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Dean of the University of Missouri School of Journalism since 1989. During his tenure, the School of Journalism ranked No. 1 in the nation in U.S. News and World Report rankings of journalism schools. An Iowa native, after college he became a newspaper reporter. In the 1970s he was a Baltimore Sun correspondent in Washington, DC, covering the Watergate scandal, Vice President Spiro T. Agnew's resignation, and the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision. A friend of Missouri newspapers, he restored community newspaper management classes to the curriculum, established the Chair in Community Newspaper Management and hired several faculty with newspaper backgrounds. He helped bring the National Newspaper Association to the campus, where it got back on its feet after nearly failing in the Washington, DC area. His crowning achievement may be developing and launching the nationally known Reynolds Journalism Institute during the School's 100th anniversary in 2008. One faculty member said, "Ethics . . . truth, trust, transparency and integrity are strongly developed in him."