

# Harold B. Koplowitz

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**SUMMARY:** Former wire service editor, newspaper reporter, columnist and community college teacher looking for employment in journalism or education, where I can pass on my knowledge and skills. Has also taught journalism, been a public information officer for a state agency and authored three books.

## EMPLOYMENT:

- Editor** **City News Service.** Editing duties included sharpening ledes and ensuring accuracy and AP style for news stories, advisories, urgents, briefs, brites, weather and other products transmitted to most of the major broadcast, print and online media outlets in Southern California. 7/97 - 4/11
- Teacher** **Los Angeles Southwest College.** Adjunct instructor and faculty adviser for student newspaper. Taught reporting, editing, photography and public relations and oversaw layout and all aspects of newspaper production. 1/98 - 12/01
- Columnist** **Entertainment Today.** Wrote weekly column about the Internet and pop culture for entertainment weekly. 10/96 - 5/01
- PIO** **Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services.** As public Information officer, wrote and edited news releases, newsletters, speeches and annual reports for state agency that funded community services for the disabled. 6/88 - 7/96
- Instructor** **Lincoln Land Community College.** Part-time composition teacher. 9/89 - 5/96
- Intern** **State Journal-Register.** As part of master's degree program at the University of Illinois-Springfield, covered state government weekdays and night cops weekends for capital city Copley newspaper. 1/88 - 7/88
- Correspondent** **St. Louis Post-Dispatch.** Bureau coverage of 18 counties. 2/84 - 6/87
- Reporter** **Southern Illinoisan.** County beat reporter and feature writer for 40,000-circulation daily in Carbondale, Illinois. 6/79 - 11/82

## PUBLICATIONS:

- Ghostwriter** **Illinois: State of the State (1990).** Was chosen by then-Gov. Jim Thompson of Illinois to ghostwrite a coffee-table book chronicling his 14-year administration. Book was presented to lawmakers in lieu of his final State of the State speech.
- Author/Publisher** **Carbondale After Dark and Other Stories (1982, reprint 2007).** Wrote and self-published illustrated anthology of local history, essays and short stories. Issued 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary reprint after used originals began showing up on eBay for \$100 a copy.
- Author/Publisher** **Blackspanic College (2009).** Self-published a memoir about teaching (and learning) in South-Central Los Angeles.

**EDUCATION:** M.A., Public Affairs Reporting, University of Illinois-Springfield, May 1988  
B.S., Journalism, Southern Illinois University, May 1977  
Attended UCLA, 10/69 - 4/70

Greetings:

For the past 15 years I edited copy at a regional wire service in Los Angeles, working the slot weekend nights and the rim weekdays. City News Service clients include most of the major media outlets in Southern California. I recently moved to Boca Raton, where I'm looking to find employment in journalism or education, where I can pass on my knowledge and skills.

At CNS I sharpened ledes and ensured accuracy and AP style for news stories, advisories, urgents, briefs, brites and other products. CNS clients included TV and radio outlets as well as print and online media.

As an instructor and faculty adviser for the student newspaper at Los Angeles Southwest College, I oversaw all aspects of producing the school newspaper at a college where the students were 80 percent African American, 15 percent Latino and 5 percent "other." Many of my students lacked basic writing skills and came from disadvantaged backgrounds. I also had many football and basketball players in my classes who were trying to avoid other writing classes, making class management challenging, but I loved the job and would really like to work in an academic environment again.

I believe my journalism background and love of teaching would be an asset at FAU, and that I could help students become better journalists.

Sincerely,

Harold Koplowitz