

Mel Strait

Lecturer

Mass Communication

College of Humanities & Social Sciences

Degrees Earned

MS in Broadcasting, Ft. Hays State 1982

Professional Licensure and Certifications

First Class License, issued 1972 from the FCC

professional memberships:

TAB Texas Assoc. of Broadcasters 1992-96

BEA Broadcast Educators Assoc. 2002-04

KAB KS Assoc. of Broadcasters 2002-04

Peer-Review Publications and Artistic Performances/Exhibitions

Articles

"Looking Good on Video", April '88 GIG Magazine p.54

"More Colors in HiRes", Vol. 4 issue 2 of Amiga Animation

"Playing with the Band", Sept. '92 Videomaker

"Interesting River Trips" Summer '93 Family Ties

"The Bandera Medina" March '94 South Texas Traveler

"Why an Amiga" part1 began display June '98 AmigaInformer (web version)

"Pablo II, son of Picasso IV" issue 16 (print ver.) AmigaInformer

"XDVE, eXtended Digital Video Effects Generator" review in issue 17 (print ver.) AmigaInformer

Several music software reviews for FWSA newsletter 2002, 2003

"It's Prostate Cancer" Men.com (Health section) 2007

Books

"Strange Stories of the Civil War" published by WaltSan LLC, 2002

Proceedings

Moderator of radio panel at BEA convention Las Vegas, 2003

Artistic Performances

Co-Host PBS Auction segments 2002-03

Was opening act for Buddy Mondlock, Topeka 2005

Artistic Exhibitions

Winner 1st & 2nd place Secular Christmas song 2000, Ft. Worth Songwriters Association

took digital pictures for musician's websites, Cosy Sheridan (cosysheridan.com), Sloan Wainwright,

The Gillette Bros (campstreetcafe.com/guy&pipp), the English Bros

(canyontrailchuckwagon.com/photos), Brison Bursey Band [all currently on display]

Work or Professional Experiences

teaching:

Sam Houston State University Huntsville, TX since Aug 2005

Washburn University Topeka, KS Aug. 2002-04

Henderson State Arkadelphia, AR Aug. 2000-May 2002

UTA Arlington, TX Aug. '98- May 2000

Texas A & I (now A&M) Kingsville, TX Jan.'91-May'98
Northwest MO State U. Maryville, MO Aug.'88-May '89
Eastern NM State U. Portales, NM Aug.'85-Aug.'88
Central MO State U. Warrensburg, MO Aug'84-May '85

radio:

KTAI Kingsville, TX Jan.'91-Aug.'98 (STATION MGR.)
KOKO (part-time) Warrensburg, MO Sept.'85-Aug.'86
KGCS Derby, KS June'80-Aug.'80
KWHK (part-time) Hutchinson, KS Sept. '73-Dec.'74
KJRG Newton, KS Sept. '72-Sept.'73

television:

KENW TV (volunteer) Portales, NM Sept.'86-Aug.'88
KAYS TV (internship) Hays, KS May'84-July'84
WIBW TV Topeka, KS Mar.'81-Aug.'83

Most "Home" sporting (and other) events on Cox Cable (Suddenlink), Huntsville '05-07
Weekly Sports Show "the 'bod Sports weekly" Fall 2003 on Cox Cable
Weekly magazine program "Washburn Edition" Fall 2002-3 on Cox Cable
webcast home football games from HSU server
Cox Cable, Arkadelphia, AR Sept. 2000-2001
Crown (now Charter) Cable Kingsville, TX Sept.'92- May'98
TCI Cable Corpus Christi, TX Sept.'92-Sept.'93

Produced Financial News by Craig Pierce on TCI access channel
Produced annual series of highlight tapes for high school football teams
Produced annual "Friends of Radio/TV Telethon" on Charter Cable
Produced audiotape of Christmas songs for local distribution
Produced training video for Union Pacific gas plant
Produced videotape of concert preparations for Geo. Strait concert
Produced CD slideshow of "Miss HSU" pageant 2000
Produced audio CD & video tape of Lawrence Hamilton concert at HSU
Produced testimonial video for Breakthrough House (Topeka) 2003
Produced Video for HCCI (Topeka) 2003
instructed Boy Scout merit badge for video production 2006

Honors and Awards

Oxford's Who's Who '92-'93
Nominated for Northwest MO State University "Teacher of the Year" '88-'89.
The "KENW Coffee Cup" for excess of 40hrs of volunteer work.

Other Competencies

Wrote and recorded a Jazz flavored CD "Drinking from the Rootbeer River"