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“I have never let my schooling interfere with my education.” –*Mark Twain*

PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Author of the bestselling *Unlikely Friendships* book series and Freelance Contributor, National Geographic and other publications, based in Washington, DC (2011-present)

Senior Staff Writer, National Geographic Magazine, Washington, DC (2000-2011)

Conducted fieldwork worldwide to report and write feature stories, news stories, photo legends, text for single-topic issues and supplement maps (have over 60 bylined pieces so far); acted as “Area Specialist for Natural History,” reviewing story proposals and helping to pitch a selected few to senior editors; acted as natural history beat reporter for Front Matter; wrote web content; attended scientific conferences; helped select and oversee interns. Was promoted from writer to senior writer in 2005.

Staff Researcher, National Geographic Television, Washington, DC (‘98-2000)

Conducted detailed post-production research for *Explorer*, natural history documentaries, and NG Specials; ensured accuracy, journalistic balance, and overall integrity of films; cooperated with producers and writers to address problems and rewrite scripts as needed; researched and wrote educational material; researched and pitched story ideas; occasionally acted as associate producer—reviewing stock footage, arranging travel, participating in film rough-cut and fine-cut viewings, tracking down story characters, and so on

Writer/Editorial Production Coordinator, Journal of NIH Research, Washington, DC (‘91-1995)

Reported and wrote news articles on life sciences and related policy; proofread scientific articles; crafted captions and cover lines; conducted interviews with noted scientists for monthly “Landmarks” feature; annually researched and updated human genome poster; provided research assistance

Freelance Writer, Earth and Sky, NPR (various)

Interviewed scientists and wrote short, lively pieces for listener-driven educational radio program

Freelance Science Writer, Discovery Communications, Bethesda, MD (various)

Proposed, researched, and wrote short science- and environment-related articles and program reviews for *Destination Discovery*, *TLC Monthly*, and Discovery Channel Online

EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS

MS ♦ Conservation Biology and Sustainable Development, University of Maryland at College Park, ‘96-1998
Acted as Assistant Director of the Writing Center; trained undergraduates to be peer writing tutors
Conducted wetlands field research at Patuxent Wildlife Research Center in Laurel, MD

BA ♦ English with Writing Emphasis, University of Wisconsin, Madison; graduated with honors 1991
Studied literature at York University, England
Completed two years of liberal arts education at Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA

PUBLICATIONS

Please see relevant pages on this website for links to some of my work

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

National Association of Science Writers

DC Science Writers' Association

The Author's Guild

SPECIAL SKILLS

Scuba, tango, Texas Hold-'em, punning, animal handling, tolerating large insects, humane spider removal, maneuvering in zero-gravity