

Curt Petrovich Short Bio

Curt graduated from Ryerson in 1983 with a B.A.A. in Radio and Television Arts.

In 1986 he joined the CBC and started working in what was then known as Frobisher Bay, in the North West Territories. He lived here for nearly seven years.

His career with the CBC then took him to Winnipeg, Manitoba, where he became a National Reporter. In Winnipeg Curt began working on a major investigative report that exposed machinations by the provincial political elite and failings by the election oversight body. He won the Michener Award for meritorious public service journalism in 1999.

<http://www.michenerawards.ca/english/winaward/the-1999-michener-award-winner-cbc-national-radio-news/>

In 2001 he joined the CBC's parliamentary bureau in Ottawa, and four years later took on the job of National reporter for the province. His investigative work has been recognized by The Jack Webster Foundation, The Radio and Television News Director's Association, the Canadian Association of Journalists, and The New York Festivals.

Curt has been called on to report on countless critical incidents, catastrophes and humanitarian crises: from the devastating Manitoba flood in 1997, to the seminal Columbine school shooting in Littleton, Colorado, to more recent events including the 2011 earthquake, tsunami and nuclear disaster in Japan, the worst drought in Eastern Africa in a generation that same year, and Typhoon Haiyan's swath of destruction in the Philippines in 2013. It was following his trip to the Philippines, after some particularly difficult conditions, that he was eventually diagnosed with PTSD.

<https://ashkelly.wordpress.com/2015/05/07/the-journalists-are-not-alright/>

Ever the journalist, even when he was at his darkest point, Curt collaborated on a documentary which made him the focus of the story.

<http://www.cbc.ca/firsthand/episodes/lost-on-arrival-me-the-mounties-ptsd>

Since 2007, no story has occupied more of Curt's time, interest and curiosity than that of the death of Robert Dziekanski and the investigation into what happened. Curt's credo is to keep asking questions until there are satisfactory answers, especially after other journalists have decided to abandon the issue, out of either frustration or misjudgement.

Throughout his illness and treatment, Curt maintained an interest in the sprawling and complicated story that is the subject of Blamed and Broken. His treating physicians encouraged Curt to use writing as a therapy, even when he was unable to carry out the job which has been his life's work for more than thirty years. It was good advice.

Curt currently lives in Port Moody, BC.