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## Areas of Expertise

- Documentary filmmaker
- Author and historian
- Television news anchor, on-air reporter, military/war correspondent
- Public relations for nonprofits, historical organizations, and museums, press releases, emcee services, communications, speeches

## Current Employment:

- 1. President, Cosmos Mariner Productions, LLC, Knoxville, TN**
  - Video production, museum videos, documentaries, and public relations videos
  - Corporate and nonprofit clients include: US Army Corps of Engineers Savannah District, Savannah, Georgia Convention & Visitor's Bureau, Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce, Morris Multimedia, Historic Savannah Foundation, Telfair Museums, National Museum of the Mighty 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force, Isaiah Davenport House Museum, Owens-Thomas House Museum, LAMAR Institute for Archeology, and many others
- 2. Director of Marketing and Public Relations, Blount Mansion, Knoxville, TN (started Aug. 2018)**
  - Coordinate media relations, produce videos, write books, articles, and newsletters, generate and manage social media content, give public presentations, raise funds, and other tasks as needed

## Author and Historian

- Author of *Hidden History of Civil War Savannah*, from The History Press, 2017.
- Author of coffee table book *Savannah Square by Square*, published by Historic Savannah Foundation, 2015.
- Co-author of *Davenport House Museum: Where Savannah's Preservation Began*, to be published by Historic Savannah Foundation, 2019.

## Broadcast & Journalism Experience

*Contributor/Freelance Reporter, 2004-*

- WGCL-TV 46 (CBS), Atlanta, GA
- WSAV-TV 3 (NBC), Savannah, GA
- WJCL-TV 22 (ABC), Savannah, GA
- WJXT News 4, Jacksonville, FL
- Georgia Public Broadcasting (statewide)
- South Carolina Public Broadcasting (statewide)
- SGTV-TV 8, government TV, Savannah, GA

*Producer and Television Host*, television series on international military deployments, 2004-

- *No Higher Honor*, a TV series shot aboard the frigate USS *Samuel B. Roberts* off the east coast of Africa, WJXT News 4, Jacksonville, FL, 2011
- *Rock of the Marne*, a TV series featuring 3rd Infantry Division soldiers deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan, WTGS-TV 28 (FOX), Savannah, GA, 2010-11
- *A Call to Arms*, a TV series about Georgia National Guard troops deployed to Afghanistan, WTGS TV-28 (FOX), Savannah, GA and Georgia Public Broadcasting (statewide), 2009
- *Life on the Big E*, an Emmy-nominated TV series shot aboard the aircraft carrier USS *Enterprise*, WJXX-TV 25 (ABC)/WTLV (NBC), Jacksonville, FL, WSAV-TV 3 (NBC), Savannah, GA, and WCIV-TV4 (ABC), Charleston, SC, 2006

*Television News Anchor/Reporter*, 1994-2004

- WSAV-TV 3 (NBC) Savannah, GA, 1997-2004
  - Anchor of 5, 6, and 11 pm Monday-Friday newscasts, 2002-2004
  - Anchor of Monday-Friday 5 pm newscast, 2001-2004
  - Anchor of weekend 6 and 11 pm newscasts, 1997-2001
  - Military correspondent, 1997-2004
- Weekend Anchor/Reporter, WGXA Fox 24, Macon, Georgia, 1995-1997
- Reporter, WJHL-TV 11 (CBS) Tri-Cities, TN/VA, 1994-1995

*Other Broadcast and Journalism experience*

- Host of syndicated television program *Carolina Cooking*, 2004-2005
- Substitute host, morning talk show, News Radio 1290 WTKS Savannah, 2005-present
- Writer for *Scuba Diving* magazine, *The South* magazine, and *Connect Savannah*
- Contributor to *Savannah Morning News*

### **Public Relations Experience**

- Public Relations Director, Coastal Heritage Society (nonprofit history museum group), Savannah, GA, 2004-2009
- Communications, Board Member, Savannah Council, Navy League of the US, 2009-12
- Nuclear Ships Savannah Historical Marker Dedication, 2012
- Liberty Ships Historical Marker Dedication, 2013
- CSS *Georgia* Historical Marker Dedication, 2014

### **Documentary Filmmaking Experience**

*The following is a selection from more than 30 historical documentaries produced 2004-present:*

- 2018 *Urban Slavery at the Owens-Thomas House Museum and Slave Quarters*, short film included in museum installation at the museum
- 2018 *Lafayette's Struggle to Bring Freedom to All*, short film included in installation at Owens-Thomas House Museum & Slave Quarters in Savannah, GA
- 2017 *From Ironclad to Artifact: the Journey of the CSS Georgia*, official US Army Corps of Engineers documentary film about the archaeological recovery of the Civil War ironclad warship CSS *Georgia*
- 2017: *Richmond Hill Plantation: Henry and Clara Ford's Southern Home*
- 2017: *Savannah's Garden Gem*, a short film about the Savannah Botanical Gardens
- 2016: Directory of Photography & Video Editor for *Uncommon Grace: The Life of Flannery O'Connor*, syndicated on public/educational television stations nationwide
- 2014: *Pirates of Savannah and Beyond; Hidden History of Richmond Hill, Georgia*

- 2013: *Charleston, South Carolina: A Video Tour*; *Lighthouses of the Southeast: From NE Florida to South Carolina*
- 2012: *Savannah By Sea*; *Savannah in the Civil War*; *In the Footsteps of Juliette*; *Isaiah Davenport: Portrait of a Master Builder*; *The Story of Historic Preservation in Savannah*
- 2011: *Savannah Square by Square*; *French Fries and Freedom Toast*
- 2010: *Savannah's Historic Graveyards*
- 2009: *Savannah's Historic Homes*
- 2008: *Atoms for Peace: The Nuclear Ship Savannah*; *Ships for Victory: Liberty Ships of the Georgia Coast*; *A Tale of Two Georgias: CSS Georgia and USS Georgia*
- 2007: *Jane Yarn: Marsh Lady of the Georgia Coast*; *Friends in the Fight: US Marines on the Aircraft Carrier HMS Illustrious*

### **Honors**

- 2016 Roger K. Warlick Award for Excellence in Local History from the Georgia Historical Society
- Eight 2014 Telly Awards
- Excellence in Education and Interpretation Award from Coastal Museums Association, 2014
- Award for Excellence in Research using the Holdings of Archives, Georgia Historical Records Advisory Board (GHRAB), 2012
- Winner, Visit Savannah Video Contest, Convention and Visitors Bureau, 2012
- Mackie Award, *Savannah Steamer*, Savannah Council, Navy League of the US, 2010-11
- Notable Alumnus of Armstrong State University, 2011
- Navy Leaguer of the Year, Savannah Council, Navy League of the US, 2008
- Nominee, Regional Emmy Award, 2007
- Edward R. Murrow Best Documentary Award for special report *Freedom Fighters: In Harm's Way*, 2004
- Georgia Dept. of Defense Commendation Medal for reporting on Georgia troops, 2004
- Georgia Associated Press Class B TV Best Documentary/News Special Program Award for a special report on local troops in Afghanistan and Kuwait, 2002

### **Education**

- MA, Public History, Armstrong State University, Savannah, December 2006  
Fall 2006 Roger K. Warlick Fellow
- BA, History, minor in Music, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, TN, 1994

### **Volunteer/Community Involvement:**

- Board Member, Historic Ramsey House, Knoxville, TN, 2017-present
- Board Member, Island Home Park Neighborhood Council, Knoxville, TN, 2017-present
- Member, Church St. United Methodist Church, Knoxville, TN
- Introduction to Knoxville Fall 2015 Class
- MgGhee Tyson Airport Aviation Academy Fall 2016 Class