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### Times Facts:

Named one of the country's top 10 political reporters by Columbia Journalism Review, Adam became the *Times*' political editor in 2001. He focuses on state and national politics. Adam came to the *Times* in 1992, and has covered politics and government in Pasco County, St. Petersburg and Tallahassee. He has also been a general assignment reporter, handling everything from health care issues to consumer investigations to Florida's prison system.

### Talking Points

- State, Local and National Politics

Adam has regularly appeared on national and local television and been heard numerous times on radio discussing subjects ranging from Florida and national politics to electric chair executions. He has also been a guest speaker for civic and political groups, as well as a guest lecturer at the University of South Florida.

### Education

Adam studied political philosophy at Kenyon College in Ohio and at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in political science.

### Background

Adam was born and raised in New York City. His first experience in reporting was at the *Lakeville-Journal*, a regional weekly in Connecticut, and then at the *Herald-Journal*, a New York Times paper in Spartanburg, S.C. He is married to Katherine Snow Smith and they have two daughters and a son.

### Honors

Adam has received awards from the Society of Professional Journalists, the Southern Journalism Award for prisons and criminal justice reporting, the South Carolina Press Association and the New England Press Association.

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