

Curt Smith Bio - Short

Curt Smith is an acclaimed author of eighteen books, including his current *Memories from the Microphone: A Century of Baseball Broadcasting*. Smith wrote more speeches than anyone else for George H. W. Bush during and after his 1989-93 Presidency. *The New York Times* terms Curt's work "the high point of Bush familial eloquence." Adds Chicago Cubs radio Voice Pat Hughes: "He is also simply one of the best baseball historians ever."

Since 2002, Smith has written a regular column for Upstate New York's *Messenger-Post* Newspapers. The Associated Press award-winning radio commentator is Senior Lecturer of English at the University of Rochester, where he teaches Public Speaking and Presidential Rhetoric from Franklin Roosevelt to Joe Biden.

The State University of New York (SUNY) at Geneseo alumnus began as a Gannett reporter, *The Saturday Evening Post* senior editor, then senior Cabinet speechwriter in the Reagan presidency. In 1989, he joined the Bush White House, writing the 41st president's "Just War" Persian Gulf address, speech aboard the USS *Arizona* memorial site on Pearl Harbor's 50th anniversary, and Bush's eulogy to Ronald Reagan at Washington's National Cathedral.

Leaving the White House, Smith headed Bush's 1993-97 speech staff. Since then, he has keynoted and spoken at events including the Smithsonian Institution, Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, and XM Satellite Radio series. Smith co-wrote the ESPN TV 1994-95 series, *Voices of The Game*, based upon his book, the title becoming shorthand for baseball radio/TV. He also helped research ABC/ESPN's *SportsCentury*.

Smith has written for *Newsweek*, *The New York Times*, *Sports Illustrated*, and *The Washington Post*, appeared on CBS, CNN, ESPN, Fox News, the History Channel, and MSNBC, and been named to the select Judson Welliver Society of former White House speechwriters. He joined the University of Rochester faculty in 1999 and lives with wife Sarah in Upstate New York.