
Times Facts

Craig joined the *Times* in 1989 as a reporter in the Palm Harbor bureau. He covered criminal courts from 1993-1998 and took over the statewide environmental issues beat in May of 1998.

Talking Points

- Environmental Issues • Wetlands • Everglades Restoration • Offshore Drilling
- Endangered Species • Air Pollution • Hurricanes • Natural Florida
- Water Issues • Florida's Criminal Justice System

Craig has appeared on local television, PBS, Court TV and C-Span, discussing his stories on the environment, various criminal trials and the recovery efforts following Hurricane Andrew. Craig appeared twice on Court TV's *Forensic Files* talking about murder cases he covered for the *Times*.

Education

Craig is a graduate of Troy State University in Alabama, with a bachelor's degree in Journalism, and minors in Art and Philosophy.

Background

A native Floridian, Craig has canoed the Coldwater, Blackwater, Weeki Wachee, Anclote, Myakka and Peace rivers. He has reported on Hurricane Hugo, Hurricane Andrew and the Florida wildfires. His first job as a reporter was covering local government and politics — including three legislative sessions — for the *Pensacola News Journal*. He then moved to the *Sarasota Herald-Tribune* where he covered local government and politics and later, the environment and science. While on the criminal courts beat for the *Times*, Craig covered more than 60 murder trials, including cases of murder-for-hire, cop-killing and serial killing. He was part of the team of reporters whose stories uncovered the scandal involving the Rev. Henry Lyons and the National Baptist Convention USA. He was the first reporter to interview triple-murderer Oba Chandler on death row. In 2003, Craig's story on the St. Joe Company's development of northwest Florida was featured on the PBS program, *NOW with Bill Moyers*.

Honors

Craig's work has been recognized by the local chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists in both the spot news and features categories. In 2003, his story on the St. Joe Company was named one of the most important environmental stories in the nation by the John Oakes Award for Distinguished Environmental Reporting. In 2004, Craig won the Waldo Proffitt Award for Excellence in Environmental Journalism in Florida, presented each year to recognize distinguished examples of reporting and commentary about environmental issues in the state.

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