
Times Facts

Jeanne came to the *Times* in 1983 as a news desk slot editor. In 1987, she became assistant editor for Newsfeatures. In 1990, she was promoted to editor of the *Times* Perspective section, which features Sunday editorials, opinion columns and the book pages. She became political campaign editor in 1994 and was assistant managing editor for projects from 1997-2000. Her responsibilities included producing the *Times* participation and staging of several national and statewide political debates, including the 1996 Vice Presidential debate between Al Gore and Jack Kemp. During that period she was also responsible for newsroom recruiting and diversity. In 2001, Jeanne was named deputy managing editor/newsfeatures where she held overall responsibility for the daily Floridian newsfeatures section, and the weekly Taste, Travel, Homes, Weekend, and TV book. In 2004 she was named Business Editor in addition to her role as director of *Times* sponsored political debates and in 2005 she moved to head up the A section.

Talking Points

- Political Debates • Education and General Assignment Reporting • Editing
- Newsroom Recruiting • Voices of Florida Project

Education

Jeanne graduated from Indiana University in 1973 with a bachelor's degree in Germanic languages and literature and went on to earn her master's degree in journalism at Northwestern University.

Background

After graduating from Indiana University, Jeanne worked for four years in Berlin, Germany at the Federal Institute for Testing Materials. She was a secretary and translator in the Department of Tribology. She began her journalism career in 1978 at the *News-Democrat* in Belleville, Illinois as an education and general assignment reporter, later becoming an assistant city editor. In 1980, she moved to Florida and joined the *Tallahassee Democrat*, where she spent time as a copy editor, assistant city editor and then business editor, until joining the *Times* in 1983. She currently serves on the board of the Florida Society of Newspaper Editors.

Awards

While Jeanne was Perspective editor, she supervised the work that won the 1995 Pulitzer Prize in editorial writing for *Times* editorial writer Jeffrey Good.

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