

Justin Catanoso

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Catanoso specializes in covering and speaking on global climate change from international policy to tropical forests and ocean ecosystems.

Biography

As a career journalist for 30 years, Justin Catanoso combines his professional experience and his personal passion to inspire and prepare the next generation of aspiring writers, reporters, producers and editors in the continually evolving media landscape.

Until recently, Catanoso was the executive editor of The Business Journal, which he helped found in 1998 to cover business and economic issues in the Piedmont Triad of North Carolina. He received a Pulitzer Prize nomination and a Science in Society Journalism Award for his investigative reporting into fraud in the tobacco industry for the Greensboro News & Record. His work has been featured in The New York Times, BusinessWeek, Los Angeles Times, Houston Chronicle, Catholic Digest and on National Public Radio.

As author of My Cousin the Saint: A Search for Faith, Family and Miracles, Catanoso is also one of America's leading experts on Catholic saints and the saint-making process after discovering a cousin of his grandfather, Padre Gaetano Catanoso, was a pious southern Italian parish priest later canonized by Pope Benedict XVI in 2005.

Catanoso joined Wake Forest as a visiting lecturer in 1993. Currently he is incorporating new technologies and techniques into the journalism curriculum to give students the practical, critical thinking and writing skills to excel in the demanding and ever-changing field.

Catanoso's reporting is sponsored by the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting

Areas of Expertise

Travel Writing, Catholic Saints and Saint-Making, Faith and climate change, Global climate change policy, Climate change and Earth ecosystems, Sustainability in cities and businesses, Importance of free press, Italian Culture

Education

Wake Forest University

M.A. Liberal Studies

Pennsylvania State University

B.A. Journalism

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