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**Current:**

Freelance video production, producing various types of video, specializing in documentary work, based in Houston, Texas.

Senior Trainer, Shelton & Caudle (A division of Vollmer Public Relations). Coaches business executives and others in dealing with the public and associated matters.

**Born and raised:**

Burbank, California. Father was a cinematographer for Warner Brothers Pictures. Activities centered on music and the theater; performed in major venues such as The Greek Theater with the singing ensemble “The Young Americans”.

**Military service (1966 – 1971):**

U. S. Air Force, Security Police, Strategic Air Command (SAC). Captain, 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force Pistol & Rifle competition team.

**College education (1972 – 1975):**

University of California, Berkeley. Major concentration in early Medieval English History and Anthropology. Thesis completed on the life and significance of Saint Augustine of Hippo; mentor was Prof. Peter Brown of Oxford University, England. B.A. degree 1975 with high honors, including election to Phi Beta Kappa.

**First local television news jobs (1976 – 1980):**

Reporter/anchorman at three local stations: WVEC, ABC News affiliate in Norfolk, Virginia; KLAS, CBS affiliate in Las Vegas; KPRC, NBC affiliate in Houston. Did

documentary work as well as daily reporting and anchoring at each station.

**HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDED:**

- At WVEC, a one-hour documentary on the work of the FBI in the Tidewater, Virginia area
- At KLAS, two significant documentaries:
  1. “Justice and Jani” – Produced, reported, and wrote a prime-time chronicle of criminal charges and media coverage of a Las Vegas nurse accused of deliberately killing a patient. This was known nationally as the “Death Angel” case.
  2. “Red Rock: A Question of Values” – about the prospect of drilling for oil and gas in scenic Nevada parklands.
- At KPRC, two significant documentaries:
  - A multi-part look at workers for the Ralston-Purina Company in Madisonville, Texas who felt their working conditions were substandard and joined together to form a union.
  - “The KKK: The Fourth Crusade” – This was a major investigation into the activities of the Ku Klux Klan in Texas, with particular concentration on Louis Beam, considered by the FBI to be the most dangerous Klan leader in the country. This work resulted in two federal trials, at which the documentary was the primary evidence for the prosecution. Beam was convicted. The documentary aired locally and, subsequently, nationally on the NBC Today Show, on which I appeared live with anchor Tom Brokaw.

**NBC News on-air correspondent/national and international news coverage and documentary production (1980 – 1990)**

Joined NBC News and immediately began worldwide travel, concentrating from 1980 through 1985 in the revolutionary movements in Central America.

NOTE ON SPACE COVERAGE: Continued to cover the U.S. space program and space shuttle missions for approximately 25 years.

Samples of some NBC work are listed on [www.NBCNewsArchives.com](http://www.NBCNewsArchives.com). During ten years I appeared in, and sometimes produced, approximately one-thousand stories for NBC Nightly News, the TODAY Show, NBC News at Sunrise, affiliate feeds, live on-camera “cross-talk” with anchors Tom Brokaw, Jane Pauley, Connie Chung, Bryant Gumbel, Deborah Norville, and others.

SOME DOCUMENTARY HIGHLIGHTS: (Note: Normally my role in NBC-produced documentaries was to write material, rewrite other material written by producers, collaborate in the structure of the production, and appear on camera. Frequently this process involves several correspondents.

- Inside look at the revolutionary movement and combat in El Salvador
- Perspective on the Falklands (Malvinas) War in Argentina, concentrating on poor families who had to send their sons to fight

- In Northern Ireland, an in-depth look at the IRA following a mass breakout from the Maize Prison
- In Tokyo, a look at law enforcement procedures and the reasons people strictly obey the law
- The unique Christmas traditions of Williamsburg, Virginia
- Completion of the Washington National Cathedral

GRENADA: Covered the U.S. military action in Grenada and its aftermath.

Worked as Chicago Bureau Chief, with executive responsibility for NBC News coverage in 13 states, 1990.

### **Return to local news coverage/Texas state politics (1991-1995)**

Returned to employ of KPRC-TV, Houston; lived and worked in Austin, Texas, covering state politics.

### **Freelance news reporter/lecturer in Journalism the University of Texas (Austin) (1996 – 2001)**

Had various positions, including two years covering the entirety of the Texas-Mexico border region.

#### **DOCUMENTARY HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Reported and photographed interior Mexico water reservoirs as part of reporting on the conflict between Texas and Mexico over water resources
- Drug violence in Juarez, Mexico.

Taught “News Reporting” at UT Austin for one semester as a temporary replacement professor.

### **Documentary production (2001 – present)**

- Asteroid concerns: Produced and wrote a short documentary concerning the threat that a particular asteroid poses to planet earth.
- Horse slaughter: Documentary for the National Horse Protection Coalition concerning the slaughter of horses for human consumption
- Two short documentaries for the International Year of Planet Earth (IYPE) IYPE was a United Nations chartered effort regarding the productive application of earth sciences, principally geology. My two documentaries included:
  1. The Global launch event at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, which included some of the world’s most eminent scientists.
  2. The Regional Launch Event in Arusha, Tanzania, Africa, attended by many prominent scientists, including His Excellency Jakaya Kikwete, President of Tanzania.

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