

John Ballance

I am a 53-year native of Louisiana, with a BFA from Louisiana Tech University, in Ruston, La. I began my photography career as a photographer in 1976 for a weekly newspaper and I moved to Baton Rouge in 1981 to manage a commercial photo lab. I joined the Advocate photo staff as a lab technician and was promoted to assistant photo editor and then to photo editor. My current duties as Photo department manager include managing a staff of 9 photographers, two photo editors and an imaging specialist. I am also responsible all purchases for the photography department and I help the Photo editors in editing wire photos, assigning photographers, coordinating coverage of special projects and breaking news. I am married and have an 18-year-old son.