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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Freelance Writer** | *July 2004 – present*
Contribute to The New York Times, USA Today, The Boston Globe, World Hum, The (Raleigh, NC) News & Observer, National Public Radio and affiliate stations, and Fodor's and Time Out Athens travel guides. To view a sampling of work, check out the “articles” and “essays” sections of www.joannakakissis.com. The site's “news” blog has the latest stories.
- **Editor** | *May 2005 - April 2007*
Worked as a copy editor and translator at Kathimerini English Edition, Greece's only English-language daily newspaper, affiliated with the Paris-based International Herald Tribune. Also contributed features to the newspaper.
- **Staff Writer, The News & Observer (Raleigh, NC)** | *May 1998 - July 2004*
Wrote news, profiles, features, commentaries and essays as an award-winning arts reporter from 2002-2004. Wrote about politics, business, urban development, crime and public housing as a government reporter from 1998-2002 and also covered two major hurricanes in North Carolina.
- **Journalism and Writing Instructor** | *January 2002 – May 2004*
 - Taught JOMC-53: News Writing, an undergraduate course at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's School of Journalism and Mass Communication. (*January to May 2004*)
 - Taught an undergraduate course on the basics of reporting and news and feature writing in the English department of North Carolina State University in Raleigh. (*January 2002-May 2003*)
 - Designed and taught the course “Writing and Publishing the Personal Essay” at Wake Technical Community College in Raleigh. (*January – August 2002*)
- **Writer and Researcher** | *January 1996-May 1998*
Contributed radio, magazine and television stories to local outlets during graduate school at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Also worked as a data researcher at the National Institute for Computer-Assisted Reporting, part of Investigative Reporters and Editors.
- **Washington D.C. Reporter, Star Tribune** | *August 1995-December 1995*
Wrote about Minnesota's congressional delegation and national trends as an intern for the state's largest newspaper.

WRITING AWARDS

- **American Association of Sunday and Feature Editors**
 - Honorable mention, short feature (division II) – 2004
 - Honorable mention, arts and entertainment feature (division II) – 2003
 - Third place, general feature (division II) – 2001
- **North Carolina Press Association**
 - First place, criticism – 2004
- **Pulitzer Prizes**
 - News & Observer staff, finalist for breaking news – 2000
(Contributed one of 10 stories in entry on hurricane-spawned flooding in eastern North Carolina)
- **Society of Professional Journalists**
 - First Place (with Betsy Webster and Adam Levine), TV news feature, national Mark of Excellence awards – 1998

EDUCATION

- **Duke University's Center for Documentary Studies**
 - Documentary photography course
- **University of Missouri-Columbia**
 - MA in journalism
- **University of Minnesota-Twin Cities**
 - BA in political science, journalism and Russian

