

Mark Kennedy

EDUCATION

Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tenn. Major: Communications/ Journalism. B.S. 1980.

JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

Columnist, Chattanooga Times Free Press

Creator of award-winning human interest column, Life Stories. 1992-present. Also authors Family Life column and automotive Test Drive column.

Opinion Editor, Chattanooga Times Free Press

Content editor for Times and Free Press editorial pages. 2012-2014.

Features editor, Chattanooga Times Free Press

Content editor for seven weekly Life sections. 2000-2012.

Sunday editor, Chattanooga Times Free Press

Content director for 100,000-circulation Sunday editions. 1999.

Coordinating editor, Chattanooga Times

Director of 30 news and features reporters. 1997-1998.

Reporter, Chattanooga Times

Education beat reporter, feature writer, team leader. 1982-1997.

Sports Editor, Cleveland (Tenn.) Daily Banner

Coordinator of local high school and college athletics coverage. 1981-82.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Adjunct instructor, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

Feature writing, media writing and persuasive writing. 1991-2004, 2019.

1ST PLACE JOURNALISM AWARDS

Tennessee Press Association: Best columnist (1992, 2002, 2004, 2009, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2019), best feature writer (1986), best headline writer (2011). East Tennessee Society of Professional Journalists: Best columnist (2000, 2001, 2002, 2006, 2007). Best of the Best: Times Free Press readers' choice as best local columnist/reporter (2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012). Best Lifestyle section in Tennessee (2001, 2004, 2008, 2009).

Other awards: Edited Explanatory Journalism Pulitzer Prize Finalist, "The Poverty Puzzle," 2017. Second-place Green Eyeshade Award (Southeastern U.S.) for humor writing, 2017.