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Experience

Freelance

Writer and Editor

Seattle, WA

June 2007 – Present

- Have written for publications including *The New York Times*, *Nature*, *Scientific American*, *Science News*, *Science News for Kids*, and *NYU Physician*; initiated the “Frontiers” column on scientific innovation for *MSNBC.com*.
- Edited chapters on microbiology and food safety for “Modernist Cuisine: The Art and Science of Cooking,” published by Intellectual Ventures.
- Serve as monthly public policy columnist and regular feature writer for *The Hospitalist* magazine, and content developer of the bi-monthly “CytoSource” news section for the journal *Cancer Cytopathology*.
- Have provided web-based writing and editing services for medical, health and environmental companies through Internet consulting firms SBACoach Consulting and SlickRockWeb.

Newsday

Science Writer

Melville, NY

April 2000 – Feb 2007

- Advised editors on newsworthiness of journal articles, developed key contacts and led major projects such as “Saving Bobby,” an award-winning print and online feature about the fight to save a brain-injured toddler.
- As an on-location correspondent, covered NASA missions, creationism, and human cloning claims. Collaborated on special news packages for the 9/11 terrorist attacks, anthrax scare, and 25th anniversary of AIDS.
- As a principal writer for the 13-chapter “Long Island: Our Natural World” print and online series, spearheaded content development, reporting and multimedia coordination for four chapters.
- Initiated monthly “In the Field” series on local ecology research, acting as both reporter and photographer. Also developed blogs for coverage of two major science conventions and a NASA space shuttle mission.

Education

University of California at Santa Cruz

Certificate in Science Writing

Santa Cruz, CA

September 1998 – June 1999

- One of ten students chosen from an international pool of applicants for selective graduate program.

University of Washington

Ph.D. in Microbiology

Seattle, WA

September 1992 – June 1998

- Conducted and published research on the role of a protein called MalG within a system that ferries sugar into bacterial cells, a model for studying related proteins implicated in cystic fibrosis and drug resistance to cancer.

Concordia College

B.A. in Biology with Honors

Moorhead, MN

August 1988 – May 1992

- Graduated summa cum laude with minors in chemistry and Spanish.

Selected Awards, Fellowships and Affiliations

- Association of Health Care Journalists Awards, first place - large newspapers & wire services 2007
- New York Press Club Award for best Web exclusive content, “Saving Bobby” 2007
- Newsday Publisher’s Award for feature reporting, “Saving Bobby” 2006
- Newsday Publisher’s Award for team enterprise reporting, “Our Natural World” series 2003
- National Association of Science Writers member 1999-present