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EXPERIENCE

Health Writer-Editor

Freelance (1999 - Present)

Articles.

Have written feature and news articles for magazines, books, reports, and websites, including:

- Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine's *Medicus* magazine—features (mostly cover stories) about food deserts, childhood obesity, medicine in a century, mesenchymal stem cells in multiple sclerosis, and a heart attack biomarker (MRP-8/14)
- Case Western Reserve University's *Think* magazine—the acinetobacter pathogen, stem cells in heart disease, and many other health topics
- Department of Veterans Affairs' *Research Currents* newsletter and its *Vanguard* and *VA Research Today* magazines—veterans' issues such as comparative effectiveness, acinetobacter, brain banks and “biohybrid” limbs
- National Cancer Institute's *The Nation's Progress in Cancer Research* annual reports—drug discoveries, proteomics, nanoscience, and other cutting-edge research advances
- *NCI Cancer Bulletin*—cord blood stem cells in adult leukemia
- *Cleveland Clinic Magazine*—Alzheimer's disease (cover) and antibacterial products
- Discovery Health Channel's website—topics such as nutrition, weight management and aging
- Food and Drug Administration's website—continuing medical/pharmacy education articles on clinical trials, antibiotic resistance, depression, osteoporosis and drug advertising.

Brochures, Fact Sheets, and Press Releases.

Have written summaries for the VA on wide-ranging priority research areas, including genomics; comparative effectiveness; post-traumatic stress disorder; traumatic brain injury; and women's health.

Meeting Coverage.

Have covered several health research organizations' meetings, including:

- Ethical, Legal, and Social Issues Subgroup meetings for NCI's caHUB biobank (2010)
- NCI's “Botanicals and Cancer Research—Clinical Trials” conference (2009)
- Two Lymphoma Research Foundation meetings on advances in lymphoma understanding and treatment (2006, 2007)
- NCI's “Health Disparities Workshop: Enhancing Interactions to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities” (2004).

National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine Clearinghouse

(Full-time and Consulting) (2005 - 2007)

Working for contractor Lockheed Martin, wrote and edited consumer fact sheets about complementary and alternative medicine topics such as soy, acupuncture and magnet therapy.

Matthews Media Group (Full-time and Consulting) (2002 - 2004)

Wrote and edited assorted health materials—including newsletter, brochure, and website copy—for government and pharmaceutical company clients. Representative accomplishments:

- Wrote participant newsletters for two NIH clinical trials: CALERIE (study of purported calorie restriction-aging connection) and DPPOS (diabetes prevention study).
- Wrote and edited NCI's "Cancer Content" fact sheets on various types of cancer and related topics such as clinical trials, health disparities and cancer communications.
- Wrote, edited and copyedited clinical trial brochures for patient participants and investigators.

U.S. Food and Drug Administration (1996 - 2001)

FDA Consumer Magazine, Office of Public Affairs

- Wrote feature and news articles for FDA's official consumer publication. Topics included smoking cessation, cell phones and cancer, medical errors, sleep disorders, post-traumatic stress disorder, social anxiety disorder, the drug approval process, and colds and flu.
- Edited magazine's "updates" and "investigators' reports" sections.
- Articles have been reprinted on websites such as WebMD.com, ReadersDigestHealth.com, and JHU.edu (Johns Hopkins) and in textbooks including *Marriage and Family and Health*.

Food Safety Staff, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition

Wrote public and internal agency documents, including "Food and Drug Administration" entry for *Encyclopedia of Food Science and Nutrition* and Food Safety Initiative annual report 2000.

Lawyer

U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (1993 - 1996)

Drafted FDA regulations; wrote citizen petition responses explaining FDA's regulatory positions; and responded to telephone inquiries from within FDA and from the public about agency policy.

Other (During law school, 1990 - 1992)

Law Clerk: Center for Science in the Public Interest, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

EDUCATION

Juris Doctor, American University, Washington College of Law (1992)

Bar Memberships: Maryland Bar (admitted 1992), D.C. Bar (admitted 1994)

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Drexel University (1988)