

Environment reporter Mark Schleifstein has worked at *The Times-Picayune* since 1984. On Oct. 1, 2012, he is joining the newly-formed NOLA Media Group, which provides content for NOLA.com and *The Times-Picayune*, as a lead news reporter. In 2011, the Press Club of New Orleans honored him with its Lifetime Achievement Award. His stories on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil spill were among *The Times-Picayune* work honored with the 2010 Edward J. Meeman Award for environmental reporting from the Scripps Howard Foundation National Journalism Awards program, and with a second place award in the 2011 John B. Oakes Awards program. His reporting during and after Hurricane Katrina was among the newspaper's stories honored with 2006 Pulitzer Prizes for Public Service and Breaking News Reporting and the George Polk Award for Metropolitan Reporting.

Schleifstein is the co-author with John McQuaid of *Path of Destruction: The Devastation of New Orleans and the Coming Age of Superstorms*, published by Little, Brown & Co., in August 2006. The 2002 series he co-authored, "Washing Away: How south Louisiana is growing more vulnerable to a catastrophic hurricane," won the American Society of Civil Engineers' 2003 Excellence in Media award and the 2003 National Hurricane Conference media award. He also was co-author of the 1996 series, "Oceans of Trouble: Are the World's Fisheries Doomed?", which won the 1997 Pulitzer Prize for Public Service and the Sigma Delta Chi Award for Public Service from the Society of Professional Journalists.