PAOLA BOIVIN

ROLE

Director, Cronkite News Phoenix Sports Bureau

At the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication, Paola Boivin helps guide students in the school's highly regarded sports journalism program and oversees the Cronkite News Phoenix Sports Bureau.

She is also serving a four-year term on the College Football Playoff Selection Commitee. She is a former president of the Association for Women in Sports Media and serves on the American Cancer Society's Women in Sports Against Cancer Council. She has made frequent appearances on ESPN and other national programs and is sought after as an expert on topics related to sports and the intersection of society. She has won numerous awards, including recognition as an APSE Top 10 sports columnist in 2011 and an APSE Top 10 sports feature writer in 2013.

EXPERIENCE

July, 1994 to present

Sports columnist and reporter, Arizona Republic/AZCentral

The position requires a voice of authority for the Valley's sports community. Responsibilities include writing three to four columns a week, making regular appearances on Channel 12, shooting video and being heavily engaged in social media. Before becoming a columnist, I covered several beats, including Arizona State football and basketball.

Sept., 1987 to June 1994

Sports columnist and reporter, Los Angeles Daily News

One of two sports columnists at the paper. Also covered UCLA football and basketball and the former NFL Los Angeles Rams.

Aug. 1991 to June 1994 Sports talk show host, KMPC radio, Los Angeles

Co-host of a daily mid-day sports talk show at one of the largest radio stations in Southern California.

Oct. 1984 to Aug. 1987 Sports editor, Camarillo (Calif.) Daily News

Responsible for the content of the daily paper as well as overseeing a three-person staff.

EDUCATION

Sept. 1978 to June 1982 Bachelor of Arts, University of Illinois

NATIONAL AWARDS

2013: Associated Press Sports Editors, Top 10 Features, 175,000-plus circulation

2013: National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association Arizona Sportswriter of the Year

2013: Best of the West, Second place Sports Reporting

2011: Associated Press Sports Editors, Top 10 columnists, 175,000-plus circulation

2005: President, AWSM (Association for Women in Sports Media)