

Distinguished Alumnus 2016

M. Scott Carter

Class of 1983

M. Scott Carter received his Associate of Arts degree in Journalism from Northern Oklahoma College where he was editor of the Maverick newspaper (1981-1983). He earned a Bachelor of Arts (2010) and Master of Professional Writing (2014) degrees in Journalism/Professional Writing from the University of Oklahoma.

Interested in civil rights since his days at Yale High School, as editor of the Oklahoma State University Daily O'Collegian he supported the gay and lesbian community at OSU.

Positions he has held include media specialist for the Oklahoma Legislature; Capitol Bureau Chief, Oklahoma City Journal Record; and Director of Marketing and Communications, Oklahoma City Metropolitan Library System. In 2015, he became Director of Investigative Communications for the America Civil Liberties Union of Oklahoma.

A four-time winner of the Associated Press-Oklahoma News Editor Sweepstakes Award for public affairs and investigative reporting, he was named one of the state's top three political reporters by The Washington Post's blog. Among his numerous honors are awards from the Society of Professional Journalists, the Associated Press and the National Press Photographers Association.