

## **Mel Strait**

### **Clinical, Assistant Professor**

Department of Mass Communication  
College of Humanities & Social Sciences

#### **Degrees Earned**

M.S. in Radio/TV, Ft. Hays State University, 1984

B.S. in Communication, KS State University, 1980

#### **Professional Licensure and Certifications**

FCC General Operator's License (formerly 1<sup>st</sup> Class)

#### **Professional Publications and Artistic Performances/Exhibitions**

##### **Articles**

"Looking Good on Video", April '88 GIG Magazine p.54

"More Colors in HiRes", Vol. 4 issue 2 of Amiga Animation

"Playing with the Band", Sept. '92 Videomaker

"Interesting River Trips" Summer '93 Family Ties

"The Bandera Medina" March '94 South Texas Traveler

"Why an Amiga" part1 began display June '98 AmigaInformer (web version)

"Pablo II, son of Picasso IV" issue 16 (print ver.) AmigaInformer

"XDVE, eXtended Digital Video Effects Generator" review in issue 17 (print ver.) AmigaInformer

Several music software reviews for FWSA newsletter 2002, 2003

Wrote "It's Prostate Cancer" Men.com (Health section) 2007

##### **Books**

"Strange Stories of the Civil War" published by WaltSan LLC, 2002

##### **Production work (regularly scheduled)**

Produced Financial News by Craig Pierce on TCI access channel, Corpus Christi, TX 94-96

Produced annual series of highlight tapes for high school football teams, Kingsville, TX 93-96

Produced annual "Friends of Radio/TV Telethon" on Charter Cable, Kingsville, TX 92-98

Produced audiotape of Christmas songs for local distribution, Kingsville, TX 96

Produced training video for Union Pacific gas plant, Kingsville, TX 96

Produced videotape of concert preparations for Geo. Strait concert, Kingsville, TX 97

Produced CD slideshow of "Miss HSU" pageant Arkadelphia, AR 2000

Produced only webcasts of home football games from HSU, Arkadelphia, AR Sept. 2000-01

Produced audio CD & video tape of Lawrence Hamilton concert at HSU, Arkadelphia, AR 01

Produced Weekly magazine program "Washburn Edition" Fall 2002-3

Produced Weekly Sports Show "the 'bod Sports weekly" Fall 2003

Produced testimonial video for Breakthrough House, Topeka, KS 2003

Produced Video for HCCI, Topeka, KS 2003

Produced Football season coverage SHSU, Huntsville, TX 2005-2008

Produced Basketball season coverage SHSU, Huntsville, TX 2005-2009

Produced Volleyball season coverage SHSU, Huntsville, TX 2009

- Produced 2 Public Affairs Programs/week Cable 7 SHSU, Huntsville, TX 2007-2009
- Produced Professional Wrestling Programs Cable 7 SHSU, Huntsville, TX 2009
- Produced & Directed Bearkat Sports Report Cable 7 SHSU, Huntsville, TX 2009
- Produced student newscasts SHSU, Huntsville, TX Fall 2009, Spring 2010

#### **Other Institutional Activities**

- instructed Boy Scout merit badge for video production at SHSU 2006, 2009

#### **Artistic Exhibitions**

- took digital pictures for musician's websites: Cosy Sheridan (cosysheridan.com), Sloan Wainwright, The Gillette Bros (campstreetcafe.com/guy&pipp), the English Bros (canyontrailchuckwagon.com/photos), Brison Bursey Band, Connie Mims (conniemims.com)
- provided picture for album covers: Cosy Sheridan "Live at the Cedar House", The Brison Bursey Band, self titled

#### **Panels/papers/contests**

- KAB (KS Assoc. of Broadcasters) 2002-04
  - Judge for high school entries in video category contest 2003
- BEA Broadcast Educators Assoc. 2002-04, 2007-currently
  - Moderator of radio panel at BEA convention Las Vegas, 2003
  - Moderator of radio panel at BEA convention Las Vegas, 2009
- NABE (National Assoc. of Broadcast Educators)
  - Judge for national radio contest entries, 2008

#### **Professional memberships**

- TAB Texas Assoc. of Broadcasters 1992-96
- Texas Faculty Association [Kingsville Chapter] 1992-98 (VP in 95-96)
- KAB KS Assoc. of Broadcasters 2002-04
- BEA Broadcast Educators Assoc. 2002-04, 2007-currently

#### **Personal Achievements**

- Winner 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place Ft. Worth Songwriters Secular Christmas song 2000
- Co-Host PBS Auction segments for KTWU, 2002-03
- Was opening musical act (as singer/songwriter) for Buddy Mondlock, Topeka 2005

#### **Work or Professional Experiences**

##### ***radio:***

KTAI Kingsville, TX Jan.'91-Aug.'98 (STATION MGR.)  
KOKO (part-time) Warrensburg, MO Sept.'85-Aug.'86  
KGCS Derby, KS June'80-Aug.'80  
KWHK (part-time) Hutchinson, KS Sept. '73-Dec.'74  
KJRG Newton, KS Sept. '72-Sept.'73

##### ***television:***

KENW TV (volunteer) Portales, NM Sept.'86-Aug.'88  
KAYS TV (internship) Hays, KS May'84-July'84  
WIBW TV Topeka, KS Mar.'81-Aug.'83

***teaching:***

Sam Houston State University Huntsville, TX since Aug 2005  
Washburn University Topeka, KS Aug. 2002-04  
Henderson State Arkadelphia, AR Aug. 2000-May 2002  
UTA Arlington, TX Aug. '98- May 2000  
Texas A & I (now A&M) Kingsville, TX Jan.'91-May'98  
Northwest MO State U. Maryville, MO Aug.'88-May '89  
Eastern NM State U. Portales, NM Aug.'85-Aug.'88  
Central MO State U. Warrensburg, MO Aug'84-May '85

**Honors and Awards**

The "KENW Coffee Cup" for excess of 40hrs of volunteer work, '87  
Oxford's Who's Who '92-'93

**Other Competencies**

Performing Songwriter, NSAI 1991-96, FWSA 2000-presently