

RICHARD PARKER AUTHOR / JOURNALIST

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Award-winning journalist, author and publisher. Fluent in Spanish, a native language.

Professional Experience

The New York Times

Contributor

Covering Texas and the American Southwest as well as the U.S.-Mexico border. Topics include President Trump, defense, politics, climate change, immigration, economic change, shifting demographics and the environment. Winner of the 2020 top prize in digital commentary from the National Society of Newspaper Columnists for coverage of the 2019 El Paso massacre. Published work appears in Opinion, The Sunday Review and The New York Times Magazine. 2011-Present

Houston Chronicle

Contributing Columnist

Writer for the Sunday Outlook section of the Houston Chronicle, the largest newspaper in Texas. Focus is on deeply-reported, long-range enterprise, magazine-quality, opinion journalism. 2019-2020

The Dallas Morning News

Contributing Columnist

Sunday columnist focused on the conflict between the changing nature of the population of Texas and the increasingly static nature of the state's politics and its arch-conservative political figures. Topics frequently included economics and demographics. Winner of the top award in print commentary in 2018 from the National Society of Newspaper Columnists. 2014-2018.

Congressional Quarterly

Publishing Consultant

Advised the president and chief operating officer on mergers, acquisitions, turnarounds and overall business strategy for various operating units, before and after sale from the Poynter Institute to the Economist Group. Other clients included CanWest Global Communications in Toronto, during its entry into the U.S. market and Gallerywatch, also acquired by the Economist Group. 2007-2009

The University of Texas at Austin

Visiting Professional in Journalism

Co-instructor of upper-level class on the editorial and business sides of magazine publishing, including digital, at one of the nation's largest and most storied journalism programs. 2005-2006

The New Republic

Associate Publisher

Chief revenue officer of one of the nation's oldest and most influential political magazines. Achievements included changing business model to incorporate live events, custom publishing and digital, native advertising while increasing revenue over 30 percent. Reported to the president and the board. 2002-2006

Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Pentagon & National Security Correspondent

Covered the 1999 Kosovo War, the attack on the *USS Cole* and North Korea's missile and nuclear weapons program for 34 newspapers, including *The Philadelphia Inquirer* and *The Miami Herald*. Exclusives included increasing military aviation accidents and how NATO air strategy was failing in Kosovo. Field assignments included reporting alongside U.S. and NATO forces in the Persian Gulf and the Balkans. 1997-1999

Albuquerque Journal

Washington Bureau Chief

Covered Congress, the White House, New Mexico's congressional delegation and national politics for this Pulitzer Prize winning newspaper. Frequently assigned to award-winning coverage of Mexico, as well. 1990-1997

Other Prior Experience: Faculty at Texas State University; executive editor and chief operating officer of the open-source intelligence publisher, Stratfor; advisor to the Central Intelligence Agency; press secretary in Congress; city hall reporter for the alternative weekly, *Gambit*, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Education

Tulane University

M.A., Political Science (International Relations, Political Philosophy)
New Orleans, 1990

Trinity University

B.A. Political Science (Minor in Religion)
San Antonio, 1985

Graduate, U.S. Army ROTC Basic Camp, Ft. Knox, Kentucky, 1984
Graduate, Boulder Outdoor School of Survival, Provo, Utah, 1982

Recent Books, Articles & Appearances

Lone Star Nation: How Texas Will Transform America

By Richard Parker

Pegasus Books, New York, 2014

Disunion: Modern Historians Revisit and Reconsider the Civil War

Contributor

Oxford University Press, London, 2013

Latinos and the Political System

Contributor

University of Notre Dame Press, 1990

Inaugural Speaker, The Tower Center Series, Southern Methodist University, 2019

Speaker, Imagine Austin Series, City of Austin, Texas, 2018

Speaker, The Thunderbird School of International Management, Phoenix, 2000

Awards, Honors & Fellowships

Top Prize for Digital Commentary, National Society of Newspaper Columnists, 2020

Top Prize for Print Commentary, National Society of Newspaper Columnists, 2018

Second Prize for Digital Commentary, National Society of Newspaper Columnists, 2016

Honorable Mention for Column-Writing, Star Awards, Associated Press of Texas, 2016

Judge, Star Awards, Associated Press of Texas, 2007

Los Angeles Times Centennial Fellow, 2007

Times-Mirror Foundation Fellow, 2006

Fellow, Council for the United States and Italy, 2000

Honorary Captain, 2nd Air Expeditionary Force, U.S. Air Force, 1999

Judge, Defense Media Awards, U.S. Marine Corps, 1998

New Mexico Associated Press Awards (Various)

New Mexico Press Association Awards (Various)

Finalist, Livingston Award, 1993