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I am a graduate-trained science writer and editor in the life sciences who has worked on projects for children, adults, trade groups, and the general public. Familiar writing subjects include basic biology, daydreams, acoustics, ecology, computer modeling, cancer, genetics, neuroscience, nutrition, exercise, molecular biology, marine microbiology, animal behavior, indigenous cultures, and tobacco use. My true passion is working on educational stories for children. I also enjoy teaching other writers how to craft clear, compelling, and truthful stories about science.

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Employment 2019–now **Lecturer**, Johns Hopkins University Advanced Academic Programs

I teach semester-long graduate courses as an adjunct faculty member in the Science and Medical Writing Program, and I help to advise students during the final semester thesis project before they finish their degree.

2012–now **Freelance Writer and Editor**, Woodbridge, VA  
([www.scienceandpeople.com](http://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

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 that were funded by the California Department of Health Services and the American Legacy Foundation.

- Reports, newsletters, and health education materials
- Grant proposal that received successful funding
- 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
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<b>Education and Training</b>	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
		Podcasting Workshop: Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University	October – December 2018
		Highlights Workshop: Writing about Science for Children	March 2014
		Science Writers Bootcamp: Regenerative Medicine, sponsored by Johns Hopkins University	April 2013
		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 ( <a href="http://healthliteracyworks.com">healthliteracyworks.com</a> )	February 2011
		Digital storytelling workshop using Adobe Premiere video editing software, offered by the Center for Digital Storytelling ( <a href="http://storycenter.org">storycenter.org</a> )	January 2011
<b>Awards</b>	Distinguished Performance Award from Kelly Government Solutions, NIH Merit Group Award, <i>NCI Cancer Bulletin</i> Good Teamwork Award for participating in the <i>NCI Cancer Bulletin</i> Redesign Team, and Certificate of Appreciation for Science Writing and Editorial Expertise from the NCI Office of Communications and Education		Between 2008 and 2012
<b>Membership and Volunteer Activities</b>	National Association of Science Writers		2006 to now
	Society for Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators		2014 to now
	Board of Editors in the Life Sciences		2011 to now
	Founder of the Hawaii Science Writers Association		2014 to 2017
	Leader of Mokapu Elementary School Science Club		2015 to 2016
	Judge for Hawaii State Science Olympiad – “Crave the Wave” Division B event		May 2015
	Teacher for Enchanted Lake Elementary School – Kolea Klub after-school knitting class		Spring 2015