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## **EDUCATION**

**Southern Illinois University-Carbondale (August 1983)**  
M.S., Speech Communication

**Mississippi State University, Starkville (May 1982)**  
B.A., Communication

## **EXPERIENCE**

### **Co-Writer**

August, 2009-present

October 2011 publication date by Hachette's Center Street

***DIPLOMACY & DIAMONDS: My Wars from the Ballroom to the Battlefield***  
***The Real-Life Texas Socialite Behind Charlie Wilson's War***

**By Joanne King Herring with Nancy Dorman-Hickson**

**Freelance Writer and Editor, Marketer/Public Relations Professional**

June 2007-present

**Award-winning writing experience includes:**

- **Travel and events;**
  - **Personality profiles;**
  - **Homes/Garden/Food features;**
  - **Health and Wellness topics;**
  - **Environmental and Conservation issues;**
  - **Celebrities;**
  - **Business Features;**
  - **Humor;**
  - **Essay;**
  - **Literary review;**
  - **Agricultural and rural living topics.**
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- **Marketer, Cabot Creamery, a farmer-owned dairy co-op in Vermont. Finding events, contacting coordinators, and arranging for Cabot products to be sent for promotion.**

***Southern Living* magazine, Birmingham, AL**

**June 1995-June 2007**

**Associate Livings Editor**

- **Editor, “Books About the South,”** *Southern Living*’s and *southernliving.com*’s monthly book review column. This included ordering and cataloging books for consideration, choosing books for review, assigning and editing reviews, as well as writing reviews and author profiles. Served on the Birmingham-Southern Writing Today committee, bringing in authors.
- **Editor, *Tennessee Living: People & Places*,** an insert section published six times a year in *Southern Living*, with features geared toward Tennessee readers. Developed annual lineup, including idea generation, story assignment, photography and illustration assignment, and copy editing, working closely with staff and freelance writers and photographers.
- **Editor, “Southern Journal,”** a standing back page column of essays by staff and outside writers.
- **Writer, stories for *Tennessee Living* and similar *Living* inserts** for Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, and the Mid-Atlantic region.
- **Editor, *Carolina Living: People & Places*,** similar to *Tennessee Living* except aimed at North Carolina readers.
- **Writer, stories for Travel, Healthy Living, Features, and Special Sections of *Southern Living*.**

***Progressive Farmer* magazine, Birmingham, AL**

**Associate Features Editor, Oct. 1991-June 1995**

**Assistant Features Editor, Oct. 1988-Oct. 1991**

- **Writer and photographer, articles for *Country Place*,** the lifestyles section, and for the business/finance and production sections of the magazine.
- **Co-developer, test issues of *Countryplace* magazine,** creating standing columns, generating feature ideas, and writing and editing much of the copy.
- **Member, editorial teams which developed 3 award-winning series** on rural health, education, and farm safety. Farm safety series was nominated for a National Magazine

Award.

- **Participant, the American Agricultural Editors Association Photography Workshop** in Columbia, MO.
- **Developer, a house plan survey** for *Progressive Farmer* readers.

### **University of Alabama at Birmingham, Office of University Relations**

**March 1988-October 1988**

**Senior Writer**

- **Coordinator, media conferences.**
- **Producer, news and feature releases** about the UAB schools of education, business, natural sciences and mathematics, and social and behavioral sciences.
- **Assistant, copy editing.**

### **Southern Institute, Birmingham, AL**

**August 1987-March 1988**

- **Public Speaking Instructor**

### **Ghostwriter**

- ***Family Secrets--my experience with family violence.*** Publisher, Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, AL (1988). Using interview transcripts from the person involved, I ghostwrote a first-person account about being in a family affected by domestic violence.

### **Mississippi State University, Division of University Relations and College of Veterinary Medicine**

**August 1984-August 1987**

**Information Editor/Producer (Joint appointment from July 1986-August 1987)**

- **Writer and contributing editor, *Alumnus* magazine,** a quarterly publication for MSU graduates.
- **Founding managing editor, *Mississippi Veterinary Journal,*** a medical and news journal for faculty, staff, students, and veterinary professionals in the state.
- **Editor, *Pegasus Press,*** a weekly newsletter published for students, staff, and alumni of the College of Veterinary Medicine.
- **Writer, *MSU Memo,*** a bi-monthly campus newsletter.

- **Writer, *Affairs of State***, a biannual publication for MSU alumni and friends.
- **Editor, *American Veterinary Medical Association Interim Accreditation Report***.
- **Producer, news releases** about MSU and the College of Veterinary Medicine.
- **Coordinator, tours and events** held at the College of Veterinary Medicine.

***Daily Times Leader, West Point, MS***

**September 1983-July 1984**

**Wire/News Editor**

- **Editor, news, feature, and sports articles** from the Associated Press wire service and from *Daily Times Leader* reporters.
- **Layout designer**, choosing, placing, copyediting, and designing pages.

**Southern Illinois University, Department of Speech Communication,  
Carbondale, IL**

**August 1982-May 1983**

**Graduate Instructor**

- **Teacher, Interpersonal Communication.**
- **Teacher, Honors in Communication.** Selection of the honors graduate instructor was based on student evaluations from the previous semester.

**HONORS**

- **National Magazine Award nomination (1990), the American Society of Magazine Editors.**  
**Public Interest category:** “America’s Deadly Harvest” *Progressive Farmer* was nominated along with articles from *The New Yorker*, *U.S. News and World Report*, *American Health*, and the winner, *Family Circle*. Only 48 magazines out of the 1,251 entries were NMA finalists.
- **The National Federation of Press Women, Inc.**  
**2010 Communications Contest**  
**Honorable Mention**-Writing for the Web, feature article (“Child of Children’s: Brandon Hicks”)
- **Alabama Media Professionals**  
**2011 Communications Contest**  
**Second Place**-Feature story, magazines (“Tis the Season,” Gatlinburg, TN)

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**Second Place**-Personality profile, magazines (“A Day In the Life of a Resident”)  
**Second Place**-Feature story, magazines (“Opryland’s Top Gardener”)  
**Third Place**-Feature story, magazines (“Into the Wild Blue Yonder”)  
**Third Place**-Special articles, religion (“Blessing of Pets,” “New Vicar”)  
**Honorable Mention**-Feature story, magazines (“River Escape”)
  
- **Alabama Media Professionals**  
**2009 Communications Contest**  
**First Place**-Feature Story for General or Specialized Circulation (“A Taste of Home: Favorite Recipes from Ala., NC, SC, W.Va., and LA,” *We Save Spring* 2008)  
**First Place**-Personality Profile of more than 500 words (“Readers, Writers & Reiss,” *Alabama: People & Places Southern Living* October 2008)  
**Third Place**-Feature Story for General or Specialized Circulation (“North Carolina’s Outer Banks Offers Respite for All,” *We Save Spring* 2008)
  
- **The National Federation of Press Women, Inc.**  
**2008 Communications Contest**  
**First Place**-Section edited by entrant for General or Specialized Circulation (*Tennessee Living People and Places Southern Living* April 2007/June 2007)
  
- **Alabama Media Professionals**  
**2008 Communications Contest**  
**First Place**-Section edited by entrant for General or Specialized Circulation (*Tennessee Living People and Places Southern Living* April 2007/June 2007)  
**Second Place**-Feature Story for General or Specialized Circulation (“It’s Party Time” *Southern Living, Tennessee Living* insert, June 2007)  
**Third Place**-Feature Story for General or Specialized Circulation (“Up, Up, and Away!” *Southern Living* April 2007)  
**Third Place**-Special Articles Reviews (“Books About the South” *Southern Living*, June 2007/August 2007)  
**Honorable Mention**-Feature Story for General or Specialized Circulation (“Hair-Brained Ideas” *Southern Living* February 2007)
  
- **Mickey Awards (1999), *Southern Living***. Profile of Hattiesburg, MS, washerwoman/philanthropist Oseola McCarty. Selected by an outside panel of award-winning writers and editors.
  
- **Award of Distinction (1999), The Videographer Awards**. Executive Producer for “Washer Woman,” a film documentary on Oseola McCarty.
  
- **Writer of the Year (1992), American Agriculture Editors Association** for a 1991

three-part series on rural health: “Rural Health’s Vital Signs.” At that time, I was the only AAEA editor to receive this recognition for two consecutive years.

- **Writer of the Year (1991), American Agriculture Editors Association** for a 1990 two-part series on farm safety: “America’s Deadly Harvest.”
- **Oscar in Agriculture (1992), University of Illinois** in affiliation with the American Agriculture Editors Association, “Rural Health’s Vital Sign,.” Issues category.
- **Oscar in Agriculture (1991), University of Illinois** in affiliation with the American Agriculture Editors Association, “America’s Deadly Harvest,” Issues category.
- **Oscar in Agriculture (1990), University of Illinois** in affiliation with the American Agriculture Editors Association, for five-part series on rural education, “Country Schools at the Crossroads,” Issues category.
- **Excellence in Health Reporting (1994), Baptist Montclair Medical Center, Birmingham, AL, “A Camp That May Save Your Kids”**
- **Excellence in Health Reporting (1992), Baptist Montclair Medical Center, Birmingham, AL, “Rural Health’s Vital Signs.”**
- **Excellence in Health Reporting (1991), Baptist Montclair Medical Center, Birmingham, AL, “America’s Deadly Harvest.”**
- **Merit Award (1992), The American Values Community Action Network, “Rural Health’s Vital Signs.”** Nationwide competition which judged journalistic coverage of issues relating to quality of American life.
- **Merit Award (1990), The American Values Community Action Network, “Country Schools at the Crossroads.”**
- **First Place (1992), American Agriculture Editors Association, “Rural Health’s Vital Signs,”** Issues category.
- **First Place (1991), American Agriculture Editors Association, “America’s Deadly Harvest,”** Issues category.
- **First Place (1990), American Agriculture Editors Association, “Country Schools at the Crossroads,”** Issues category.
- **Third Place (1992), American Agriculture Editors Association, “Choices of a Hero,”** Human Interest category.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

- **National Federation of Press Women, Inc. (2007-present)**
- **National Book Critics Circle (2007-present)**
- **National Association of Professional Women (2011-present)**
- **Alabama Media Professionals (2007-present)**
- **Birmingham-Southern Writing Today Committee (2004-2009)**
- **Emmanuel, contemporary band singer, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church (2008-present)**