

Ben White

Education

1994-96 - Merchant Taylor's School, Moor Park, Herefordshire

1996-2001 - Nottingham High School, Waverly Mount, Nottingham

2002-present - English Literature BA at Churchill College, Cambridge University

Media experience

In 1994 Ben was commissioned to write a 5 minute piece for BBC Radio 4's 'Anderson Country' on the 25th anniversary of the first moon landing. A year later he became one of 10 judges for W H Smith's Mind Boggling Books Award, and was subsequently selected to appear on the BBC1 show 'Good Morning with Anne and Nick'.

In 1996 Ben secured a position as a 'Young Reporter' for *The Times* (UK) newspaper's Saturday supplement *1015*. Over the course of about a year, he reported on major national sporting events, interviewed high-profile sportsmen, amongst other assignments.

In 1999 Ben did work experience at one of his local newspapers, *The Burton Mail*, during which several articles of his were published. It was a position he returned to during the summer of 2001. Meanwhile, in 2000, Ben also enjoyed a spell of work experience at the Associated Press agency in Leeds, and accompanied a Reuters' employee to a conference in Edinburgh.

For two months in 2002, Ben worked for *The Ghanaian Chronicle* in Accra, Ghana, a national daily. Numerous articles were published, including many comment pieces and a special feature on the effects of globalisation in Ghana.

At around the same time, Ben also had articles published in the online journals *Counterpunch* and *Palestine Chronicle*.

In the summer of 2002 Ben carried out some work experience with another local newspaper, the *Derby Evening Telegraph*. Articles of his published included an interview with a refugee family from Kosovo and a feature on an anti-war demonstration in London.

In October 2002 Ben began contributing to *The Cambridge Student* (TCS), working primarily for the World department, though also contributing to News and Music. He went on to conduct interviews with author and anti-war activist Milan Rai, the late Edward Said, Editor of the *New Statesman* Peter Wilby, and Alan Rusbridger, editor of *The Guardian*.

During this time Ben also contributed to the Churchill College magazine and hosted a radio show on Cambridge University Radio.

In the New Year of 2003, Ben assumed the position of Deputy News Editor for TCS, continuing to write a variety of news reports, features and comment pieces for the newspaper.

During the summer of 2003, Ben spent five weeks in the Palestinian Occupied Territories, based in Bethlehem. On his return to the UK, he had articles published in the *Derby Evening Telegraph*, *Middle East International*, *The Church of England Newspaper*, and appeared on BBC Radio Derby's Sunday breakfast show.

In autumn 2003, Ben wrote regular opinion pieces for the comment section in TCS on issues such as the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, South American politics, university access issues, and Iraq. He also contributed to local magazine *Campeace Forum*.

In January 2004 Ben's articles were published in *Palestine Chronicle* and *Middle East International*, the latter a piece cited in the House of Commons by Harry Cohen MP.

In the spring, Ben continued to have pieces printed in magazines such as the US-based *Washington Report on Middle East Affairs (WRMEA)*, and *Middle East International*.

Ben returned to Palestine for two months in summer 2004, and over the course of the summer articles appeared in *Third Way* magazine and *Middle East International*. In the aftermath of the trip, Ben wrote for *The Church of England Newspaper*, *TCS*, and *Third Way*.

In the spring of 2005, Ben had articles published in the *New Statesman*, *Palestine Chronicle*, and *WRMEA*.