

Eric Siegel

Professional Experience

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Consultant, Healthy Neighborhoods, Inc. Provided information and descriptions for a forthcoming web-based project on school choices in Northeast Baltimore for HNI, a nonprofit dedicated to bolstering moderate-income communities in the city.

Journalist in residence, Johns Hopkins University's Institute for Policy Studies

1977 – 2007

The Baltimore Sun Held a variety of reporting and editing positions, including magazine staff writer, City Hall bureau chief, arts and entertainment editor and city editor. Reported on virtually every aspect of urban issues, including crime, demographics, education and urban development, as well as city government and politics. From 2001 to 2007, wrote a bi-weekly column of opinion, observations and commentary on Baltimore and cities in general entitled "Urban Chronicle."

Noteworthy reporting projects included "Pagan on the Run," the story of the flight and subsequent capture of a motorcycle gang leader from Baltimore; "The Block raid: Worth it?", an investigation into the conduct of Maryland State Police officers and their ill-fated undercover operation and subsequent raid on Baltimore's red-light district and "A Neighborhood Abandoned," a detailed, two-part series that examined a troubled eastside community.

Provided in-depth, ongoing coverage of Baltimore's federally-funded empowerment zone revitalization effort; the Thompson public housing discrimination case in federal court and the East Baltimore redevelopment effort centered around a biotech park.

1973 – 1977

The Washingtonian Magazine Was a contributing editor to what was regarded as one of the best city magazines of the decade, writing on a wide variety of aspects of urban life in the nation's capital.

Also freelanced for a number of newspapers and magazines, including *The Christian Science Monitor*, *The Detroit Free Press*, *Newsday* and *The Washington Post*.

1971 – 1972

The Washington Daily News Was a general assignment reporter for the Scripps-Howard tabloid, which folded in 1972, focusing on problems of the city in the years after the 1968 riots.

Awards and Honors

Won numerous journalism awards for governmental, investigative, legal and public service reporting from groups including the bar Association, The Maryland-Delaware-D.C. Press Association and the Society of Professional Journalists.

Was named as one of the country's top urban journalists by Civic Strategies and the city's "Best Print Journalist" by Baltimore's *City Paper* in 2004. *Baltimore Magazine* cited "A Neighborhood Abandoned" as the best newspaper series in 2006 and a writer for *The Columbia Journalism Review* lauded the series as "brilliant" in a 2007 article.

Received the 2007 Francis Morton Froelicher Civic Statesmanship Award from the nonprofit Citizens Planning and Housing Association for "outstanding commitment and achievement in improving the quality of life of all Baltimoreans."

Education

B.A. in English with high distinction for the University of Michigan, 1971

Interests

Avid competitive tennis player. Member of three local championship doubles teams in the last 10 years. As a singles player, frequently ranked among the top players in the state and region in various age categories between 1984 and 2001.

Personal

Married with two grown children. Resident of Baltimore for 31 years.

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