

Times Names 4 to Senior Positions on the News Staff

The New York Times announced appointments yesterday to four senior positions on its news staff.

R. W. Apple Jr., who has been Washington bureau chief, will become chief correspondent of the newspaper. Still based in Washington, he will travel widely and write about the arts, culture and gastronomy as well as foreign and domestic affairs and politics.

Michael Oreskes, metropolitan editor of The Times, will succeed Mr. Apple as Washington bureau chief. The deputy metropolitan editor, Joyce Purnick, will become metropolitan editor.

Andrew Rosenthal, the paper's Washington editor, will move to New York as foreign editor. He succeeds Bill Keller, whose promotion to managing editor was announced on Thursday.

Joseph Lelyveld, executive editor of The Times, said the appointments



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From left, R. W. Apple Jr. has been named chief correspondent of The Times; Michael Oreskes, the Washington bureau chief; Joyce Purnick, the metropolitan editor, and Andrew Rosenthal, the foreign editor.

would take effect over the next few months.

Mr. Apple, 62, has headed the Washington bureau since 1992. A graduate of Columbia University, he joined The Times from NBC News in 1983 and earlier worked for The Wall

Street Journal. He has headed The Times's bureaus in Albany, London, Moscow, Saigon, Lagos and Nairobi and has reported from more than 100 countries. He has been The Times's national political correspondent and covered eight Presidential elections.

Mr. Apple has received a George Polk Award and an Overseas Press Club Award, both for international reporting. In 1988 he published "Apple's Europe," a book on travel and dining.

Mr. Oreskes, who will head the 45-member Washington bureau, is 42 and a graduate of City College in New York. He joined The Times in 1981 from The Daily News, where his posts included City Hall bureau chief. At The Times he has held New York and Washington reporting positions, including Albany bureau chief, Congressional correspondent and national political correspondent. He be-

came metropolitan editor in 1993 after two years as deputy for city news.

As metropolitan editor, Ms. Purnick, 51, will direct the work of 128 reporters and editors. A Barnard graduate, she began her career at The New York Post and came to The Times from New York magazine in 1978. She was City Hall bureau chief from 1985 to 1988, when she became a Times editorial writer on metropolitan affairs. She became Metro Matters columnist in 1994 and deputy metropolitan editor at the start of this year.

Ms. Purnick has received the Mike Berger Award from Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism, a George Polk Award for metropolitan reporting and many other honors for local coverage.

The new foreign editor, Mr. Rosenthal, is 41 and a graduate of the University of Denver. He came to The Times in 1987 from The Associated Press, where he was Moscow bureau chief, and worked in New York for the newspaper before moving to Washington. He was a White House correspondent and a political correspondent, becoming Washington editor in 1992.

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