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Summary of Experience

**Writer and editor,
specializing in science, medicine, world events, history, culture**

- >30 years of experience writing and editing print and online material in science, healthcare, medicine, world/current events, history, cultural issues, and other subject areas (including professional journal articles, scientific and medical texts, college theses and dissertations, educational articles and books, memoirs, novels, websites, other projects). Experience with ESL authors.
- Previous experience as a laboratory and field biologist, naturalist, and wildlife keeper.

Professional History

February 2004 – present

Freelance writer/editor

- Clients have included:
American Osteopathic Association; American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine; American Nuclear Society; The Joint Commission; Mayo Clinic; Indiana University; University of Maryland; Food and Drug Administration; Elsevier; Springer; Canadian College of Osteopathy; World Book Publishing; Encyclopaedia Britannica; New Standard Encyclopedia; Will County Historical Society; Texas State Historical Association; 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; many individual physicians, scientists, students, and other authors.

Have also worked as a part-time writing coach for A.T. Still University.

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, world events, and history material for educational purposes.
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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.
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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

- Work included developing ethylene oxide sterilization cycles for medical device manufacturers, lab animal cancer research for NIH, and zooplankton research for EPA.
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1986 – 1989

Naturalist, Wildlife keeper

- For Will County and DuPage County forest preserve districts and Brookfield Zoo.
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Education

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

University of Illinois, Chicago (studied biology, graphic design, and writing)

Selected original published writings

ABC-CLIO—

- Series of educational articles for high school-level online databases, covering current events, country profiles, leader biographies, health and medical issues and statistics, science developments, sexuality and gender issues, minority concerns, other topics, 2014–2021
- The corruption of climate science by leftist politics (essay in *Science and Political Controversy*, 2014)

Will County Historical Society and Museum, Texas State Historical Association—

- Original research articles based on my studies of documents from the 19th and 20th centuries related to the Illinois & Michigan Canal and other aspects of Will County (Illinois) history, published in the society's *Quarterly*, 2018–2022
- Articles on Texas education, health, and sports, published in the *Texas Almanac*, 2017–2022

Genetic Literacy Project—

- How “alien genetics” would change our understanding of life, biology, and evolution 2019
- Cure for AIDS/HIV? Temper expectations 2019
- 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

Intellectual Conservative—

- Series of essays with my unique conservative/libertarian/classically liberal political perspective, 2019–2022

The Joint Commission, American Nuclear Society—

- News-related articles for print and online publications of these associations, 2021–2022

OutFront magazine/Community Alliance and Action Network/

Windy City Times—

- Series of profiles on LGBT community leaders, 2017-2019
- Series of articles summarizing scientific research, news, and social issues related to LGBT topics, 2016-2019

Willie Nelson Museum, Nashville—

- Series of biographies of country music stars, 2017-2020

JVA InterpNews—

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

World Book Publishing—

- Educational books:
 - Endangered Animals
 - Forests and Wetlands
 - Goldfish and Other Carp
 - Mercury and Venus
 - Mars

- Educational articles:
 - AIDS, Archaeology, City, Crime, Drugs, Drug Abuse, Genetic 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”)
 - Red Rover: Curiosity on Mars
 - Microbe Management (The Human Microbiome)
 - The Peril of Earth-Buzzing Meteors
 - When Galaxies Collide
 - Fascinating Facts About Fossil Feces
 - The Great Dying: Mass Extinctions
 - Dust Storms From China
 - Invisibility Cloak
 - Antikythera Mechanism
 - The Promise of Ethanol
 - 1905 - Einstein’s Miracle Year
 - Avian Flu: A New Pandemic?
 - Tangled Branches: Art and Physics
 - Tiny People Amaze Anthropologists
 - Trembling Earth and Troubled Waters
 - Francis Crick, Father of the Genetics Revolution
 - Steroids: Is Bulking Up Worth the Risk?
 - Cataloging All the Species
 - Photoreal Animation: Is Seeing Still Believing?
 - Stepping Stone to the Final Frontier

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—

- Educational books:
 - Earth’s Resources
 - Properties of Water
 - Light
 - Magnets and Electromagnetism

Aptara Inc.—

- Educational books:
 - Women Who Revolutionized Medicine
 - The World’s Tallest Skyscrapers
 - Roberto Clemente - Hero and Humanitarian
 - Frank Gehry - Architecture as Art

Big Run Wolf Ranch—

- Online articles about native North American wildlife