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Writer/Editor

## PROFILE

Highly seasoned, versatile writer and editor specializing in health, medicine and health care policy news.

- Produces fast, clean copy in high-pressure environments.
- Turns technical, medical, scientific and policy material into accessible, informative and lively prose.
- Disciplined self-starter who thrives on multi-tasking and brainstorming.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### FREELANCE

#### **Writer**

1982-present

Writes reports, articles, newsletters and public education materials.

- Writer for local and global non-profits, including: Columbia University Medical Center (Harkness Eye Institute and Columbia Nursing), Albert Einstein College of Medicine, NYU Langone Medical Center, New York Medical College, White Plains Hospital, EngenderHealth, The March of Dimes, The Ford Foundation, The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, The Rockefeller Foundation, The Commonwealth Fund Commission on Women's Health, The New York Academy of Medicine, The American Heart Association, among many others.
- Contributor to *HealthDay*, *The San Francisco Examiner*, *Health and Parents* and other national newspapers and magazines.
- Wrote and updated chapters on health care and domestic violence for consumer books by Reader's Digest (*Know Your Rights*) and Good Housekeeping (*Good Housekeeping Book on Women's Health*).

NEW YORK MEDICAL COLLEGE, Valhalla, NY

2001-Present

#### **Writer/Editor**

Reports and writes feature stories for *Chironian*, the College's biannual magazine.

- Profiles alumni and faculty from medical, Basic Medical Sciences and Public Health schools.

THE MARCH OF DIMES, White Plains, NY

2009-2010

#### **Consulting Editor**

Edited and contributed to monograph, *Toward Improving the Outcome of Pregnancy III: Enhancing Perinatal Health through Quality, Safety and Performance Initiatives*, the third in a series.

- Collaborated with organization's medical director, research staff and chapter authors.
- Researched and wrote Executive Summary and Chapter 1.
- Co-wrote qualitative paper for March 1, 2011 issue of *Contemporary Ob/Gyn*.

### STAFF

THE GUTTMACHER INSTITUTE, New York, NY

2010-2012

#### **Associate Editor**

Edited research articles and monographs on reproductive and sexual health for peer-reviewed domestic and international journals.

- Wrote summary digests of published articles for both journals.
- Read and critiqued unsolicited and solicited manuscripts.
- Edited press releases publicizing Guttmacher's original research.

THE HUDSON INDEPENDENT, Tarrytown, NY

2006-2009

#### **Senior Reporter/Associate Editor**

Wrote and edited news and feature stories on local government, education and environmental issues.

- Covered municipal and school board meetings and elections for three Hudson River towns.

THE CHILDREN'S VILLAGE, Dobbs Ferry, NY

2000-2001

**Public Information Officer**

Raised organization's profile in national and local media, including *The NY Times*, *Dateline* and *NPR*.

- Managed government affairs agenda, ensuring participation and buy-in of department heads across organization, with special emphasis on legislation to increase salaries of case and childcare workers.
- Oversaw creation of *Village Vibe*, a resident-produced newspaper. "The first time there's been a professional-looking product." (Linda Stutz, VP Development [my boss.]
- Succeeded where others had failed in regularly producing a quality newspaper by teaching educationally delayed adolescents and rallying organizational support for this effort.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD FEDERATION OF AMERICA, New York, NY

1999-2000

**Senior Writer/Editor**

Driving force behind the *Speak Out!* advocacy newsletter embodying the Responsible Choices Action Agenda®.

- Demand through PPFA's 131 affiliates continually exceeded expectations, as *Speak Out!* became the primary vehicle by which the RCAA was brought to life in the field.
- Wrote fact sheets on timely topics, including medical benefits of fetal tissue research.
- Redesigned and wrote annual report.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY PUBLIC HEALTH CHRONICLE, New York, NY

1993-1994

**Managing Editor**

Managed, wrote and edited internationally distributed journal for the Mailman School of Public Health.

- Generated story ideas and assigned stories to freelance writers.
- Worked with graphic artists to conceptualize design and oversaw production.

MEDICAL TRIBUNE, New York, NY

1990-1992

**Senior Reporter/Writer**

Covered breaking national and international health care news for this weekly medical newspaper.

- Wrote deadline stories on published peer-reviewed research.
- Produced stories under tight deadline pressure for the daily *Medical Tribune News Service*.

DAILY NEWSPAPERS

**Feature and General Assignment Reporter and Editor**

1986-1990

Assigned, wrote and edited stories for *The Norwich Bulletin*, *The Jersey Journal* and *The Stamford Advocate*.

**EDUCATION**

**Master of Public Health**, 1994

Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University, New York, NY

**Bachelor of Arts** (Social Science), 1981

University of California, Berkeley, CA

**AWARDS**

**New Jersey Press Association**, 1988

Special Reporting and Writing ("The National Nursing Crisis Hits Hudson County")

*The Jersey Journal*

**New York Press Association**, 2007

Education Coverage ("Too Much Testing")

*The Hudson Independent*