



## **BIOGRAPHY**

Fredricka Whitfield is a news anchor for CNN. Based in the network's world headquarters in Atlanta, Whitfield anchors the weekend edition of CNN Newsroom and works as a correspondent for the network, reporting on breaking news events worldwide.

Since joining CNN in 2002, Whitfield has reported from the Persian Gulf region during the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq; from Beijing, China, during the 2008 Summer Olympic Games; and from Washington, DC, during the 2009 presidential inauguration.

Before CNN, she was a correspondent for NBC News and served as an Atlanta-based correspondent for NBC Nightly News, The Today Show, and Dateline NBC.

Whitfield has covered such stories as the 2000 presidential race and ballot recount as well as multiple extreme weather events involving tornadoes, flooding, and hurricanes across America.

Since the 9/11 terrorist attacks, she has continued to cover related events from US military first response readiness to search-and-rescue mission training. She covered the 1996 Olympics, the Olympic Park bombing in Atlanta, and the subsequent search for bomber Eric Rudolph. She also covered the 1999 refugee crisis in Macedonia during the Kosovo War.

Before joining NBC, Whitfield was a reporter and anchor at WPLG-TV in Miami; an evening anchor for News Channel 8 in Washington, DC; and a general assignment reporter at KTVT-TV in Dallas, Texas. Earlier, she was a general assignment reporter for WTNH in New Haven, Connecticut. She began her professional career as a reporter and morning anchor for WCIV in Charleston, South Carolina.

Whitfield has garnered multiple awards and honors for her broadcasting work from Sigma Delta Chi, The Society of Professional Journalists, and the Associated Press. In 2000 she earned an Emmy Award nomination for long-form storytelling. She has received the 2002 Howard University School of Communications Alumna of the Year Award, the 2005 George Peabody Award for live coverage of Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath, the 2005 Ebony Award for outstanding women in marketing and communications, the 2007 Emmy Award for outstanding live coverage of a breaking news story long form, the 2008 National Alliance of Market Developers Communicator of the Year Award, the 2008 Howard University Postgraduate Achievement in the Field of Journalism Award, and the 2009 New York Association of Black Journalists Long-Form Feature Award.

Fredricka Whitfield earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from Howard University  
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