

Andrew Murr

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Adjunct professor, University of Southern California 2012-present
Teach an advanced writing course to USC undergraduates. Plan curriculum and lectures, assign papers and drills to help juniors and seniors gain mastery of writing in corporate, startup and non-profit environments.

Freelance journalist 2011-2012
Reported and wrote pieces for Newsweek and One Day magazine on West Coast nuclear power plant safety in the wake of the Japanese tsunami; the struggling California economy; profiled community activist Christina Sanchez.

Web News Writer, ZevWeb 2009-2010
Member of a team that launched a pioneering news [website](#) for then-L.A. County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky covering covering government county activities in America's largest county. Wrote and photographed pieces about law enforcement, jails, social services, museums and the environment.

Los Angeles Bureau Chief, Newsweek 2007-2009
Managed a team of staff reporters and freelancers covering the Southwestern United States, writing assigning and editing. Shaped, reported, wrote and edited web and magazine stories on topics ranging from the type 2 diabetes epidemic in minority communities; terrorism and the post-9/11 world; immigration and the U.S.-Mexico border fence; HIV-AIDS; global-warming science; California politics

Los Angeles Correspondent, Newsweek 1990-2007
Reported and broke news on terrorism, health and medicine, science, business, law and the environment, including a cover on the first Americans, advances in pediatric cardiology, the incidence of HIV-AIDS among women and African Americans and "zero-energy" homes. Major stories included 9/11, Hurricane Katrina, the Oklahoma City bombing, the L.A. riots, the Northridge quake.

Presidential campaign political reporter, Newsweek 1991-1992; 1996
Part of the team coverage of the 1992 Presidential election for the special election project, covering Democratic candidates and Ross Perot. Covered Perot II and Colin Powell in 1996.

Correspondent, Newsweek 1983-1989
Reported and wrote in Atlanta and Chicago bureaus; earlier, a reporter and researcher in New York

Non-profit leadership

Board chair, Bright Star Education Group/board member 2016-present
Lead board of Bright Star Education Group, a charter management organization serving 2,700 elementary and secondary students at seven schools in south LA, the San Fernando Valley and Koreatown.

Founding Board Member, Valor Academy Charter School 2008-2013
Helped launch Valor Academy Middle School from pre-charter period, through opening, operations and full scale 4-year middle school. Helped lead Valor's merger talks with Bright Star.

Books

(Co-author) Goldman, DeFrank, Miller, Murr and Mathews, "Quest for the Presidency 1992," Texas A&M Press, 1994

(Co-author) Thomas, Breslau, Rosenberg, Kaufman and Murr, "Back From the Dead," Atlantic Monthly Press, 1997

Awards

They include a National Magazine Award for Best Single-Topic issue (shared); Deadline Club of New York (several); The Humane Society of the U.S.; National Association of Gay & Lesbian Journalists

Other Interests

Documentary photography, including projects on L.A.'s homeless and church and roadhouse typologies in the Mississippi Delta. Food-bank coordinator at Wilshire Boulevard Temple; backpacking.

Education

Yale University, New Haven, CT; B.A., English Literature, 1979