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FREELANCE EXPERIENCE

Published by: *Scientific American Mind, The Week, The Independent on Sunday, Anesthesiology News, Salon and Narratively*

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

MedPage Today Washington Correspondent	Washington, DC	April 2016–Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Analyze Republican efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act and redesign Medicaid through text and videoTranslate FDA advisory meetings, Supreme Court decisions and changes in payment to a physician audienceAttend congressional hearings and medical meetings, (e.g. AMA, ACP, AAN) and dissect policy discussionsExplore advances in precision medicine and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome research		
MedPage Today & Misc. Freelance Reporter	Washington, DC	April 2014–April 2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Covered FDA panels, medical meetings, Ebola and Zika, for <i>MedPage Today, The Week, Anesthesiology News</i>		
U.S. News & World Report Health Reporter	Washington, DC	Nov. 2013–March 2014
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tracked the implementation of the Affordable Care Act; deconstructed scientific studies and surveys		
Voices of New York Intern	New York, NY	Feb. 2013–May 2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Reported on health and social issues; designed multimedia presentation for ethnic media awards program		
Dulcinea Media Senior Writer	New York, NY	Feb. 2008–May 2010
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Published weekly newsletter featuring teachers, librarians and schools around the worldWrote more than 200 educational Web-based stories focused on health, science and literature		

OTHER EMPLOYMENT

National Alliance for Hispanic Health Freelance Writer and Editor	Washington, DC	May 2014–Oct. 2014
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Interviewed and profiled more than 30 Hispanic scholarship students; copyedited health-related reports		
Regal Literary, Inc. First Serial Rights' Manager	New York, NY	Dec. 2006–Sept. 2007
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Critiqued authors' short stories and pitched their work to magazines; line-edited manuscripts		

EDUCATION

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

CONFERENCES/AWARDS

Paul Miller Fellowship	Washington, DC	Sept. 2015–May 2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Selected to participate in the National Press Foundation's 10-month fellowship on political reporting		
AHCJ/NLM Fellowship	Washington, DC	September 2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Selected to attend the Association of Health Care Journalists' fellowship at the National Institutes of Health		
Precision Medicine Fellowship	Rochester, Minn.	May 2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Selected to participate in the National Press Foundation's program on genomics, biomarkers and epigenetics		
CUNY Graduate School of Journalism	New York, NY	Dec. 2012
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Elected valedictorian by classmates		

SKILLS

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