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JOURNALISM AND RELATED EXPERIENCE

Freelance science writer and editor for print, web, and radio

April 1999 – present

Work has appeared in numerous publications, including: *The Economist*, *Discover*, *OnEarth*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *Technology Review*, *Living on Earth* (NPR), Elsevier publications, *Physician's First Watch*

The Rockefeller University, New York, NY

Senior Science Writer

June 2007 – June 2008

Science Writer

November 2005 – June 2007

- Conceptualized, wrote, and edited news- and feature-length articles for the university magazine
- Worked with freelance and in-house writers to develop articles ranging from 1200 to 3000 words
- Covered a beat of more than 30 laboratories; wrote up research for the Rockefeller Web site

O, *The Oprah Magazine*, New York, NY

August 2003 – October 2005

Associate Editor, Health and Medicine

- Conceptualized, assigned, and edited three columns: Body Wise (short news items), Nutrition (Q&A), and a bi-monthly Weight story of varying length (typically between 1200 and 2000 words)
- Wrote and edited various health, medicine, and nutrition features and sidebars—everything from diet fads to brain science—and followed the pieces from conception to shipping

Discover magazine, New York, NY

August 2001 – August 2003

Reporter/Researcher

- Pitched and wrote short news items each month for magazine and web; wrote movie and toy reviews
- Researched and fact-checked full-length feature articles, suggesting factual and editorial changes
- Edited *Discover* Dialogue column: one-page Q&A with a different researcher each month

The Economist, London, UK

January 2001 – April 2001

Casement Intern: full-time staff journalist for Science and Technology Section

Christian Science Monitor Newspaper, Boston, MA

Summer 2000

Science Writing Intern: full-time science reporter

OTHER EXPERIENCE

826LA, Los Angeles, CA

November 2009 – present

Volunteer writing tutor and editor for children in grade-school through high-school

SCIENCE EXPERIENCE

University of California, Berkeley, CA

September 1997 – August 1999

Lab Assistant III: Integrative Biology, Marine Ecotoxicology Group

San Francisco Estuary Institute, Richmond, CA

November 1997 – July 1999

Environmental Analyst: Regional Monitoring Program for Trace Substances

University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ

Summer 1995 & 1996

Research Assistant: Animal Behavior (avian cognition), Pepperberg Labs—the ALEX project

EDUCATION

M.S. Science Journalism

Boston University, Boston, MA

January 2001

B.A. Biology, *cum laude*

Barnard College, Columbia University, New York, NY

May 1997

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

National Association of Science Writers, American Medical Writers Association, Society of Environmental Journalists