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Tom Johnson's 35-year career in journalism has taken him from the classroom to the newsroom and back many times. Johnson began using computers to tease meaning out of data in the early 1970s while a Ph.D. candidate studying the impact of technology on urban spaces and people.

By the early 1980s, he was writing about dedicated word processing systems (think \$13,000 in 1978 dollars) and covering the early stages of personal computing in Silicon Valley for TIME and Popular Science. Johnson was a reporter for TIME Magazine in El Salvador in the mid-1980s, the start-up editor of MacWEEK magazine and a deputy editor of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

He has taught at Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism, Boston University's College of Communication and lectured and conducted workshops in England, Poland, South Africa and Latin America.

In 2011, the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs, and the Council for International Exchange of Scholars selected him for inclusion on the Fulbright Specialists Roster. He is Professor of Journalism (Emeritus) at San Francisco State University and the founder and co-director of the Institute for Analytic Journalism in Santa Fe, New Mexico.