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### **Summary of Experience**

**Writer and editor,  
specializing in science, health, world events, culture**

- More than 25 years experience writing and editing print and online material in science, healthcare, medicine, world/current events, cultural issues, and other subject areas (including professional journal articles, scientific and medical texts, college theses and dissertations, educational articles and books, promotional copy, websites, other projects). Have also edited and written novels/fiction. Experience with ESL authors.
- Previous experience as a laboratory and field biologist, naturalist, and wildlife keeper.

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### **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.

**I also work as a part-time writing coach for A.T. Still University.**

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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, 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**

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1986 – 1989

**Naturalist, Wildlife keeper**

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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, 2014-2019
- The corruption of climate science by leftist politics (essay in *Science and Political Controversy*, 2014)

### **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, 2019

### **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

### **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, 2017-2019

### **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