

# KHRISTOPHER J. BROOKS

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## EDUCATION

- 2010–2012 New York University | Arthur L. Carter Journalism Institute  
Master of Arts in [Literary Reportage](#)
- 2002–2006 Central Michigan University  
Bachelor of Science in [News/Editorial Journalism](#)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### ADJUNCT FACULTY

- Fall 2023 Reporting and Writing I | Hunter College  
Spring 2023 Reporting and Writing I | Hunter College  
Fall 2022 Reporting and Writing I | Hunter College  
Spring 2022 Business and Economic Journalism | The College of Saint Rose  
Reporting and Writing I | Hunter College  
Fall 2021 Reporting and Writing I | Hunter College  
Spring 2021 Business and Economic Reporting | SUNY Purchase  
Reporting and Writing I | Hunter College  
Spring 2020 Reporting and Writing I | Hunter College  
Fall 2019 Advanced Reporting and News Writing | SUNY Old Westbury  
Spring 2019 Making a Newspaper/Magazine | SUNY Old Westbury  
Fall 2018 Making a Newspaper/Magazine | SUNY Old Westbury  
Spring 2015 English Composition II | Southern Technical College  
Communication Dynamics | Southern Technical College  
Fall 2014 English Composition I | Southern Technical College  
Spring 2014 English Composition | Florida Career College

## HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2020 Pittsburgh Black Media Federation  
Winner of [the Robert L. Vann Media Award](#) (for business reporting category)
- 2019 Fellow of [the Ravitch Fiscal Reporting Program](#) at the CUNY Graduate School of Journalism
- 2016 Tampa Bay Association of Black Journalists  
[Two 1st Place Griot Drum prizes](#) for reporting stories in Central Florida
- 2015 New York State Associated Press Association  
3rd Place in Business Writing for covering entrepreneurship in Rochester, New York
- 2012 Hearst Visiting Professional  
Central Michigan University
- 2008 Tennessee Press Association  
5th Place in Best Education Reporting for coverage of Bristol Tennessee City Schools
- 2007 Virginia Press Association  
2nd Place in Education Writing for feature stories on Bristol, Virginia students
- 2006 Selected for [the Chips Quinn Scholars Program for Diversity in Journalism](#)
- 2005 Lawrence Laurain Scholarship  
Detroit Society of Professional Journalists

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- National Association of Black Journalists ([NABJ](#))  
Member, August 2006 - present  
Deputy Director of Region I, January 2017 - December 2019
- Society for Advancing Business Editing and Writing ([SABEW](#))  
Member, January 2021 - present
- Rochester Association of Black Journalists ([RABJ](#))  
Member, March 2015 - present

## TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

beat reporting, feature writing, narrative storytelling, business/financial reporting, public/governmental affairs reporting

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Brooks, J.K. (2022). Narrative storytelling: How effective interviewing can help you master the power of answering “then what happened” in longer-form stories and sometimes on deadline. Presented as part of the News Leaders Association’s [NewsTrain](#) event, Rochester, NY.

Brooks, J.K., Sawyer, D.H., Florido, A., Ketchum, J., & Herndon, M., (2016). Straight Out the Gate: Nailing the Early Stages of Your Journalism Career. Talk presented at the National Association of Black Journalists’ and National Association of Hispanic Journalists’ joint conference, Washington, D.C.

Brooks, J.K. (2015). The Politics of Photonics. Talk presented as part of the Friends & Foundation of the Rochester Public Library’s Tuesday Topics lecture series, Rochester, NY.

Brooks, J.K. (2011). Four Steps to Becoming an Outstanding Writer. Talk presented as part of the Hearst Visiting Professional program at Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, MI.

## PUBLICATIONS

*A sample of non-academic published works of journalism*

Brooks, Khristopher. “Some Bristol Virginia parents are upset by letter from schools about black and disabled students’ test scores preventing NCLB progress.” *Bristol Herald Courier*, 5 October 2007, p. A1

Brooks, Khristopher. “Squeeze time in UNL classrooms: Higher enrollment taxes space, faculty hours.” *Omaha World-Herald*, 17 September 2008, p. 1A

Brooks, Khristopher. “A Focus on Retention: Polk State looks to recruit, encourage students of color.” *The Ledger*, 19 May 2015, p. A1

Brooks, Khristopher. “Economic inequality in Nassau: Report looks at gap, panel offers ways to close it.” *Newsday*, 14 February 2019, p. A14

Brooks, Khristopher. “Florida Poly grew as year progressed.” *The Ledger*, 23 May 2015, p. A1

Brooks, Khristopher. “Nanotechnology etches family memories onto pendants.” *Rochester Democrat & Chronicle*, 30 December 2015, p. A1

Brooks, Khristopher. “A mural for city’s homeless — CCSU student found inspiration close to home.” *Waterbury Republican-American*, 22 December 2011, p. A1

## RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

September 2019 – present

Reporter and Video Editor at [CBS MoneyWatch](#) in New York City

Writing stories about cryptocurrency, the U.S. housing market, the business of sports, and bankruptcy for CBS News’ financial desk

January 2017 – September 2019

Towns Reporter at *Newsday* in Melville, New York

Covered local government on Long Island, including the Town of North Hempstead as well as Mineola, Floral Park and Great Neck

August 2015 – October 2016

Innovation & Entrepreneurship Reporter at the *Democrat and Chronicle* in Rochester, New York

Produced business stories that explained how startups, venture capital, and advanced manufacturing have generated job growth

March 2014 – August 2015

Higher Education Reporter at *The Ledger* in Lakeland, Florida

Pursued public records then built an exclusive story about Florida Polytechnic University and its struggles to gain accreditation

March 2012 – March 2014

K-12 & Higher Education Reporter at *The Florida Times-Union* in Jacksonville, Florida

Delivered stories about Common Core standards, charter school expansion and the faultiness of Florida teacher evaluations

August 2010 – March 2012

Freelance Reporter at publications in New York City

Submitted stories about business and local events for POLITICO New York, Patch.com, the New York Observer and other media

January 2008 – August 2010

Higher Education Reporter at the *Omaha World-Herald* in Omaha, Nebraska

Wrote a front-page story about growing enrollment at the University of Nebraska that overwhelmed the faculty teaching schedules

September 2006 – December 2007

K-12 & Higher Education Reporter at the *Bristol Herald Courier* in Bristol, Virginia

My reporting on a disabled parent who couldn’t attend school board meetings led to the district relocating its headquarters