

James E. Causey is an award winning editorial columnist, blogger, and



contributing editor for the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. James has spent more than 25 years as a professional journalist. James became the first and the youngest African-American high school intern at the Milwaukee Sentinel at age 15. He worked for the paper every summer until completing high school and then became a night cops reporter while studying Journalism at Marquette University where he later received his Bachelor's degree. James continued his

education at Cardinal Stritch University, and received his MBA in 2002.

In 2008, Causey received a Nieman Fellowship from Harvard University. During his time there, he studied the effects of hip-hop music on urban youth. After returning from his fellowship at Harvard, James joined the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Editorial Board as a columnist, and writes two columns weekly. He is also active in his community and volunteers his time to a community radio show discussing social issues that impact the City of Milwaukee.

Causey continues to reinvent himself and maintain his relevance in the hard economic times of written newspapers by utilizing social media through blogs and internet interviews to expand his readership base. He uses his skill set to highlight the issues that impact the urban community and he speaks for those who don't have a platform or a voice.

Milwaukee Inner-city Congregations Allied for Hope-MICAH, recognized James E. Causey in 2014 with the *To Do What is Just Award* for his outstanding work on mass incarceration of black men.

Causey is an active member of NABJ, current president of the Wisconsin Black Media Association, and member of Phi Beta Sigma Inc. He is also a member of the Morse-Marshall alumni board and was awarded the 2013 Morse-Marshall alumni of the year. Causey also was a Scripps Howard Award finalist in 2013.

Along with his professional accomplishments, Causey has recently added self-published author to his resume. He is the author of two fiction books, *The Twist* and *Twisted*. Causey is currently working on his third book, non-fiction, titled *Warrior: The Untold Story of Gerald McClellan*.