

Outstanding Journalism Educators

News Professionals Select 10 Teachers Who Encourage Students to Excel

By Dinah Eng

All journalists have at least one great journalism educator to thank for inspiring them, and for passing on knowledge that has helped to advance their careers. The winners of this year's NewsPro Noteworthy Journalism Educators honors were nominated by readers and members of the Radio Television Digital News Association, the Society of Environmental Journalists and the Broadcast Education Association. Here are the academicians, in alphabetical order, who were cited for their outstanding work.

SHARON BRAMLETT-SOLOMON

Associate Professor

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Sharon Bramlett-Solomon brings much experience to her role as educator. She has worked for newspapers, public relations firms

and in radio, with reporting stints with the Memphis Commercial Appeal and the Louisville Courier-Journal. She has received numerous teaching, research and service-award honors, including the Barry Bingham Fellowship from the National Conference of Editorial Writers Foundation, awarded annually to a journalism educator dedicated to advancing diversity in college journalism education. She is also a recipient of the Professor the Year Award

from the Newspaper Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication. She is the author of "Race, Gender, Class and Media: Studying Mass Communication and Multiculturalism." Bramlett-Solomon's research focuses on the effects on audiences of media depiction of race and social class. She has published and presented more than 100 scholarly papers in this area, as well as articles on media and aging.

JASMINE CRIGHTON

Instructor and News Director

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Jasmine Crighton, an Emmy award-winning technical director, is a broadcast journalism instructor and the news coordinator in the

Department of Broadcasting and Journalism at Western Illinois University. She has supervised NEWS3 since fall 2012. In 2018, Crighton received the Jeff Tellis Outstanding Advisor Award for College Television from the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System for outstanding leadership, dedication and service to NEWS3. Crighton was also recognized as 2018 Advisor of the Year by the National Broadcasting Society for

her work with WIU's NBS-AERho chapter. Since January 2018, Crighton has served on the Board of Governors for the Mid-America chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences. She has also been the recording secretary of the Illinois News Broadcasters Association, and serves as a member of the Friends Advisory Board of Tri States Public Radio. She was praised for the "time and energy she provides. ... She does it because she knows her efforts assist in the professional development of the students."

KATHLEEN BARTZEN CULVER

Assistant Professor and James E. Burgess Chair in Journalism Ethics

Director of the Center for Journalism Ethics

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University of Wisconsin-Madison

Kathleen Bartzen Culver's professional background has run the gamut from police reporter to magazine editor to marketing manager,

helping her to develop courses that make students adaptable writers and critical thinkers. She was recognized as "someone who speaks on behalf of ethics" during a time when "fake news" charges are impacting society and its perception of journalists. Culver is currently studying the ethical implications of data, sensors and drones in journalism; the ethics of public communication beyond journalism; and the rights and responsibilities involved in campus

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