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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 web content, articles, newsletters and public education materials.

- Writer for local and global health non-profits, including: Columbia Nursing, CUNY Graduate School of Public Health and Health Policy, Alliance for Positive Change, Community Resource Center for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, Lupus Research Alliance, and others.
- 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*).
- Wrote about the Robert Wood Johnson, Ford, and Rockefeller foundations' public health initiatives.

COPY AND ART ADVERTISING, White Plains, NY

2018-2019

Senior healthcare writer

- Wrote web content, newsletter and magazine articles, and blog posts for hospital patient audiences.

NEW YORK MEDICAL COLLEGE, Valhalla, NY

2001-Present

Writer/Editor

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

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

THE MARCH OF DIMES, White Plains, NY

2009-2017

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*.

COLUMBIA NURSING, New York, NY

2014-Present

Writer

Produces articles, research summaries, and Dean's Letter for bi-annual alumni/development magazine.

- Highlights grant-funded programs that support school's public health mission

STAFF

THE GUTTMACHER INSTITUTE, New York, NY

2010-2012

Associate Editor

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

RIVERKEEPER 2008–2009
Communications/Public Information Associate
 Compiled daily media briefing, wrote/updated digital content, newsletters, and managed press inquiries

THE HUDSON INDEPENDENT, Tarrytown, NY 2006-2008
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*.
 • 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®.
 • 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 1986-1990
Feature and General Assignment Reporter and Editor
 Assigned, wrote and edited stories for *The Norwich Bulletin*, *The Jersey Journal* and *The Stamford Advocate*.

EDUCATION

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

Bachelor of Arts (Social Science)
 University of California, Berkeley, CA

AWARDS

New Jersey Press Association
 Special Reporting and Writing (“The National Nursing Crisis Hits Hudson County”), *The Jersey Journal*

New York Press Association

Education Coverage (“Too Much Testing”), The Hudson Independent