

Gil Thelen Bio

Gil Thelen studied at Duke and Cornell University Medical College to become a health and medical journalist. He reported for 12 years in Washington for *The Associated Press* and *Consumer Reports*.

He next became a managing editor of *The Charlotte Observer*, Editor of *The Sun News* (Myrtle Beach, S.C.), and then Executive Editor *The State* (Columbia, S.C.).

Gil was first editor, then president and publisher, of *The Tampa Tribune* from 1998 to 2006. He was Clendinen Professor of Critical Writing at the University of South Florida (2006-2013). He was a 2016 inductee into the Florida Newspaper Hall of Fame for his multimedia innovations and change leadership.

With his wife, Gil is author of the book “Counter Punch: Duking It Out with Parkinson’s.” He is President of the Me Over PD Foundation, a non-profit organization advocating for Parkinson’s sufferers in Middle Georgia and Tampa Bay. He was diagnosed with Parkinson’s in 2014.

The Thelens live in Macon, GA.