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Regardless of the medium, the term journalist carries a connotation or expectation of professionalism in reporting, with consideration for truth and ethics. Stacia Deshishku has been living that expectation since her entree into the world of television with CBS News in Washington, D.C. in 1990, where she worked first as a Production Secretary for 60 Minutes, then as a Researcher for Lesley Stahl and America Tonight and finally as the network's Pool Producer.

In July 1992 she joined CNN where she held the position of Assignment Editor and Pool Coordinator for the Washington Bureau. She served as Field, Live, Package and White House Transmission Pool Producer. She covered many stories including the 1992 Inauguration, Million Man March, visit of Pope John Paul II, the ValuJet crash and Hurricane Marilyn in St. Thomas.

From 1996-1998 she was Assignment Manager for the Dallas Bureau where she created a strategy for covering news stories for a seven state region. Stacia produced stories at the Oklahoma City Bombing trials, President Bill Clinton's trip to South America, the Jonesboro School shooting and the 1996 Republican and Democratic Conventions.

In 1998 she returned to Atlanta as Manager of Political Coverage where she directed coverage of the primaries, campaigns and conventions for the 2000 Presidential Election.

During a chance visit to Macedonia in 1999 she met her future husband and made the decision to take a break from broadcast news and move to Pristina, Kosovo where she was quickly approached by the United Nations Mission in Kosovo to join the Office of the Spokesperson as a Public Information Officer, and later as the Chief of Television where she produced local programs as well as documentaries for CNN's World Report.

Stacia returned to CNN in 2004 as Supervising Producer for the Midwest Region based in CNN's Dallas Bureau. The highlight of her tenure was covering Hurricane Katrina, leading CNN's team coverage from New Orleans from August-December 2005.

In January 2006 Stacia was promoted to CNN's Director of Coverage where she is responsible for coordinating the network's vast newsgathering resources and heading up CNN's National Assignment Desk.

Stacia holds a B.A., in Broadcast Journalism and a B.A. in Religious Studies from Southern Methodist University (1990) and a M.A., Strategic Communications and Leadership from Seton Hall University (2005). She currently lives in Atlanta, Georgia with her husband Xeni and sons Bennett and Grant.