

Christian Toto

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Full-time Employment

The Washington Times, Washington, DC: December 1999 to present (full-time until July 2007 and freelance since then)

Features and entertainment reporter, covering education, science, health and home matters. Entertainment assignments included reporting on Kennedy Center events and news, plus local theater. Also:

- Wrote a daily television column highlighting notable programs and industry trends.
- Currently reviewing films for arts section and celebrity profiles (Tom Hanks, Julia Roberts.)
- Explore the arts industry from a sardonic view, analyzing commercial and artistic trends.
- Covered the District's social scene, including events held at the White House.

ByGeorge!, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.: 1999: Associate editor.

- Co-directed the news, features and layout of each publication.
- Coached writing staff, assigned stories and contributed illustrations to accompany stories.

Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, Pittsburgh, Pa.: 1995 – 1998: General assignment news and features reporter. Covered local elections, breaking news and entertainment events.

- Covered local municipalities and school districts.
- Handled breaking news assignments and feature stories
- Wrote regular column, "For What It's Worth," commenting on popular culture
- Reviewed films, music and local theatrical productions.

Web Experience:

Movies in Toto May 2008 - present: Film blogger for www.washingtontimes.com, which receives more than eight million page views monthly. Posts film reviews, original interviews and film commentaries. (home page: <http://washingtontimes.com/communities/movies-toto/>)

What Would Toto Watch? July 2007 - present: Writes, edits, designs and promotes personal Web site covering entertainment news and reviews. Site features original film/DVD reviews and interviews. Receives more than 20,000 page views monthly.

Freelance:

The Denver Post, Denver, Colo. August 2007 - present. Regular contributor for real estate features and book reviews.

MovieMaker Magazine - Jan. 2008. Cover film industry trends and analysis.

Mile High Sports Magazine - June 2008 - present. Cover sports-related feature stories.

PajamasMedia.com May 2008 - present. Write film and television reviews plus commentaries on major entertainment trends.

PopMatters.com March 2008 - present. Review DVDs for this entertainment Web site.

People Magazine, Washington, D.C.: 2001 – 2006. Wrote entertainment and lifestyle features, covered celebrity events and human interest stories.

Other publications have included **Scripps Media**, the **Washington Business Journal** and **Ceramics Monthly**.

Related Experience/Honors

- 2006 Society of Professional Journalists' Features award, Second Place, D.C. chapter.
- 2005 Maryland-Delaware-D.C. Press Association - Second Place in education feature category; 2004 MDDC First Place and Best in Show in both education and arts/entertainment categories. Contest includes entries from The Washington Post and Baltimore Sun.
- 2003 Virginia Press Association - Third Place winner in film review category.
- Weekly entertainment contributor to D.C.'s WTOP news radio, Tampa's Mark Larsen's "Morning Magazine" on WWBA-AM and Erie, Pa.'s The Wolf. Past contributor to WMAL AM's "The Chris Core Show" and Sirius radio's "The Bill Press Show." Television credits include appearing on CNN's "Showbiz Tonight" and Comcast's "Your Morning."
- Regular contributor to the nationally syndicated "Dennis Miller Show" on Westwood One stations.

Education

Radford University, Radford, Va.: 1994, B.S. Arts, summa cum laude

- Managing editor of university newspaper. Graduated
- Won university short story contest two consecutive years