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## Hank Klibanoff



Hank Klibanoff was born and grew up in Florence, Alabama. He attended Washington University in St. Louis and earned an English degree, then received his Masters degree in journalism at the Medill School at Northwestern University. In 2007, Klibanoff, along with his co-author Gene Roberts, won a Pulitzer Prize in History for *The Race Beat: The Press, the Civil Rights Struggle, and the Awakening of a Nation*.

Klibanoff began his journalism career as a reporter at small local papers in Mississippi, then moved to *The Boston Globe* for three years and worked at The Philadelphia Inquirer for more than 20 years. He served as managing editor at *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* for six years, until 2008. During that time, the AJC won two Pulitzer Prizes and was a finalist for a third.

After leaving the AJC, Klibanoff transitioned to teaching as the James M. Cox Jr. Professor of Journalism at Emory University. He later was named director of the journalism program until Emory closed the program in 2014. He continues to hold the Cox chair and to teach.

Klibanoff also serves as the director of the Georgia Civil Rights Cold Cases Project at Emory, for which students investigate unsolved and unpunished racially-motivated murders that took place in Georgia during the modern civil rights era.