

# **Curt Smith**

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## **Biography**

Curt Smith was a speechwriter for George H.W. Bush, both during and after his time in office. Smith, a former senior editor for The Saturday Evening Post, joined the Bush White House (1989-1993), writing the 41st president's "Just War" Persian Gulf address, his speech aboard the USS Arizona memorial site on Pearl Harbor's 50th anniversary, and Bush's later eulogy to Ronald Reagan at Washington's National Cathedral. Smith transformed his lifelong interests in sports and history into a second career as an authority on baseball broadcasting. He's the author of 18 books, including *Memories from the Microphone: A Century of Baseball Broadcasting* and *Voices of The Game*, which was listed among Esquire magazine's 100 best baseball books ever written. The Library of Congress asked Smith to contribute an essay to its National Recording Preservation Registry on one of the 25 recordings chosen in 2022 for permanent archiving: Hank Aaron's 715th career home run, which broke the revered record held for decades by Babe Ruth. In 1998, Smith joined the English department faculty at the University of Rochester, where he teaches courses in public speaking and presidential rhetoric.

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Rhetoric, Baseball broadcasting, Presidential speechwriting, American Politics

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## **Education**

SUNY Geneseo

BA

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