

**SHANNON ALEXANDRA FIRTH**

**FREELANCE EXPERIENCE**

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**RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

<b>MedPage Today</b>	<b>Washington, DC</b>	<b>April 2015–Present</b>
Washington Correspondent		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Write features on little-known diseases, controversial drug approvals, genomics and mental health reform</li><li>• Explain new healthcare legislation, Supreme Court decisions and changes in physician reimbursement</li><li>• Attend medical conferences, congressional hearings and FDA advisory committee meetings</li></ul>		
<b>Various News Outlets</b>	<b>Washington, DC</b>	<b>April 2014–April 2015</b>
Freelance Reporter		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Covered scientific studies, health policy and Ebola for <i>The Week, Anesthesiology News, and MedPage Today</i></li></ul>		
<b>U.S. News &amp; World Report</b>	<b>Washington, DC</b>	<b>Nov. 2013–March 2014</b>
Reporter		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tracked the implementation of the Affordable Care Act; deconstructed scientific studies and surveys</li></ul>		
<b>Voices of New York</b>	<b>New York, NY</b>	<b>Feb. 2013–May 2013</b>
Intern		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reported on health and social issues; designed multimedia presentation for ethnic media awards program</li></ul>		
<b>Dulcinea Media</b>	<b>New York, NY</b>	<b>Feb. 2008–May 2010</b>
Senior Writer		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Published weekly newsletter featuring teachers, librarians and schools around the world</li><li>• Wrote more than 200 educational Web-based stories focused on health, science and literature</li></ul>		

**OTHER EMPLOYMENT**

<b>National Alliance for Hispanic Health</b>	<b>Washington, DC</b>	<b>May 2014–Oct. 2014</b>
Freelance Writer and Editor		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Profiled Hispanic scholarship students for organization's Website; copyedited reports</li></ul>		
<b>Regal Literary, Inc.</b>	<b>New York, NY</b>	<b>Dec. 2006–Sept. 2007</b>
First Serial Rights' Manager		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Critiqued authors' short stories and pitched authors' work to magazines; line-edited manuscripts</li></ul>		

**EDUCATION**

<b>CUNY Graduate School of Journalism</b>	<b>New York, NY</b>	<b>Dec. 2012</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Master of Arts; Journalism</li></ul>		
<b>Georgetown University</b>	<b>Washington, DC</b>	<b>May 2003</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bachelor of Arts; English, Psychology</li></ul>		

**CONFERENCES/AWARDS**

<b>Paul Miller Fellowship</b>	<b>Washington, DC</b>	<b>Sept. 2015–May 2016</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Selected to participate in the National Press Foundation's 10-month fellowship on political reporting</li></ul>		
<b>Precision Medicine Fellowship</b>	<b>Rochester, Minn.</b>	<b>May 2015</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Selected to attend National Press Foundation's program on advances in genomics, biomarkers and epigenetics</li></ul>		
<b>International Women's Media Foundation</b>	<b>Washington, DC</b>	<b>July 2009–Feb. 2013</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Selected to attend IWMF Leadership Institute in Chicago; led quarterly phone conferences for journalists</li></ul>		
<b>CUNY Graduate School of Journalism</b>	<b>New York, NY</b>	<b>Dec. 2012</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Elected valedictorian by classmates</li></ul>		

**SKILLS**

**Software:** Wordpress, Photoshop, Reaper, Final Cut Pro; **Hardware:** Marantz PMD660, JVC HM100U, Canon 60D