

AWARDS

2009 Communication Arts

Competition Winner: 2009 Photography Annual

2009 Webby Awards

Official Honoree for Documentary: Individual Episode

2009 Best of Photojournalism Awards:

1st Place - Non-Traditional Photojournalism Publishing

1st Place - Documentary Video, 2nd Place - Feature Multimedia Package

2009 Photographers Giving Back Photo Award

Portrait of the Year category

2009 First Book Prize in Photography

Finalist for the honorable Center for Documentary Studies / Honickman First Book Prize in Photography

2009 Anthropographia

Nominated for The Photojournalism Competition for Human Rights

2008 College Photographer of the Year

Gold-Documentary, Gold-Feature, Gold-Multimedia Project

2008 Atlanta Photojournalism Contest

1st Place - Multimedia Project, 2nd Place - Feature Picture Story

2008 Southern Short Course

Student Photographer of the Year

2008 NPPA Best of Photojournalism Video Awards

1st Place - News Video, 3rd Place - News Video, 1st Place - Sports Video

2008 White House News Photographer's Association

Honorable Mention – Student Portfolio

RECENT REPORTAGE

Beauty. 2009. In Progress

Many claim that beauty is more than skin deep. This project explores beauty on the surface.

Trapped: Mental Illness in America's Prisons. 2008. In Progress.

The continuous withdrawal of mental health funding has turned jails and prisons across the nation into the default mental health facilities. This project goes inside the Correctional Psychiatric Treatment Unit at the Kentucky State Reformatory.

Positive Lives. 2007.

A look at the lives of those living with HIV in rural America. The stories reveal the battle with intimacy, aging, motherhood and loneliness while living with HIV in small rural communities.

Out of the Mines: Winter's Effect on Coal in Appalachia. 2007.

Investigates the impact winter has on the coal industry and people that live and work outside of the mines in Appalachia.

Circle of Love. 2006.

With a decline in large families in America, the Hewitts with 12 children believe a bigger family produces more resources. The family tries to balance these resources, space and attention to produce something they say money can't – love.

Off the Grid. 2006.

The economy in rural Africa is becoming more global with technology and access to the Internet.

EXPERIENCE

Freelance Photographer/Producer

Miss Universe Organization. Las Vegas, Nev. April 2009, August 2009
FDLuxe, The New York Times, The Dallas Morning News. Dallas, Texas. January 2009 — present

Photo & Video Intern

The New York Times. New York, NY. June 2009 — August 2009
The Dallas Morning News. Dallas, Texas. October 2008 — December 2008
Lexington Herald-Leader. Lexington, Ky. April 2008 — June 2008
Deseret Morning News. Salt Lake City, Utah. June 2007 — August 2007

Multimedia & Photography Instructor

Ohio University. Athens, Ohio. March 2007 — March 2008

Freelance Photojournalist

LinkNet & Malaria Research Institute. Macha, Zambia. July 2006 — August 2006
Began a documentary on the effects of telecommunications on development in rural Africa
Operation Blessing. New Orleans, La. October 2005 — November 2005
The Virginian-Pilot. Norfolk, Va. October 2005 — December 2006
Hampton Roads Magazine. Norfolk, Va. January 2006 — December 2006

Assistant Editor

Acts of Optimism. Visual Arts Center. Portsmouth, Va. October 2005 — July 2006
Edited photos and content for multimedia project that included a 120-page book and website

Research Editor

INSIDE BUSINESS. Norfolk, Va. June 2003 — December 2004
Edited, researched and generated photo essays and stories and contributed articles

EDUCATION

Ohio University

School of Visual Communication. Athens, Ohio
Master of Arts degree in Photography with a concentration in photojournalism
Sept. 2006 — March 2008

Danish School of Journalism

International Semester in Photojournalism. Aarhus, Denmark
Post graduate work in photojournalism with a concentration in stereotypes and risk reporting
January 2005 — June 2005

James Madison University

School of Communication Studies, Harrisonburg, Va.
Bachelor of Science degree in Communication Studies
Minor in computer science. Dean's list
Verizon Scholar-Athlete as Division I full-scholarship athlete
August 1998 — December 2002

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**WORKSHOPS,
LECTURES,
HONORS**

Eddie Adams Workshop

Jeffersonville, NY. October 2008
Participated in the 2008 workshop, a prestigious invitation for photographers around the world

AIDS Athens Film Festival

Athens, GA. November 2008
International premiere of the short film Positive Lives

Southern Applachian International Film Festival

Johnson City, Tenn. November 2008
Awarded Best Socially Conscious Film - Short

Reel Venus Film Festival

New York, NY. September 2008
International premiere of the short film TRAPPED

National Corrections Security Conference

Cincinnati, Ohio. September 2008
Presenter at the conference about filming mental illness in the prison setting

LOOK3 Workshop

Charlottesville, VA. June 2008
Chosen by merit to be scholarship participant

“Prisons as Mental Wards”

Photo District News, June 2008 Issue
Three-page article about TRAPPED, my project on mental illness, and my career as a photographer and producer

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