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Summary of Experience

Writer and editor,
specializing in science, health, sexuality, history, world events, music, culture

- More than 25 years experience writing and editing print and online material in science, healthcare, medicine, sexuality, history, world/current events, music, popular culture, and other subject areas (including professional journal articles, scientific and medical texts, college theses, educational articles and books for the general public and schools, promotional/marketing copy, website/SEO copy, novels, memoirs, other projects).
- Much experience helping foreign ESL authors prepare text for an American audience.
- Previous experience as a laboratory and field biologist, naturalist, and wildlife keeper.

Major science areas of experience: anthropology, archaeology, astronomy/space, biology/biotechnology, Earth sciences/geology, energy, genetics, paleontology, pharmaceuticals, physics/physical sciences, psychology/mental health, public health, sexuality/gender, wildlife/nature/conservation.

Major medical areas of experience: AIDS, cardiovascular disease, chronic low back pain and other musculoskeletal disorders, diabetes mellitus, drug abuse and other addictions, drug resistance, human genetics, osteopathic medicine, vaccines, women's health.

Other subject matter I have worked with: art, architecture, biography/autobiography, crime, history, LGBT issues, Middle East, music, mythology, politics, popular culture, world/current events.

Professional History

February 2004 – present

Freelance writer/editor

- Clients have included:
American Osteopathic Association; American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine; Mayo Clinic; Indiana University; Elsevier; Springer; Canadian College of Osteopathy; World Book Publishing; Encyclopaedia Britannica; New Standard Encyclopedia; Will County Historical Society; Windy City Times, OutFront magazine, Community Alliance and Action Network; Genetic Literacy Project; BrainWorx Studio Inc; Tighe Publishing Services; ABC-CLIO; Affinity Express; White-Thomson Publishing LTD; Wright Group/McGraw-Hill; Houghton Mifflin; McDougal Littell; ProQuest LearningPage/Learning A-Z; Aptara Inc; Anthology (Preface) Inc; Quarasan Group; Big Run Wolf Ranch; Willie Nelson Museum; individual physicians, scientists, students, and other authors.
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July 2005 – July 2006

American Osteopathic Association, Chicago

Staff manuscript editor

- Edited original contributions, research reviews, case reports, letters, and other professional medical material for JAOA—The Journal of the American Osteopathic Association and other AOA publications.
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June 2003 – February 2004

Quarasan Group, Chicago

Editor

- Wrote and edited science, medical, and social studies material for primary and secondary school texts, both student and teacher editions.
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April 1997 – June 2003

World Book Publishing, Chicago

Senior editor / Assistant managing editor

- Researched, wrote, and edited articles on science, medicine, technology, and current events. Main publications: World Book Science Year, Year Book, Health and Medical Annual, World Book Online. Audience ranged from eighth grade to general adult.
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March 1993 – April 1997

Standard Education Corporation, Chicago

Science and medical editor

- Researched, wrote, and edited articles on science, medicine, and technology for New Standard Encyclopedia and other publications.
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1989 – 1993

Laboratory microbiologist, Field aquatic biologist

1986 – 1989

Naturalist, Wildlife keeper

Education

Governors State University, University Park, Illinois
Bachelor of Science degree in biology, 1988

University of Illinois, Chicago
Studied biology, graphic design, and writing

References and writing/editing samples provided upon request.

Selected original published writings

ABC-CLIO—

- Series of educational articles for high school-level online databases, covering sexuality and gender issues (such as female sexuality, homosexuality, intersex, LGBT rights, transgender, transsexual); current events (covering numerous countries around the world); biography (such as world leaders, inventors, activists, Anna Nicole Smith, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jacques Cousteau, Keith Richards); science; healthcare; minority concerns; and other topics (such as Clinton-Lewinsky scandal, modeling, suicide, television shows, movies, art), 2014-2018
- The corruption of climate science by leftist politics (essay in *Science and Political Controversy*, 2014)

Willie Nelson Museum, Nashville—

- Series of biographies of country music stars, such as Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings, Johnny Cash, Kris Kristofferson, Merle Haggard, Lefty Frizzell, Dolly Parton, 2017-2018

Will County Historical Society and Museum, Lockport, Illinois—

- Original research articles based on my studies of documents from the 19th century related to the Illinois & Michigan Canal, published in the society's *Quarterly*, 2018

OutFront magazine/Community Alliance and Action Network/ Windy City Times—

- Respect for property rights negates the transgender bathroom debate, 2016
- House committee holds hearing on anti-LGBT FADA legislation, 2016
- Series of profiles on LGBT community leaders (including Ritch Fischer, Pam Heavens, Cee-Cee Larouge), 2017-2018
- Series of articles summarizing scientific research related to LGBT issues (including the work of Eric Vilain, Joshua Safer, Robert Garofalo, Richard Reams), 2017-2018

Genetic Literacy Project—

- Bruce Jenner's transgender 'coming out': He's not alone, but is it in the genes? 2015
- More mystery about Neanderthal and modern humans: How reliable is ancient DNA analysis? 2015

JVA InterpNews—

- Seeking Tilden's principles as inspiration for American youth in everyday life, July/August 2014

World Book Publishing—

- Books:
 - Endangered Animals (series of eight books, 2014)
 - Forests and Wetlands ("Living Green" series, 2009)
 - Goldfish and Other Carp ("Animals of the World," 2006)
 - Mercury and Venus ("Solar System and Space Exploration Library," 2005)
 - Mars ("Solar System and Space Exploration Library," 2005)
- Articles:
 - Red Rover: Curiosity on Mars (2014 "Science Year")
 - Microbe Management (The Human Microbiome) (2014 "Science Year")
 - The Peril of Earth-Buzzing Meteors (2014 "Science Year")
 - When Galaxies Collide (2013 "Science Year")

- Fascinating Facts About Fossil Feces (2010 “Science Year”)
- The Great Dying: Mass Extinctions (2009 “Science Year”)
- Dust Storms From China (2009 “Science Year”)
- Invisibility Cloak (2008 “Science Year”)
- Antikythera Mechanism (2008 “Science Year”)
- The Promise of Ethanol (2007 “Year Book”)
- AIDS, Archaeology, City, Crime, Drugs, Drug Abuse, Fashion, Medicine, Mental Health, Nobel Prizes, Physics, Public Health, Pulitzer Prizes, Prison, Safety (Updates for 2007-2015 “Year Book”)
- Neuroscience (Updates for 2011-2014 “Science Year”)
- 1905 - Einstein’s Miracle Year (2006 “Year Book”)
- Avian Flu: A New Pandemic? (2006 “Science Year”)
- Tangled Branches: Art and Physics (2006 “Science Year”)
- Tiny People Amaze Anthropologists (2006 “Science Year”)
- Trembling Earth and Troubled Waters (2006 “Science Year”)
- Francis Crick, Father of the Genetics Revolution (2005 “Year Book”)
- Ronald Reagan 1911-2004 (2005 “Year Book”)
- Steroids: Is Bulking Up Worth the Risk? (2004 “Science Year”)
- Cataloging All the Species (2003 “Science Year”)
- Photoreal Animation: Is Seeing Still Believing? (2003 “Science Year”)
- The King of Rock 'n' Roll Lives On (2003 “Year Book”)
- Stepping Stone to the Final Frontier (2002 “Year Book”)
- Genetic Medicine Update (2001 “Health & Medical Annual”)
- Miami Update (2001 “Year Book”)
- A Mirror on the Turn of a Century (2001 “Year Book”)
- A Special Day in Israel (1999 “Year Book”)

American Osteopathic Association—

- “ghost wrote” all articles (based on physician lecture notes) in JAOA—The Journal of the American Osteopathic Association, May 2008, 108 (5 suppl 3), including:
 - Treating Hispanic Patients for Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus: Special Considerations
 - Reducing Global Cardiovascular Risk in Patients With Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus
 - Aggressively Managing Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus, Hyperlipidemia, and Bone Loss

White–Thomson Publishing, England—

- Books (grades 6–9, 2007):
 - Earth’s Resources (Gareth Stevens Vital Science)
 - Properties of Water (Gareth Stevens Vital Science)
 - Light (Physical Science in Depth)
 - Magnets and Electromagnetism (Physical Science in Depth)

Aptara Inc.—

- Books (SRA Kaleidoscope leveled readers, grade 8, 2008)
 - Women Who Revolutionized Medicine
 - The World’s Tallest Skyscrapers
 - Roberto Clemente - Hero and Humanitarian
 - Frank Gehry - Architecture as Art

ProQuest LearningPage—

- Books (leveled readers [Q-Z] for Reading A-Z program, 2006-2014):
 - Floods
 - The Amazon Rainforest: More Valuable Than Gold

- High Speed Trains Around the World
- What Do You Think About Climate Change?
- Jupiter's Secrets Revealed
- Fungus Among Us
- The Great North American Grasslands
- Prehistoric Giants (Other Than Dinosaurs)
- Books (grades 3-4 Investigation Pack about liquids for Science A-Z, 2013)

Quarasan Group—

- The Mysteries of Chaco Canyon (book, part of McGraw-Hill Wright Group's "Explore More" series; co-authored with Kathleen Fitzgibbon, 2004)
- Student and teacher guides for McGraw-Hill Wright Group's "Explore More" series

Big Run Wolf Ranch—

- Online articles about native North American wildlife, 2008

Novel—

- 400-page adult psychological novel about a character struggling with various addictions and other problems, 2013

Other products—

- Articles about ancient goddess mythology for Goddess Gift website
- Website/SEO copy for various clients, including clothing and craft stores, healthcare providers, sports organizations, construction companies, and others
- Various marketing/promotional/website materials for World Book and other companies
- BrainWorx Studio: high school and grade school assessment items and teacher guides
- Tighe Publishing Services: at-level, below-level, and above-level readers; middle grade school
- Tighe Publishing Services: high school biology teacher editions, 5th- and 6th-grade physical science pupil editions
- Tighe Publishing Services: Kentucky/Georgia test preparation and science standards correlations, G5, G6
- Houghton Mifflin: science program, 5th- and 6th-grade pupil editions
- McDougal Littell: chapter on scientific method and review questions for high school biology textbook
- McDougal Littell: science standardized tests, North Carolina Curriculum Standards (middle school)
- McDougal Littell: science standardized tests, Virginia Curriculum Standards (6th, 7th, 8th grades)
- New Standard Encyclopedia: numerous science/medicine/technology articles
- World Book: "Animals of the World"
- World Book: "Biographical Connections"
- World Book: "Science Discovery Encyclopedia"
- World Book: "Science Nature Guides, Chrysalis Children's Book Group"