
Times Facts

Bob joined the *Times* in 1969 as a copy editor. His subsequent positions included state news editor, wire (national) news editor, Floridian magazine managing editor, deputy Newsfeatures editor and assistant city editor in Clearwater. In 1987, he became the paper's first full-time Travel editor, and after almost 19 years, he left Travel to take on two other newsroom positions: editor of the weekly page of health news, Pulse, and editor of the monthly magazine for older readers, Seniority.

Talking Points

• Trends in Travel, Tips & Safety • America's changing demographic to an older population

Bob has appeared on both international and domestic radio broadcasts, has taught news writing at two local colleges and frequently appears as a guest speaker at national conferences.

Education

Bob graduated from Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in journalism. He also has completed graduate courses in management at the University of South Florida.

Background

Prior to joining the *Times*, Bob worked for two years as a reporter with the *Grand Rapids Press* in Michigan. He then joined *Newsday* in Long Island as a reporter and later became a copy editor. He served three years as chair of the Editors Council of the 1,250 member Society of American Travel Writers and two years as the Society's national vice president. He is listed in Who's Who.

Awards

Under his watch, the *Times* national news section won several state press association awards. The Travel section and Bob have won nine First, Second and Third place national awards in the Lowell Thomas Travel Journalism Competition.

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