

1987: Awarded Developmental Assignment from the University of Iowa to conduct research on libel litigation in the United States.

1985: Delivered first Silha Lecture at the University of Minnesota, with Randall P. Bezanson and Gilbert Cranberg.

1984 to present: Member of the editorial board of the *Newspaper Research Journal*.

1983: Awarded Developmental Assignment for the purpose of returning to school to intensively study economics and business management. Leave was spent as a Visiting Scholar in the Institute of Communications Research at the University of Illinois.

1981: Awarded Old Gold Summer Fellowship to conduct research on the economics of the First Amendment.

1980: Awarded Old Gold Summer Fellowship to conduct research on media economics.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2002-03: Elected vice president of the Association of Schools of Journalism and Mass Communication; will become president in 2003.

2001-present: Member of George Foster Peabody Awards Board.

2002-2004: Executive Committee, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.

2000-2004: Executive Committee, Association of Schools of Journalism and Mass Communication.

2000-2002: Elected Head of Accrediting Representations of Association of Schools of Journalism and Mass Communication.

2000-2003: Elected to Publications Committee, Association of Schools of Journalism and Mass Communication.

1999-2002: Elected to the Accrediting Council in Education in Journalism and Mass Communication representing the Association of Schools of Journalism and Mass Communication.

1999-2002: Elected member of the University of Iowa Faculty Senate.

1999-2002: Elected member of the College of Liberal Arts Faculty Assembly.

1997-98: Elected member of the Executive Committee, Association of Schools of Journalism and Mass Communication

1996-98: Chair, Communication Law and Policy Interest Group and member of the Board of Directors of the International Communication Association.

1994-96: Vice-chair, Communication Law and Policy Interest Group of the International Communication Association.

1993-94: Chair of the panel competition of the Communication Law and Policy Interest Group of the International Communication Association.

1992-93: Chair of the faculty paper competition of the Communication Law and Policy Interest Group of the International Communication Association.

1993: Member of the Research Committee of the Law Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.

1993: Member of the Research Committee of the Qualitative Studies Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.

1990 to present: Chair of the Membership Committee of the Communication Law and Policy Interest Groups of the International Communications Association.

1985-86: Member of the Research Committee of the Qualitative Studies Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.

1984-85: Chair of the Professional Freedom and Responsible Committee of the Theory and Methodology Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.

1983-84: Appointed to Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Committee on Cooperation with ERIC.

1981-84: Appointed yearly to Communications Technology and Policy Committee's Executive Board of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication

1979-83: Member of the Executive Committee of the Qualitative Studies Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.

1982-83: Member of the Research Committee of the Qualitative Studies Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.

1981-82: Elected head of the Qualitative Studies Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.

1980-81: Elected vice-head and program chair of the Qualitative Studies Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.