

## **TOM SQUITIERI**

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### **PROFILE**

Outstanding, award winning writer, reporter and media/public relations strategist able to communicate clearly and simply on all levels. Recognized authority on a wide variety of domestic and foreign issues. Ability to work on a multitude of issues simultaneously, delivering the critical and strategic punch ahead of deadlines. Battle tested from war zones to the maw of national politics, and from remote streets and villages to the White House and Pentagon, where dealing with pressure comes with the territory. Expert perspective on national and international politics. Quick study for breaking issues couples with experience in long-term development on projects that demand persistence, conviction and vision. Proven ability to accurately analyze developing issues both domestically and abroad. Experienced guest and panelist on news shows.

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

#### **TS Navigations LLC**

**July 2007-present**

Founder and coordinator of a multi-faceted consortium of proven, highly-experienced and collaborative professionals specializing in perceptive writing, engaging research and investigations, deft media training, commanding crisis communications, and overseas office creation. We passionately help clarify an organization's mission and goals – and then construct razor-sharp, in-depth strategy to successfully achieve objective. Extremely detail oriented. The goal is a message focused on sustained benefits with clear, concise, and compelling content built on bullet-proof logic and, when needed, an appealing visual style with all the appropriate collateral material.

#### **Washington & Jefferson College**

**January 2006 and ongoing**

Adjunct English/journalism professor. Developed and taught a course melding ethical questions of life with using the skills of seasoned reporters and war correspondents to succeed and contribute positively to the world. Various emphasis included analysis of daily news events and coverage, construction of solutions of current social problems, recognizing truth in its various forms and

development of situational awareness, asking good questions, demanding good answers and be able to think on one's feet.

Dittus Communications

June 2005-July 2007

Senior media advisor, with special emphasis on working with clients to create focused and intelligent strategies and messages that support successful media campaigns, from simple announcements to super-charged political issues. In addition to media counsel, writing skills help clients communicate with maximum credibility and impact through best-of-class op-eds, feature articles, white papers, speeches, advertising copy, booklets, coffee table books, and media training. Strategic communications and an expert's perspective on national and international politics. Appearances on MBNBC.

USA TODAY

September 1989-May 2005

National correspondent, focusing on military, defense and intelligence issues; foreign affairs; and national politics. Since September 2001 attacks, reported from the Pentagon as well as Iraq, Uzbekistan, Afghanistan, Turkey and Italy.

Other experience included presidential and congressional campaigns in 2000 and 1996, Capitol Hill, various Clinton and political scandals, crime, drugs, arms smuggling and lead reporting on breaking news stories. Foreign assignments include an array of conflicts around the world, including the 1989 Panama invasion, Haiti (1991-1997), Northern Ireland, 1991 Gulf War (Iran-Iraq-Turkey), former Yugoslavia (1992-1996), African Great Lakes (1993-1994), Central Asia and Afghanistan (2001-2003), Iraq (2003-2004).

Appearances include NBC "Today Show," MSNBC (including guest host), Fox, CNBC, Court Television, WJLA, WUSA, C-SPAN., PBS, CTV, CBC, Extra, BBC, and TF1.

Boston Herald

October 1987-September 1989

National correspondent based in Washington, responsible for economic and political stories, coverage of the Massachusetts congressional delegation, the 1988 presidential campaign, and foreign affairs, including assignments to Thailand, Laos, Vietnam, Mexico, and Costa Rica.

Boston Business Magazine

October 1986-August 1989

Political columnist

Lowell (Mass.) Sun

October 1981-October 1987

Washington-based correspondent. Responsible for developing national and regional stories from Capitol Hill and the White House; coverage of national politics and foreign affairs, including national political campaigns since 1982

and assignments to Lebanon, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras, Costa Rica, Cyprus and Thailand.

Thomson Newspapers

February 1979-October 1981

Washington-based correspondent, with concentration of Southern newspapers. Responsible for developing national and regional stories from Capitol Hill, the White House, Washington society, political issues, agriculture and various federal departments and agencies.

Valley News Dispatch

June 1971-February 1979

General assignment reporter, county government and political reporter in the Alle-Kiski valley northeast of Pittsburgh. News assistant from June 1971 to June 1975.

## **AWARDS**

**Winner** -- 2007 Communicator Awards, "Award of Distinction," for client book *From Weapons To Wetlands*.

**Winner** -- 1993 Overseas Press Club citation, coverage of Burundi, Haiti and Bosnia.

**Winner** -- 1993 White House Correspondents Association Raymond Clapper Award, coverage of Burundi, Haiti and Bosnia.

**Winner** -- 1992 White House Correspondents Association Barnet Nover Award, coverage of Bosnia.

**Winner** -- 1991 Overseas Press Club citation, coverage of Haiti.

**Winner** -- 1991 White House Correspondents Association Raymond Clapper Award, coverage of Haiti.

**Winner** -- 1987 New England/Associated Press feature writing.

**Winner** -- 1986 Overseas Press Club Madeline Dane Ross Award, 1986 reporting from Thailand.

## **EDUCATION**

Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Pa., 1971-75, B.A. in Political Science.

Overseas study, London, 1974, Repertory theatre, acting.

Overseas study, Italy and Paris, 1975, Renaissance art.

**PERSONAL**

Born August 25, 1953, in Pittsburgh.

Member of the Overseas Press Club and National Press Club. Former National Press Club officer, serving four terms as secretary, two terms as vice president and one term as treasurer.

Have been on all seven continents.