

John Prather

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Summary of Relevant Skills

- Creative writing, proofreading, editing, newswriting, and web-design experience.
- Skilled educator with expertise in Media, Business, Law, English, and Social Studies.
- BA in Journalism, MA in Radio-Television-Film, MBA, JD with emphasis in Sports & Entertainment.

Writing Projects

Novels

- *The Adminisiphere* – comic/satirical novel about education, published June 2016. Available on Amazon.com.
- *The Jesus Nut* – comic/satirical novel (rough draft).

Writer-Producer, MFT World Entertainment

- *Tricky Business* – feature film adaptation of Dave Barry novel
- *Someone Else's War* – feature film, Vietnam black comedy
- *By the Book*, “Birds of a Feather” – sitcom TV pilot
- All projects abandoned due to production company's under-capitalization.

Story Editor, LinKe Entertainment/Keith Frey, Producer

- *Widow's Web* – feature film, thriller

Spec TV episodes for *iCarly*, *Arli\$\$*, *Hart to Hart*, *Remington Steele*, *Family Ties*, *Hill Street Blues*.

Feature film treatments

- *Terminal Degree* – erotic thriller.
- *Infected* – political and medical thriller.

Academic Preparation

Juris Doctorate, University of Arizona College of Law (1992)

- Substantial paper discussing *NCAA v. Tarkanian* (48 U.S. 179, 109 S.Ct. 454) rules compliance case.
- Coursework in Entertainment Law and Sports Law.

Master of Business Administration, Arizona State University (1988)

- Capstone project on ethical models for business management.
- Research project on business, creative, and regulatory issues facing new television networks.

Master of Arts in Radio-TV-Film, University of Texas (1985)

- Created individual program of emphasis in film writing/production.
- Master's thesis entitled “The Evolution and Recombination of the Television Crime Drama.”

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism (*Magna Cum Laude*), Arizona State University (1980)

- Emphasis in newswriting, with minors in English and mathematics.
- Two-year varsity letter-winner in track & field and cross country.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING:

- “How to Write a Novel” writing workshops (2005-06).
- LA Connection comedy improvisation group – classes, performing, and directing (1982-83).

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Teaching Experience

Teacher, Paradise Valley Unified School District (2016-18)

- Courses taught: Film Study, Criminal/Civil Law, Sports Law, World History.

Adjunct Faculty, Arizona Community College District (1985-87, 1990-91, 1994-95, 2016-present)

- Courses taught: Introduction to Sport Management (Glendale CC, online), Media & Society (Mesa CC), Introduction to Business, Introduction to Marketing (Pima CC), English Composition, Journalism (Scottsdale CC).

Teacher, Scottsdale Unified School District (1995-2014)

- Courses taught: High School English II, III, III Honors, IV, IV Advanced Placement, Business Law, Video Production, Yearbook Production; Middle School Social Studies, Social Studies Honors, You & the Law, and Pre-Algebra. Produced three 200+-page yearbooks, controlling costs and managing sales in order to generate significant profit each year. Earned perfect Career Ladder scores and *Distinguished* teaching evaluations.

Assistant Professor of Sport Management, Robert Morris University (1992-94)

- Courses taught: Sport Law, Facility & Event Management, Sport Marketing, Sport Media, Sport & Society, Introduction to Sport Management, and Personal Fitness. *Highest Merit* teaching evaluation.

Ares Teaching Fellow, University of Arizona College of Law (1990-91)

- As second-year law student, supervised legal writing, research, and moot court programs for “small section” of 24 first-year students.

Additional Professional Experience

Proofreader / Copy Editor / Web Designer (2002-present)

- Proofed and edited trade fiction (Penguin-Putnam), specialty art books (International Graphics), and software documentation and licensing agreements (Trans-Soft, Inc.).
- Designed websites and edited content using Wix templates.
- Experience with both AP and Chicago style manuals.

News & Sports Journalism, USA Today (1985-90) and Arizona Republic (1979-80)

- Part-time sportswriting work for *USA Today* covering NCAA and professional sports.
- News internship with *Arizona Republic*. Turned down full-time position in order to attend graduate school.

