

# 2007 Speaker



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**Tony Freemantle**

**Tony Freemantle**, writing coach and editor-at-large for the *Houston Chronicle*, was schooled in the world of journalism in Johannesburg, South Africa, where he was born. After immigrating to Houston in 1980, he worked briefly for the now-defunct *Houston Post* before joining the *Houston Chronicle*. During the past 25 years, Freemantle has been a police reporter, an assistant city editor, national correspondent, foreign correspondent and a special projects and environment reporter. He has covered oil spills in Alaska, presidential elections, genocide in Rwanda, riots in Los Angeles, peace deals in the Middle East, elections in South Africa, plane crashes, train crashes, earthquakes, hurricanes, floods and famines, to name just a few of his assignments. Freemantle was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in International Reporting in 1997 for a series exploring why crimes against humanity go unstoppable and unpunished. The series also received a Media Spotlight Award from Amnesty International. Freemantle's work has also been recognized by the Houston Press Club, the APME, the Society of Black Journalists, the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism and the Texas Institute of Letters.

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