
Times Facts

Kris joined the *Times* in December 1996 as a business staff writer. She has covered the business of health care, venture capital and emerging technologies. She reported on the government's long-running criminal and civil investigations into the HCA Inc. hospital chain and has written extensively about the business of hospitals and Medicare. Kris first visited China in 2002 and returned in May 2005. She wrote a series of stories on the Chinese economy and other business issues in China. She also visited Cuba in 2002 and wrote several articles on trade, specifically agricultural trade, between the U.S. and Cuba.

Talking Points

• Medicine • Medicare HMOs • Health Insurance • Oscars

Kris has been a guest on National Public Radio several times reporting on court cases and is a frequent guest speaker and media panelist.

Education

Kris graduated from Smith College in 1976 with a bachelor's degree in American studies and took post-graduate courses in history at Mount Holyoke College.

Background

Kris began her journalism career as a correspondent and associate editor for *Hampshire Life*, a weekly magazine published by the *Daily Hampshire Gazette* in Northampton, MA. She then spent five years with *The Advocate Newspapers* in Springfield, MA as a staff reporter, before moving to Clearwater, FL where she joined *Value Retail News*, a monthly retail trade journal, as a staff writer, later becoming Executive Editor. For several months in 1996, prior to joining the *St. Petersburg Times*, Kris was a free-lance business writer both for *Florida Trend* and the *Times*.

Awards

Kris' story on Shrimp Farming was included in the 2001 edition of "Best Business Stories of the Year" and in 2002, she received the Florida Society of Newspaper Editor's award for Best Business Writing. In 2006, she won a Green Eyeshade Award from the Society of Professional Journalists for her series "Capitalist China."

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