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Brittany Moya del Pino is a graduate-trained science writer who has worked on projects for children, adults, trade groups, and the general public. Familiar topics include basic biology, daydreams, acoustics, ecology, computer modeling, cancer, genetics, neuroscience, nutrition, exercise, molecular biology, animal behavior, indigenous cultures, and tobacco use. This list is continually growing.

Employment 2012–now **Freelance Writer and Editor**, Saint Johns, FL (www.scienceandpeople.com)

You'll find my work in:

- *Clinical Laboratory News* magazine
- National Geographic Kids books in the *Awesome 8*, *Weird But True*, and *Bet You Didn't Know* series
- *Muse* children's magazine
- *Backchannel* online tech magazine
- *Hakai*, an online magazine about coastal science and societies
- *Hana Hou!* the in-flight magazine of Hawaiian Airlines
- The National Academy of Sciences biographical memoirs collection
- The American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics newsletter
- Annual reports published by the NIH Clinical Center and HealthCorps, a nonprofit public health organization for youth

2011–2012 **Editor and Content Manager**, Contractor, National Cancer Institute (NCI) Office of Communications and Education, Bethesda, MD

Managed the writing, revision, and clearance of NCI's fact sheet collection. Led evaluation projects, including web analytics and usability testing, to determine how fact sheets can be improved to match the changing behavior and information needs of online readers. Continued to write occasional profiles for NCI's now-defunct newsletter (see below).

2004–2011 **Associate Editor and Science Writer**, Contractor, NCI Office of Communications and Education, Bethesda, MD

Alternated with a colleague as lead editor for each issue of the *NCI Cancer Bulletin*, NCI's award-winning, bi-weekly e-newsletter. Specific duties included:

- Writing feature stories, fact sheets, profiles, research highlights, and commentaries (ghost writing first drafts, as needed)
- Overseeing editorial calendar; assigning stories among writers
- Editing drafts, monitoring copy editing/fact checking
- Managing story clearance with outside sources and officials at NCI
- Acquiring high-quality images and photographs
- Working with Web designers for online publication

2007–2008 **Writer**, Freelance, San Diego, CA

- Feature stories and profiles for *Inside Salk* magazine (Salk Institute for Biological Studies)
- Profiles for *The Burnham Report* (Sanford-Burnham Medical Research Institute)
- Press releases about new research findings

- 2002–2004 **Writer/Editor**, Matthews Media Group, Inc., Rockville, MD
- Newsletter articles, profiles, reports, scientific abstracts, business proposals
 - Clients included NCI, NIAID, the National Health Service Corps, and pharmaceutical companies
- 2002 **Editor**, Freelance, Center for Disaster and Humanitarian Assistance Medicine at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda, MD
- Nine reports that analyzed the strengths and weaknesses of military humanitarian assistance activities performed through the Department of Defense Overseas Humanitarian Demining and Civic Action Program
- 2000–2001 **Health Education Specialist**, California Rural Indian Health Board, Sacramento, CA
- Wrote and edited materials for two tobacco education and prevention contracts: the American Indian Tobacco Education Network (AITEN), funded through the California Department of Health Services, and the Tobacco Use Cessation and Prevention Program, funded through the American Legacy Foundation.
- Reports, newsletters, and health education materials
 - Grant proposal that received funding to renew the AITEN
 - Planned and participated in health education conferences
 - Visited reservations and pow wows for community outreach
- 1999–2000 **Post-Graduate Researcher**, Laboratory of Dr. Richard Carlsen, University of California, Davis, School of Medicine, Davis, CA
- Experiments testing the neuromuscular effects of systemic inflammatory response syndrome in mice
 - Presented preliminary data at a poster session during the April 2000 FASEB Conference in San Diego, California

Education and Training	MA	Science and Medical Writing	Johns Hopkins University, 2005
	BS	Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior (English minor)	UC Davis, 1999
	Certificate	Board of Editors in the Life Sciences	April 2011
		Highlights Workshop: Writing about Science for Children	March 2014
		Science Writers Bootcamp: Regenerative Medicine, sponsored by Johns Hopkins University	April 2013

Education and Training (cont)	Science Writers Bootcamp: A Day of Pain (sponsored by Johns Hopkins University)	April 2012
	Implementing the Plain Writing Act (workshop hosted by the Center for Plain Language)	October 2011
	Health literacy seminar given by Jann Keenan of The Keenan Group (healthliteracyworks.com)	February 2011
	Digital storytelling workshop using Adobe Premiere video editing software, offered by the Center for Digital Storytelling (storycenter.org)	January 2011

Awards	Distinguished Performance Award, Kelly Government Solutions	February 2011 and 2012
	NIH Merit Group Award, <i>NCI Cancer Bulletin</i>	October 2009
	Good Teamwork Award for participating in the <i>NCI Cancer Bulletin</i> Redesign Team, NCI Office of Communications and Education	January 2009
	Certificate of Appreciation for Science Writing and Editorial Expertise, NCI Office of Communications and Education	December 2008

Volunteer Activities	Hawaii Science Writers Association (founding member)	November 2014 to present
	Mokapu Elementary School Science Club	October 2015 to May 2016
	Hawaii State Science Olympiad – “Crave the Wave” Division B event judge	May 2015
	Enchanted Lake Elementary School – Kolea Klub teacher of an after-school knitting class	Spring 2015