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How many classes/years have you taught at LifeQuest?

This is my first.

Please list your most recent job title:

Contributing editor, *Arkansas Times*.

What is your educational background?

BA, UALR.

Please list experiences, awards or recognition you've had which are related (or not!) to your upcoming class topic:

I've written two books of nonfiction, one of which was made into a feature film, for which I served as executive producer. I've been an Arkansas Journalist of the Year, and I've been awarded two Worthen prizes, a Laman Fellowship, the Porter Prize, and an honorary doctorate of humane letters from UALR.

Please tell us why you like to (or are interested in) teaching at LifeQuest:

After exploring and writing about the complexities of the West Memphis case, I look forward to discussing them in some depth with a group of thoughtful Arkansans.

List three distinctive personal facts about yourself:

1. I have mild prosopagnosia—face blindness.
2. I'm committed to saving insects.
3. I'm in love with Collin Firth.