

The Philadelphia Inquirer

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**PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER PUBLISHER APPOINTS
NEW EDITORIAL PAGE EDITOR
Deputy Inquirer Editorial Page Editor and Pulitzer Prize Winning Writer Harold Jackson
Promoted to Editorial Page Editor**

PHILADELPHIA, September 5, 2007 – Brian P. Tierney, publisher of *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, today announced that Harold Jackson, Inquirer deputy editorial page editor, will become editorial page editor effective immediately.

“Harold Jackson is an accomplished journalist and Pulitzer Prize winning editorial writer, and I am pleased to appoint him editor of the Inquirer’s editorial page,” said Inquirer Publisher Brian Tierney. “Harold brings a tremendous knowledge of the challenges and opportunities of this region, having lived in the area for the past eight years. He also brings a wider point of view growing up in Alabama during the height of the civil rights movement and remembering vividly how his family reacted to the bombing of the Sixteenth Baptist Church in Birmingham.”

“My 32 years as a newspaperman has prepared me for this challenge, and I want to thank Brian for giving me the opportunity. Chris Satullo was a great editorial page editor so following him is part of the challenge. But I’m excited about that, I want to make our opinion pages even more inviting to a diversity of readers who, beyond information, want intellectual stimulation,” said Mr. Jackson.

Mr. Jackson was appointed Inquirer deputy editorial page editor in 2004. Prior to that, he was commentary page coordinator at The Inquirer from 2002-2004. He also served as The Inquirer’s New Jersey commentary page editor from 1999 to 2002.

From 1994-1999, he was an editorial writer at the Baltimore Sun. He also served as Journalist in Residence from 1997-1999 at Loyola College (Baltimore) and in 1993-1994 was the Freedom Forum Professor of Journalism at the University of Alabama. He also held positions as editorial writer and assistant city editor at the Birmingham News from 1986-1994. He started his journalism career as a reporter at the Birmingham Post-Herald in 1975.

In 1991, Harold Jackson, along with two other writers, won the Pulitzer Prize for editorial writing at the Birmingham News for editorials criticizing Alabama's discriminatory and antiquated tax system. In that same year, he was honored by the National Association of Black Journalists as Journalist of the Year. He has also won journalism awards from the Maryland-Delaware-D.C. Press Association, the Alabama Press Association, Sigma Delta Chi, the Associated Press and United Press International

Mr. Jackson graduated from Baker University in Kansas City in 1975 with a B.S. in journalism/political science.

Mr. Tierney also announced that Chris Satullo, former editor of the editorial page, who announced his resignation earlier this summer, will become more active in civic affairs and will continue to write a weekly column in the Sunday Inquirer's Currents section.

Mr. Tierney said, "Chris has been a tremendously insightful and persuasive editorialist, and we all benefited from his deep understanding and involvement in our community. We appreciate all he has done for The Inquirer and for Philadelphia, especially his special efforts in bringing the citizens of our city together to focus on the issues surrounding the Mayoral election. We thank Chris and wish him all the best in his new role with The Inquirer."

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