

Noluthando Crockett-Ntonga

News & Africa CV

Summary of Journalism Positions

White House Correspondent, Senior Correspondent, Washington Correspondent National Public Radio
Washington, DC 1980 to 1993

News Analyst: CNN, BBC, CSPAN, BET 1980-1992

Field Producer-Freelance WTVD-TV Durham, North Carolina USA 1980

Producer/Reporter/Anchor Talk Show Host WFNC-AM Fayetteville, North Carolina USA 1980

Freelance Associated Press (AP) United Press International (UPI) Charlotte, North Carolina USA 1980

Producer/Reporter/Anchor WSOC NewsRadio Charlotte, North Carolina USA 1980

Visiting Journalism Instructor Fayetteville State University North Carolina, USA -1980

Professional Achievements:

**National Public Radio
Washington, DC
1980 to 1993**

***White House Correspondent
Senior Correspondent
Washington Correspondent***

BACKGROUND

Covered **The White House, Congress, The Supreme Court** and various federal agencies for 13 years from 1980 to 1993. In addition to political and election reporting, breaking news and feature reporting; wrote, produced and narrated more than **two dozen documentaries** for an international audience. At the time NPR had an audience of more than 10 million listeners around the world.

SOUTHERN AFRICA REPORTING

Began covering Southern African issues in the mid 1980's, with stories on former President Ronald Reagan's "**constructive engagement**" policy. Other stories included efforts by the Congressional Black Caucus and others, that resulted in U.S. **sanctions against South Africa; demonstrations and arrests at the South African embassy in Washington, DC;** and the **withdrawal of American companies from South Africa.**

In 1990, led the Washington-based **NPR team covering the release of Nelson Mandela**. Award-winning reports were singled out for clearly explaining complex social and political problems, especially in the townships and squatter camps. Travelled to Zimbabwe, Botswana, Zambia and Kenya; filing reports that added to listeners' understanding of events in Southern Africa.

In November 1993, returned to South Africa during the **run-up to the historic April 1994 election**. Reported on evolving stories such as the **changing role of the media**.

WHITE HOUSE REPORTING

As a White House correspondent from 1988 to 1991, reported on major stories of the Bush Administration and travelled with the president as part of the press corps.

In 1988 assigned to political coverage of the election year. Covered presidential candidates **George Bush, Michael Dukakis and Jesse Jackson**, and reported from the **Democratic Convention in Atlanta**.

In the U.S. during the 1992 election year, covered the on-and-off campaign of **presidential candidate Ross Perot**. Examined the politics and growing influence of the Hip-Hop Generation, then virtually unknown to mainstream society.

INVESTIGATIVE and FEATURE REPORTING

Before appointment to the White House, gained particular recognition for "**Black Men: Lost Generation?**", a three-part series that examined the accelerating death rate of poor, urban men in the United States. The series won the prestigious **Robert F. Kennedy** award in 1989.

In 1991 travelled to Japan for an in-depth report on how the Japanese deal with people outside their ethnic group.

In 1988 Crockett won a **National Education Association Broadcast award** for the report "Acting White", which examined the attitudes of some black high school students that equated academic achievement with emulating white people.

Began association with NPR in 1981 when she travelled to Israel to report on the Black Hebrews.

Professional Achievements:

Radio

1980 to 1999

BBC

Marketplace

Monitor Radio

Pacifica Radio News

American Urban Radio Networks

WOL-AM

Radio One

Standard Radio

Sheridan Broadcasting Network

KPRC Radio

WFNC Radio

WSOC NewsRadio

WETA Radio

Executive Editor, 1980-81

Sheridan Broadcasting Network

Washington, DC

Handled editorial as well as administrative tasks including developing story ideas, assigning reporters, editing stories and working with producers, technical staff and the news director in running the network which served a national audience.

Washington Correspondent, 1980

KPRC Radio

Houston, Texas

Covered national issues of interest to listeners. Reports included a series on the problems of nuclear waste and a special report on the infamous Atlanta child murders.

Reporter, Producer, Anchor, 1980

WSOC NewsRadio

Charlotte, North Carolina

Produced a five-hour morning drive news programme, covered the city beat, reported breaking news live and in packages, and anchored the weekend news. Engineered board and handled routine technical duties.

Producer, Reporter, Talk Show Host, Anchor, 1980

WFNC-AM

Fayetteville, North Carolina.

At this 100,000 watt station, heard along the U.S. eastern seaboard, covered local politics and elections, the Jeffrey MacDonald ("Fatal Vision") murder trial and military issues at Fort Bragg.

Freelance Reporter, Analyst, 1980-present

Reports have reached millions of listeners through the years on many networks and programmes including the **BBC's "The World"; Marketplace**, a daily financial magazine, **Monitor Radio News; Pacifica Radio News, Standard Radio News, WOL-AM, Radio One, WETA-FM** and the **American Urban Radio Networks**. These reports have ranged from live reporting on the scene, produced packages, stand-ups, questions and answers either from the field or in studio with the anchor, voicers and wraps for newscasts (bulletins).

Professional Achievements:

Television

1980 to 1993

CNN

CSPAN

BET

America's Black Forum

WHMM-TV Washington, DC

WETA-TV Washington, DC

WTVD-TV Durham, NC

On-air News Analyst, 1988-1993

CNN, Washington, DC

As a regular on several popular CNN programmes including "**International Correspondents**", "**CNN & Company**", "**Inside Politics**" and "**Both Sides with Jesse Jackson**"; provided insightful analysis of major news events including presidential and Congressional elections in the U.S., and major international events such as the end of apartheid in South Africa.

On-air News Analyst, 1984-1992

C-Span's "Reporters Roundtable"

BET's "Lead Story" ; WETA-TV

WHMM-TV's "Evening Exchange"; "American's Black Forum"

As a regular guest on these national and local programmes, made a mark as a television personality with thoughtful analysis delivered in a delightful manner.

Assistant Producer (free-lance) 1980

WTVD-TV, Durham, North Carolina

Provided research, booked interviews. Through initiative, the station broke many stories.

Professional Achievements:

Newspapers, Wire Services, Magazines, Books, Internet 1980 to 1999

The New York Times

The Washington Post

The Los Angeles Times

The Sunday Independent (South Africa)

The Star (South Africa)

Essence Magazine

Emerge Magazine

Dollars & Sense Magazine

The Macon News

The Delta Journal

The Mott Exchange

Associated Press (AP)

United Press International (UPI)

The Crockett Chronicle

As a journalist for more than 20 years, written literally too many articles to list. In general they have included breaking news, political analysis, book reviews and feature stories, especially those dealing with important and interesting societal changes.

In 1984 she published the journal, **The Crockett Chronicle**, first as a newsletter, later on the Internet. The Crockett Chronicle specialized in an inside, behind-the-scenes look at news and developments, first at The White House while a White House Correspondent, in later years at South Africa as it went through its much-heralded transformation.

Contributed to a chapter in the critically acclaimed book "**Split Image: African-Americans in the Mass Media**", published in 1990, revised edition; 1993. She also contributed to the book "**Contemporary Literary Criticism**", 1999.

Professional Achievements:

**Teaching
1980 to 2000**

Johnson C Smith University
Fayetteville State University
Clark Atlanta University
Guest Lecturer, Howard University
Guest Lecturer, DC & Virginia Public Schools
Various Workshops

Since virtually the beginning of my career as a professional journalist, I realized the importance of passing on information to students who represent future generations of journalists. My vast practical experience as a working journalist gives students valuable insight.

In 1980, in connection with work as a leader in the local chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) worked as a **visiting journalism instructor** at Johnson C. Smith University and Fayetteville State University, both in North Carolina. At both institutions, designed the curriculum and taught courses to undergraduate students.

At Clark Atlanta University worked with the Department of Communications in revamping the news operation at the school's commercial radio station.

As a guest lecturer, taught many aspects of journalism to students of all ages.

Designed and taught numerous journalism courses to professional journalists as well as public officials who must understand how journalism works in order to be most effective.

Consultant Experience

1993 to present

AFRICA (Southern Africa and West Africa)

- Members of Parliament at both provincial and national level
- National Parliament, Public Education Department
- Media Liaison Officers for national cabinet ministers
- Northern Cape Education Ministry
- Northern Province Education Ministry
- Northern Province Local Government Councillors
- ANC Department of Information & Publicity (DIP)
- ANC Women's League
- The Star Newspaper
- Radio 702
- ALXfm
- SABC
- C-Flat Radio in Cape Town
- Classic FM
- Parliamentary reporters (radio, television and print) in Namibia
- MBC radio in Malawi
- Political parties in Zambia
- Journalists in Nigeria

INTERNATIONAL (work in Africa for U.S.-based organisations)

- Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies
- National Democratic Institute
- Africare
- Mott Foundation
- International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- United States Information Service (USIS)
- Aurora Associates
- The Freedom Forum

Selected Newspaper and Feature Articles

Through the years, there have been numerous newspaper and feature articles on my work both as a journalist as well as an educator. Among the articles:

The Star, Johannesburg

“Trying to Improve the Standards of Journalism in SA”

March 6, 1996

Tempo Magazine, Nigeria

“An African Born in America”

February 25, 1999

The Washington Post, Washington, DC

“Trading D.C. for Peace in Johannesburg”

August 5, 1994

International Herald-Tribune

“For Black Journalists, It’s the Story of a Lifetime”

April 28, 1994

USA Today

“Reporters: More to tell about South Africa”

December 1, 1993

Femina Magazine, South Africa

“American High...South Africa is the Place to Be”

July 1998

Crisis Magazine, USA

“African-American Settlers in South Africa”

July 1994

Chicago Sun Times, Chicago, Illinois

“Having a Spirited Time in Johannesburg”

August 10, 1994

NABJ Journal, USA

“Group back from South Africa: Visit Reveals Untold Stories”

December 1993

Honors, Awards, Speeches and Other Distinctions

Robert F. Kennedy First Prize, Radio Award, 1989.

National Education Association Broadcast award, 1988

Outstanding Young Woman of America, 1984.

Who's Who in the World

Who's Who in America, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000

Who's Who of American Women, 1995-96, 1997-98

Who's Who in The East, 1991-92

Who's Who of Black Americans

Knight Fellow, Stanford University, 1990-91

Freedom Forum Fellow to South Africa, 1993

Smithsonian Institution, Special Achievement Award, 1991

National Association of Black Journalists, Merit Winner, 1983

Dean's List, University of Illinois

Featured Speaker, First Friday, 1994

Vice President, Washington Association of Black Journalists, 1985

Program Co-ordinator, Union Temple Baptist Church 1990-93

Featured Speaker, Stanford University Faculty Club, 1991

Featured Speaker, National Black Media Coalition, 1989

Various speeches, Student, Church and Community Groups