

# Mark Donald

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## Education

M.F.A., Drama, Trinity University, 1984, Concentration: Playwriting  
Thesis Project: "Uncommon Denominators," A Play in Two-Acts

J.D., Southern Methodist University, 1975, with Honors

B.B.A., University of Texas at Austin, 1971, Business Honors Program

## Teaching Experience

Senior Lecturer, Mayborn School of Journalism  
University of North Texas.

Fall 2020 to Present

### **Courses taught Fall 2020**

Jour 4620 Mass Communication Law & Ethics  
Jour 3321 News Reporting, Writing and Editing  
Jour 3310 Feature Writing (2)

Lecturer, Mayborn School of Journalism  
University of North Texas

Fall 2015 to Fall 2020

### **Courses taught Spring 2020**

Jour 5710 Narrative Journalism  
Jour 4620 Mass Communication Law & Ethics  
Jour 4410 Reporting on Public Affairs  
Jour 3310 Feature Writing

### **Courses taught Fall 2019**

Jour 4620 Mass Communication Law & Ethics  
Jour 3321 News Reporting, Writing and Editing  
Jour 3310 Feature Writing (2)

### **Courses taught Summer 2019**

Jour 5760 International News and Media Study Abroad  
Jour 4530 British Media and Community Study Abroad  
Co-Faculty Leader "Mayborn in London" Study Abroad

**Courses taught Spring 2019**

Jour 5710 Narrative Journalism  
Jour 4620 Mass Communication Law & Ethics  
Jour 4410 Public Affairs Reporting  
Jour 3310 Feature Writing

**Courses taught Fall 2018**

Jour 4620 Mass Communication Law & Ethics  
Jour 3321 News Reporting, Writing and Editing  
Jour 3310 Feature Writing (2)

**Courses taught Summer 2018**

Jour 5760 International News and Media Study Abroad  
Jour 4530 British Media and Community Study Abroad  
Co-Faculty Leader "Mayborn in London" Study Abroad

**Courses taught Spring 2018**

Jour 4620 Mass Communication Law & Ethics  
Jour 4410 Public Affairs Reporting  
Jour 3321 News Reporting, Writing and Editing  
Jour 3310 Feature Writing

**Courses taught Fall 2017**

Jour 4620 Mass Communication Law & Ethics  
Jour 3321 News Reporting, Writing and Editing  
Jour 3310 Feature Writing (2)

**Courses to be taught Spring 2017**

Jour 4620 Mass Communication Law & Ethics  
Jour 4410 Public Affairs Reporting  
Jour 3321 News Reporting, Writing and Editing (2)

**Courses taught Fall 2016**

Jour 4620 Mass Communication Law & Ethics  
Jour 3321 News Reporting, Writing and Editing (2)  
Jour 3310 Feature Writing

**Courses taught Fall 2015, Spring 2016:**

Jour 5700 Advanced Feature Writing  
Jour 5710 Narrative Journalism  
Jour 3310 Feature Writing (2)  
Jour 3321 News Reporting, Writing and Editing (4)

Visiting Lecturer, Mayborn School of Journalism  
University of North Texas

August 2013 to  
Spring 2015

**Courses taught Fall 2014, Spring 2015:**

Jour 4620 Mass Communication Law  
Jour 3310 Feature Writing  
Jour 3321 News Reporting, Writing and Editing

Jour 2310 Introduction to Media Writing  
Jour 5720 Magazine Writing and Publishing  
Editor in Chief: Mayborn Magazine, 2015 edition

**Additional courses taught during visiting lecturer appointment:**

Jour. 4410 Reporting on Public Affairs

Adjunct Professor, Mayborn School of Journalism 2011-2013  
University of North Texas

**Courses taught:**

Jour. 3310 Feature Writing  
Jour. 3321 News Reporting, Writing and Editing  
Jour. 2310 Introduction to Media Writing

**Service**

UNT University Writing Committee, member	2020- present
Advancement and Alumni Development Committee, member	2020-present
Mayborn in London, Co-Faculty Leader & Recruitment Coordinator	2018- present
Personnel Affairs Committee Member, Mayborn School of Journalism	Fall 2018-19
Search Committee, Member, Endowed Chair appointment	2018
Mayborn Goes to the Movies, Moderator, SPJ (3)	2018-present
Search Committee, Member, Lecturer appointment	2017
Scholarship Committee, Chair, Mayborn School of Journalism.	2016-present
Assessment Committee, Member, Mayborn School of Journalism	2016- 2020
Ricco Ethics Award, Judge, Mayborn School of Journalism	2016-present
Lunchbox Lecture Series, Moderator, SPJ events (4)	2016-present
Scholarship Committee, Member, Mayborn School of Journalism	2015
Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ), Faculty Advisor	2015-present
SPJ Mark of Excellence Awards, Contest Coordinator	2015-present

## Academic Conferences Attended

"Excellence in Journalism Annual Conference" (SPJ) Baltimore, MD	Sept. 2018
ACES Editing Boot Camp, Baltimore, MD	Sept. 2018
"Write on the Sound Writers' Conference," Seattle, WA	Oct. 2017
"Teachapalooza," Poynter Institute, St. Petersburg, FL	June 2016
"Hand- on Data Workshop," Poynter Institute, St. Petersburg, FL	June 2016
IRE Digital Watchdog Workshop, University of Oklahoma	Sept. 2015
"Teachapalooza," Poynter Institute, St. Petersburg, FL	June 2014

## Work Experience

Media Consultant to former Chancellor Lee F. Jackson, UNT System	2011- 2012
Editor-in-Chief, Dallas Observer	2008-2011
Senior Reporter, Texas Lawyer	2004-2008
Senior Writer, Dallas Observer	2000-2004
Associate Editor, Dallas Observer	1998-2000
Senior Editor, D Magazine	1996-1998
Special Contributor, Dallas Observer	1992-1996
Dallas-area stringer, People Magazine	1992-1993
Contributing Editor, D Magazine	1985-1992
Freelance Writer	1985-1996
Dallas County Magistrate	1988-1997
Attorney, Parker & Donald	1980-1985
Attorney, Clower & Stanford	1978-1979
Attorney, Maloney & McDowell	1976-1978

## **Presentations and Publications**

"Mayborn Magazine," Editor-In-Chief	2020
"Magnum's Opus," Staged Reading, Dallas Holocaust Museum	2017
"Magnum's Opus," A play in Two Acts	2016
"Mayborn Magazine," Editor-In Chief	2015
"Media Ethics," Dallas Press Club	2013
"Creative Nonfiction," UTD Craft of Writing Conference	1990-1999
"Investigative Reporting," UTD Craft of Writing Conference	1990-1999
"The Plain English Approach to Judicial Writing," Texas Center for the Judiciary	1989
"The Law and the Arts," Dallas Theater Center Graduate Program	1982-1983
"Uncommon Denominators," Staged Reading, Dallas Theater Center	1984

## **Affiliations and Memberships**

Investigative Reporters and Editors, member	2015- present
Society of Professional Journalists, member, campus advisor	2015- present
Judge, The Gavel Awards, State Bar of Texas	2014
Member, State Bar of Texas	1975 – present
Member, Dallas County Criminal Bar Association	1975-1985
Chairman, Greater Dallas Writers Association	1993-1996
Member, Greater Dallas Writers Association	1990 - 2000

## **Writing Awards and Honors**

38<sup>th</sup> Telly Awards, Bronze Winner, "Is the News Media the Enemy of the People?" panelist, The *McCuiston* program, 2017

Press Club of Dallas "Katie" Awards, Special Circulation Newspapers, Best Business News Story, 2006, "Follow the Money," Texas Lawyer, May 15, 2006

Press Club of Dallas "Katie" Awards, Special Circulation Newspapers, Best General News Story, 2006, "Race Takes Center Stage in Dallas County DA Campaign," Texas Lawyer

Dallas Bar Association, 2006 Stephen Philbin Award For Excellence in

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Legal Reporting, Metropolitan /Statewide Newspaper Feature Story, "The Guantánamo Bar Association," Texas Lawyer, January 23, 2006

Houston Press Club, Lone Star Awards, 2007, Print Journalist of the Year, Second Place, Texas Lawyer

Houston Press Club, Lone Star Awards, 2006 Print Journalist of the Year, Third Place Texas Lawyer

Press Club of Dallas "Katie" Award, Special Circulation Newspapers, Special Feature, 2005, "Lawscapes." Texas Lawyer

Press Club of Dallas "Katie" Awards, Special Circulation Newspapers, Best Sports Story, 2005, "A Matter of Seconds." Texas Lawyer

Press Club of Dallas "Katie" Awards, Best Writing Portfolio, Finalist, Specialty Newspaper, "Attorneys of Tragedy," Texas Lawyer, June 2004

Association of Alternative Newsweeklies Editorial Awards, Second Place, News Feature, "Dirty or Duped," Dallas Observer, May 2, 2002

Press Club of Dallas "Katie" Awards, Major Market Newspaper: Best Government/ Political Story 2002, "Dirty or Duped," Dallas Observer, May 2, 2002

Press Club of Dallas "Katie" Awards, Major Market Newspaper: Best Specialty Feature Story 2002, "Deadbeating the System," Dallas Observer, October 11, 2001

Press Club of Dallas "Katie" Awards, Major Market Newspaper: Best Arts Feature Story 2002, "Rich Man, Poor Man," Dallas Observer, August 2, 2001

Press Club of Dallas "Katie" Awards Finalist, Major Market Newspaper: Best Feature Story 2002, "Tortured Souls," Dallas Observer, December 6, 2001

Press Club of Dallas "Katie" Awards Finalist, Major Market Newspaper: Best Specialty Reporting 2002, "Deadbeating the System; Dirty or Duped," Dallas Observer, October 11, 2001; May 2, 2002

2002 State Bar of Texas Gavel Award, Newspapers-Individual Articles/Editorials, Weekly, Biweeklies, "Deadbeating the System," Dallas Observer, October 11, 2001

2002 Eugene S. Pulliam National Journalism Writing Award Finalist, "Tortured Souls," Dallas Observer, December 6, 2001

University of Missouri Lifestyle Journalism Award, Finalist 2002, Health and Fitness, "Fat Like Me," Dallas Observer, May 31, 2001

Press Club of Dallas "Katie" Awards, Best Newspaper Series 2000, "Innocence Lost," Dallas Observer, July 15, 1999

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Dallas Bar Association, 2000 Stephen Philbin Award For Excellence in Legal Reporting, Best Newspaper Feature Story, "Innocence Lost," Dallas Observer, July 15, 1999

The Dallas Bar Association, 1998 Steven Philbin Award for Excellence in Journalism, News Reporting, "Rambo Justice," Dallas Observer, March 1998

University of Missouri Lifestyle Journalism Award, Finalist 1996, Arts Category, "Suspense! Intrigue! Betrayal!" Dallas Observer, December 28, 1995

Press Club of Dallas "Katie" Awards, Finalist, Best Sports Story 1995, "Requiem for a Welterweight," Dallas Observer, December 29, 1994

The National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association, 1995 Finalist, "Road Trip from Hell," Dallas Observer, October 6, 1994

2002 State Bar of Texas Gavel Award, Best Magazine Article, Individual, 1992, "Walter Lewis Perryman III: A Danger to Himself and Others," D Magazine, February 1992

Dallas Press of Dallas "Katie" Award Finalist, Best Investigative Reporting, 1992, "Walter Lewis Perryman III: A Danger to Himself and Others," D Magazine, February 1992

Press Club of Dallas "Katie" Awards, Best Magazine News Reporting, 1987, "The Private War of Rodney Clark," D Magazine, June 1987

Press Club of Dallas "Katie" Awards Finalist, Best Magazine Series, 1986, "A View from Death Row," D Magazine, April 1986

The Benjamin Fine Award for Education Reporting; Series, 1985, "Home Schooling," D Magazine, September 1985

The City and Regional Magazine Competition; "The White Award," Bronze 1986, Best Local Coverage, "Incest: The Unspeakable Sin," D Magazine, April 1985

Press Club of Dallas "Katie" Awards, Best Magazine Feature, 1985: "Incest: The Unspeakable Sin," D Magazine, April 1985