

Marshall Allen

Las Vegas Sun Healthcare Reporter

Marshall Allen spent five years in ministry and earned a Master's degree in theology before becoming a journalist in Los Angeles. He spent five years at newspapers in Southern California, mostly writing about crime and religion — the "sin and salvation" beat. He came to the Las Vegas Sun in June 2006, and now covers health care.

In 2008, Allen's body of work won second place among health care reporters nationally in the Association of Health Care Journalists Beat Reporting category. That same year he was also recognized as "Outstanding Journalist" by the Nevada Press Association, the organization's highest individual award, in addition to winning first place in the Nevada Press Association's Investigative Reporting category for his "Indentured Doctors" series. In 2009 the Associated Press recognized Allen's work on the Hepatitis C outbreak with a first place for spot news coverage, and the Nevada Press Association recognized Allen with three first place awards, highlighting his ongoing coverage of prescription narcotic abuse in Las Vegas.

Allen is a guest host on "State of Nevada," KNPR's public affairs program, where his segments also focus on health care. He is originally from Colorado. He and his wife have three boys.