

Dan Weissmann

Freelance Writer, Chicago, 2003 to the present

Work appears in *Crain's Chicago Business*, *Chicago Reader*, *Chicago Journal*, and other publications, including the 2004 book *Putting the Arts in the Picture*.

Catalyst Chicago: Independent Reporting on Urban Schools

Web Site Editor, 1998 to 2003

- Oversaw web site, including the assignment and editing of web-only copy.
- Managed the *Yellow Pages* project, a directory of non-profit services for schools.
- Analyzed school data using spreadsheet, database, and GIS software.

Associate Editor, 1997 to 1998

Contributor, 1991 to 1996

Journalism Awards:

- Lisagor Award, Chicago Chapter of the Society for Professional Journalists, for 2003 columns on education in *Chicago Journal*.
- Reported a 2001 *Catalyst* story on the educational effects of the Chicago Housing Authority's Plan for Transformation, the first issue in a three-part series that won the Casey Medal for Meritorious Journalism, the Society for Professional Journalists national Sigma Delta Chi Award for public service newsletter reporting, and a Lisagor Award for public service reporting.
- Lisagor Award, online reporting, 2000, for a *Catalyst* series on student retention.
- Lisagor Award, best newsletter, 1997, for "Can Middle Class Kids be Lured Back?" in *Catalyst*.
- Education Press Association, Distinguished Achievement Awards, for three series in *Catalyst*: 1997 for "Building Boom"; 1995 for "School Chronicles"; 1993 for "The New Extended Family: Collaborating for Kids' Sake."

Columbia College Journalism Department, Chicago, Ill.

Adjunct professor, 2004 to the present

- Courses include *Computer-Assisted Reporting* and *Advanced Magazine Writing*

Redmoon Theater, Chicago Ill.

Community Action Director, October 2003 to February 2006

- Oversaw Redmoon's *Neighborhood Arts Programs*, including *Dramagirls*, a mentorship program serving middle-school girls in Logan Square.
- Created the *Redmoon School Partnership Program*, a long-term project aiming to transform education at an urban public school.
- Mapped the program's overall strategy and goals, designed school-selection process and recruited partner school, hired and supervised teaching artists, drafted grant proposals, managed relationships with school community stakeholders, led annual planning institutes.

Education: Yale University. B.A., *cum laude*, in American Studies, 1990.