

David Stephenson

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EDUCATION

Masters of Fine Arts in Film and Television Production, Asbury University, 2019

Masters of Communication Arts in Digital Storytelling, Asbury University, 2017

Bachelor of Arts in Photojournalism, Western Kentucky University, 1992

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, School of Journalism & Media, University of Kentucky, 2018 - Present

Lecturer, Dept. of Integrated Strategic Communications, University of Kentucky, 2014 - 2017

Director, Picture Kentucky Rural Photojournalism Workshop, 2009 - 2015

Faculty, UNC summer abroad, Living Galapagos, 2009

COURSES TAUGHT

JOU 367 Mobile Journalism

JOU 377 Drone Journalism

JOU 498 Advanced Multimedia

ISC 497 Intro to Short-Form Visual Narrative Storytelling for ISC

MAS 390/JOU 497 Virtual Reality Storytelling

MAS 322 Multimedia I

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Photojournalism and Multimedia Adviser, Kentucky Kernel, University of Kentucky, 2009 - Present

Freelance Multimedia Photojournalist & Filmmaker, Kentucky, 2009 - Present

Stringer, Associated Press, Kentucky, 2014 - 2017

Photojournalist, Lexington Herald-Leader, Lexington, Kentucky, 1997 - 2009

Photo Editor, Aurora Beacon News, Aurora, Illinois, 1995 - 1997

Photojournalist, Photo Editor, and Designer, Jackson Hole Guide, Jackson, Wyoming, 1993 - 1995

Photojournalist, Republican-American, Waterbury, Connecticut, 1992 - 1993

PROFESSIONAL PORTFOLIO & CREATIVE WORKS

Photojournalism, Multimedia, Film, and Documentary Portfolio: www.DavidStephenson.com

Instagram account with 14,000+ followers for “The Pigeon Photographer,” a passion celebrating the beauty and personality of racing pigeons through an iPhone. Featured by Apple’s Instagram account in 2018 and 2019: [@thePigeonPhotographer](https://www.instagram.com/thePigeonPhotographer)

Pigeon Beat: An award-winning episodic show featuring stories of pigeons and fanciers conceived, filmed, written and produced by David Stephenson: [Pigeon Beat on YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

David Stephenson on Vimeo: <https://vimeo.com/user1001987>

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL AWARDS AND HONORS

Telly Award (Silver) in the Non-broadcast biography category 2020: Keepers of the Fire

Communicator Awards, Award of Distinction, Long-Form category 2020: Pigeon Beat

Telly Award (Bronze), Branded Content, Non-Scripted Documentary category 2019: Pigeon Beat

Apple Instagram Spotlight, 2019: The Pigeon Photographer’s iPhone Photos

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Photographer of the Year Runner-up, Kentucky News Photographers Association, 2015

First Place Multimedia Story, Pictures of the Year International (POYi) competition, 2009

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Kentucky Photographer of the Year, Kentucky News Photographers Association, 2008

Kentucky Photographer of the Year, Kentucky News Photographers Association, 2007

Sports Photographer of the Year, Kentucky News Photographers Association, 2007

National Headliners Award, Runner-up 2008

Casey Medal, Runner-up 2008

Robert F. Kennedy Award, Runner-up 2008

Pulitzer Prize Nominee, 2008

Eclipse Award, New York Racing Association, Multimedia Coverage of the Kentucky Derby, 2007

Regional Photographer of the Year, National Press Photographers Association, 2002

Regional Photographer of the Year, National Press Photographers Association, 1999

Fourth Place Hearst Photojournalism Championship, 1991

IMDB CREDITS

Drone Operator, *The Divinity School Murders*, 2019

Still Photographer, *Ghost in the Family*, 2018

Camera Operator, *Nazareth*, 2017

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS & PANELS

Stephenson, D., (2019), *Emerging Technology in Journalism*. Presented at Kentucky High School Journalism Association (KHSJA), Lexington, Ky

Stephenson, D., (2018), *Journalistic Applications with Drones*. Moderated a panel at College Media Advisers, ACP/CMA National Media Convention, Louisville, Ky

Stephenson, D., (2018), *VR Storytelling for Beginners*. Presenter at College Media Advisers, ACP/CMA National Media Convention, Louisville, Ky

Stephenson, D., (2018), *VR Storytelling for Beginners*. Presenter and Contest Judge at Indiana News Photographer's Association Annual Seminar and Contest, Bloomington, In

Stephenson, D., (2018), *Emerging Technology in Journalism*. Presented at Kentucky High School Journalism Association (KHSJA), Louisville, Ky

Stephenson, D., (2015), *Photographing Birds and Pigeons*. Presented at Photoscenic Kentucky Workshop, Prestonsburg, Ky

Stephenson, D., (2014), *Social Media's Impact on Visual Storytelling*. Presenter and Contest Judge at Ohio News Photographer's Association Annual Seminar and Contest, Columbus, Oh

Stephenson, D., (2013), *Using Smartphones for Photos and Multimedia*. Presented to Kentucky Press Association, Louisville, Ky

Stephenson, D., (2013), *Using Smartphones for Photos and Multimedia*. Presented at Kentucky High School Journalism Association (KHSJA), Lexington, Ky

Stephenson, D., (2012), *Media Management for University Student Publications*. Presented at College Media Advisers, ACP/CMA National Media Convention, Chicago, Il

Stephenson, D., (2012), *Using DSLR cameras for Video*. Presented at College Media Advisers, ACP/CMA National Media Convention, Chicago, Il

Stephenson, D., (2012), *Smartphones for Visual Reporting*. Presented at College Media Advisers, ACP/CMA National Media Convention, Chicago, Il

Stephenson, D., (2012), *Photographing Birds and Pigeons*. Lexington Creative Camera Club, Lexington, Ky

Stephenson, D., (2011), *Using DSLR cameras for Video*. Presented at Kentucky High School Journalism Association (KHSJA), Lexington, Ky

Stephenson, D., (2010), *Improving Your Photography*. Presented at Kentucky High School Journalism Association (KHSJA), Lexington, Ky

Stephenson, D., (2010), *Photography, Audio Gathering, and Video Production for Rural Journalists*. Institute for Rural Journalism and Community Issues, Foothills in Focus, Lexington, Ky

Stephenson, D., (2010), *A New Dawn*. Ohio University, School of Visual Communications NPPA Chapter, Athens, Oh

Stephenson, D., (2009), *Using Canon DSLR Cameras for Video*. Presented by Canon USA, for the VII Photo Agency Photographers, Otis, Ma

Stephenson, D., (2009), *Using DSLR cameras for Video*. Presented at College Media Advisers, ACP/CMA National Media Convention, Austin, Tx

Stephenson, D., (2009), *An Introduction to Photo Blogging*. Presented at College Media Advisers, ACP/CMA National Media Convention, Austin, Tx

Stephenson, D., (2010), *Using DSLR Cameras for Multimedia Storytelling*. Northern Short Course in Photojournalism, Newark, Nj

Stephenson, D., (2009), *Photographing Birds and Pigeons*. Lexington Creative Camera Club, Lexington, Ky

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS & PANELS (CONT.)

Ethics in Photojournalism, (2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013), Panel Member, Asbury University, Wilmore, Ky

Stephenson, D., (2008), *A New Dawn*. Presenter and Contest Judge at Illinois News Photographer's Association Annual Seminar and Contest. Champaign, Il

Stephenson, D., (2008), *A New Dawn*. Presenter and Contest Judge at Indiana News Photographer's Association Annual Seminar and Contest. Bloomington, In

Stephenson, D., (2008), *A New Dawn*. Presenter and Contest Judge at Michigan News Photographer's Association Annual Seminar and Contest. Lansing, Mi

RESEARCH WORKS IN PROGRESS

Stephenson, D., Kim, Y. S., & Engstrom, E. *Quality Television as Visual Literacy Tool: Analyzing Production Elements of Hulu's The Handmaid's Tale*. Submitted to Journal of Media Education.

Engstrom, E., Stephenson, D., & Kim, Y. S. *Portrayal of American Civil Religion in Hulu's The Handmaid's Tale*. Submitted for presentation consideration to the Broadcast Education Association 2021 annual conference.

TEXTBOOK REFERENCES

Kenneth Kobre, (2012). Videojournalism: Multimedia Storytelling, Chapter topic: *An Unforgettable Character: The Turtle Man* by David Stephenson

Brooke Barnett, David Copeland, Harlen Makemson, Phillip Motley (2011). An Introduction to Visual Theory and Practice in the Digital Age, Chapter Topic: *Finding Great Characters for Your Stories* by David Stephenson

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Stephenson, D. (2019, August). *Hot topics on using emerging tech tools in a participatory society: Visual journalism now*. AEJMC Conference, Co-Presenter and Panelist, Moderated by Deborah Chung with co-panelists Mickey Osterreicher, J. Lee Williams, John Pavlik. Toronto, Canada

ACADEMIC AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Faculty Teaching Excellence Award, College of Communication and Information, University of Kentucky, 2018

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Photojournalism & Multimedia Adviser, Kentucky Kernel, 2014 - present

Facilitator, \$23,000 of Sony mirrorless cameras and lenses for JAM School students

Coordinator, Jonathan Krueger Memorial Scholarship

Judge, University of Kentucky First Amendment Center Spelling Bee, 2019, 2020

Member, College of Communication and Information Strategic Plan Committee, 2020

Member, JAM scholarship committee, 2019

Member, JAM Finance and Facility committee, 2019

Member, JAM diversity committee, 2019

ACADEMIC SERVICE (CONT.)

Convener/chair, JAM curriculum ad-hoc committee, 2019, 2020, 2021
Coordinator, UK JAM School Film Series, 2018, 2019, 2020
Coordinator, Sam Abell Photojournalism Workshop, University of Kentucky, April 20-22, 2018
Member, Kentucky Kernel Adviser Search Committee, 2018
Member, ISC Faculty Search Committee, 2018
Instructor, University of Kentucky Robinson Scholars: *Nature photography in the field*. 2015

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Faculty, National Press Photographers Association Multimedia Immersion, Syracuse, 2018
Judge, Wedding Photojournalist Association Quarterly Photo Contest: January, 2019, June, 2019, August, 2019, October, 2019, January, 2020, August 3, 2020, September 14, 2020, December 2020
Judge, Artist Guild of WPJA Quarterly Photo Contest, January, 2019
Judge, PNA (Pennsylvania News Association) Keystone Media Awards, 2020
Pre-Judge, National Press Photographers Association Best of Photojournalism contest, 2019
Officer, Kentucky News Photographers Association (KNPA). I served in various roles as an officer or chair for KNPA from 2012-2017
Member, Professional Advisory Committee, Western Kentucky University, 2013
Judge, Lexington Creative Camera Club Annual Print Competition, 2011, 2014
Faculty, College Media Advisers (CMA/CICM) Story Project, Louisville (2010)
Faculty, National Press Photographers Association Multimedia Immersion, Las Vegas, 2009
Coach, Mountain Workshop Bardstown, Western Kentucky University, 2003

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Member, Frederick Douglas Academy of Technology Advisory Committee, 2019, 2020, 2021
Presenter, Governor's School for the Arts (GSA) in the field drone flight demonstration for film and photo students, July 1, 2019
Presenter, Frederick Douglas Academy of Technology, Oct. 11, 2019: *Narrative storytelling technique in short-form visual storytelling*
Collaborator, Centre Dance multimedia performance, May 2, 2019
Instructor, 4-H National Resource and Environmental Sciences (NRES) Academy, 2011: Outdoor photography for 4-H science students

MEDIA APPEARANCES

National Press Photographers Association News Photographer Magazine (2008). *A New Dawn*: Cover Story and Profile on David Stephenson's Three-Year Documentary Project

Featured in Kentucky Life, KET, in an Emmy-Award-winning segment "The Pigeon Photographer" 2016

UK Now, "University of Kentucky Journalism Students Are Taking to the Sky to Learn from a Bird's Eye View." Jan. 22, 2019. <http://bit.ly/2SRusQ1>

UK Now, "School of Journalism and Media Professor Takes Telly Award" May, 2019. <https://bit.ly/37D8dUR>

UK Now, "Meet Kentucky's Famous Pigeon Photographer, UK's David Stephenson" July, 2016. <https://bit.ly/34Dr7sZ>

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING

Part 107 Licensed drone pilot since 2018

Drone Leadership Summit, New York City, 2019

Drone School for Journalists, Poynter Institute, 2017

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ORGANIZATIONS

National Press Photographers Association; 1991-present

Kentucky News Photographers Association; 1991-present

AEJMC, VISCOMM; 2018-present

College Media Advisers; 2009-2012

Lees McRae College (NC), Board of Advisors; 2008-2010