

**Wyoming School Foundation
Distinguished Alumnus 2009**

Lance B. Williams
Investigative Reporter, Journalist and
First Amendment Advocate
Wyoming High School Class of 1968



Education:

Wyoming High School Activities: Football 1,2,3,4; Track 1; Drama Club 2,3; Student Council 4 (president); Choir 1,3; National Merit Finalist 4; Scholarship Team 1,2,3,4; It's Academic 3,4 (captain); Play Cast 2,3.

Brown University: Bachelor of Arts, English

University College, London: Attended

University of California, Berkeley: Master of Journalism degree

University of Michigan: Professional Journalism Fellow

Professional Career:

Investigative Reporter: The Center for Investigative Reporting, 2009; chosen in August 2009 among more than 600 applicants to be the Investigative Reporter covering money and politics for CIR's new California Watch project.

Author: (with Mark Fainaru-Wada): *Game of Shadows: Barry Bonds, BALCO and the Steroids Scandal that Rocked Professional Sports*, 2006. New York Times best-seller (#2). Excerpt was cover story in Sports Illustrated. Reviewed by New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and Los Angeles Times. Winner, PEN USA First Amendment Award. In response to *Game of Shadows*, former Sen. George Mitchell investigated baseball's steroid era.

Investigative Reporter and Editor: San Francisco Chronicle, 2000-2009; Investigative team leader, 2007-2009. Coverage of the BALCO sports doping scandal was honored with the George Polk Award; the White House Correspondents Association's Edgar A. Poe Award; the AP Sports Editors investigative reporting award; the Scripps Howard Foundation's First Amendment Award; 2005-07.

Public Speaker: Speeches on investigative journalism, the ethics of sports, First Amendment issues, 2005-present.

First Amendment Advocacy: 2006-present; in 2006, Lance Williams was sentenced to 18 months in federal prison for refusing to testify about his news sources in the BALCO case. The sentence was set aside after litigation and lobbying by Hearst Corporation. With Hearst and the American Newspaper Association, Lance met with members of Congress to urge passage of the Free Flow of Information Act, a measure to protect whistleblowers and reporters.

Free Lance Writer: 2006-2008; Pieces on sports doping for Sports Illustrated

Investigative Reporter: San Francisco Examiner 1992-2000

News Reporter: San Francisco Examiner, 1983-1992

Court Reporter: Oakland Tribune, 1975-1983

Writing Teacher: Visiting Lecturer, University of California, Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism, 1982-1998, 2005