

## Leslie D. Sillars, Ph.D.

Present position: Professor of Journalism  
Patrick Henry College, Purcellville, Va.

### Education

1999-2004 Ph.D. in Journalism, University of Texas at Austin

1993 Master of Theology, Academic Ministries Track  
Dallas Theological Seminary  
Dallas, Texas

1989 Bachelor of Religious Education  
Briercrest Bible College  
Caronport, Saskatchewan

### Professional Journalistic Experience

1993-1998 Staff Reporter, *Alberta Report* newsmagazine (weekly)  
As a Calgary-based general reporter, I covered business, crime, civic politics, aboriginal affairs, the environment, science, and society.

1995-2000 Freelancer  
My byline has appeared in the Toronto-based *National Post*, the *Calgary Herald*, and the national newsweekly *WORLD*; my articles have also been reprinted in *Reader's Digest* and the *Washington Times*.

1999-2002 Graduate Research Assistant for Dr. Marvin Olasky

2002-present Mailbag Editor, *WORLD Magazine*

2007-present Contributing Editor, *Salvo Magazine* (Salvomag.com)

2010 2011 Founder/Editor/Publisher, *Frederick County Observer* (fcobserver.com)

2011 2012 Editor, *World Virginia*

2012-present Contributing editor/writer, *worldmag.com*

### Teaching and Administrative Experience

2009-10 Associate Dean of Academic Affairs; responsible for faculty development, student discipline issues, and responsibilities as assigned by the Dean

2007-2009 Chairman, Department of Government; administered 160+-student department, supervised search and hiring of new faculty

2002-present Professor of Journalism (current rank awarded in July, 2012)  
Patrick Henry College, Purcellville, Va.

As PHC's journalism professor, I designed and teach the core journalism courses (Intro to Journalism I and II, Media Law, Journalism History), supervise the student newspaper, and supervise off-campus internships and students completing freelance projects, as well as recruit adjuncts to teach various skills courses

1999-present Writing instructor, Editor, WORLD Journalism Institute (occasional)

### **Conference Presentations**

- 2001 "Reporter at Large: Morris Markey's Literary Journalism in *The New Yorker*," at the AEJMC Washington convention, Magazine Division.
- 1999 "Still Another Horror!: A Study of Death in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Newspapers," at AEJMC conference, the Symposium on the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Press, the Civil War, and Free Expression at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

### **Book Chapters**

"'Still Another Horror!?' Religion and Death in 19<sup>th</sup> Century American Newspapers" in *Sensationalism : murder, mayhem, mudslinging, scandals, and disasters in 19th-century reporting*. David B. Sachsman and David W. Bulla, eds. Transaction Publishers, 2013.

### **Selected Recent Journalistic Publications**

- "Balancing Free Speech and Accountability," *worldmag.com*, June 4, 2013
- "Lukianoff's Ashes," *Salvo Magazine*, Summer, 2013.
- "What an atheist looks like," *World Magazine*, April 21, 2012.
- "Vengeance on the prairies," *World Magazine*, May 21, 2011.
- "Highs and lows," *World Magazine*, July 2, 2011.
- "Game over, man?" *Salvo Magazine*, Summer, 2009.
- "Rest in Pieces A Monologue: How to Lose Your Body Parts Before You're Definitely Dead" *Salvo Magazine*, Spring, 2009.
- "Our Smear Campaign" *Salvo Magazine*, Winter, 2008.
- "Target Practice: Why journalists won't get religion anytime soon"

*Culture11.com*, Jan. 10, 2009

“Ralph Klein’s latest role: think tank scholar,” *National Post*, Dec. 17, 2007, A1

### **Biographical Information**

Birthdate: January 18, 1967

Place of birth: Rosetown, Saskatchewan

Citizenship: Canadian (U.S. immigration status: permanent resident)

Marital status: Married, two children

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