

# Wayne Dawkins

## Biography

Wayne Dawkins is a 21st century journalism educator/digital journalist and 20th century old-school newsman. He is an associate professor at Hampton University's Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications and is also a 2011-12 Edward L. Hamm Teaching Excellence Award winner. Dawkins is a 2011-12 HBCU Educator of the Year finalist and winner of a Columbia University Alumni Federation Medal (2004) and Distinguished Journalism Alumni Award (1990). He is founding editor of the Black Alumni Network newsletter, published monthly since 1980.

*City Son: Andrew W. Cooper's Impact on Modern-Day Brooklyn*, is Dawkins' biography of his mentor, voting rights activist, and journalist Andrew W. Cooper (1927-2002), the man largely responsible for the ascent of political icon Shirley Chisholm.

Dawkins is also NABJ's historian, author of *Black Journalists: The NABJ Story* (1997) and *Rugged Waters: Black Journalists Swim the Mainstream* (2003). Both books were published by August Press. He is also editor and contributor to *Black Voices in Commentary: The Trotter Group* (2006). Dawkins was producer of "Voting Rights Northern Style," a 2007 Eyes on the Prize digital media project.

Wayne Dawkins has written dozens of entries on media, history, sports, music and popular culture for six encyclopedias since 2007. Dawkins radio/TV appearances include "Talkback" with Hugh Hamilton and the "Caldwell Chronicles" both programs on WBAI-FM, "The Wil LaVeist Show" on WHOV-FM, and "The View from Hampton U," on Cox TV-11 in Norfolk-Virginia Beach.