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Writing & Editing

- 1994 - present Author & Freelance Writer/Editor. Author children's trade books and school titles for numerous publishers including Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, Sterling, Scholastic, and Chicago Review Press. Write educational materials and news articles for young people. Give educational presentations to schools and libraries.
- 1991-1993 Associate Editor, *SuperScience*, Scholastic, Inc., New York, New York. Duties included writing and editing science news and feature stories and planning issues. *SuperScience* is an classroom science magazine.
- Spring 1991 Intern, National Audubon Society, New York, New York. Wrote for the Audubon Activist and its companion teacher planner.

Awards & Honors

- ★ 2015 Ohioana Book Award Finalist for *PARK SCIENTISTS: Gila Monsters, Geysers, and Grizzly Bears in America's Own Backyard* (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2014)
- ★ Choose to Read Ohio 2015 & 2016 Title for *Beyond the Solar System* (Chicago Review Press, 2014)
- ★ American Library Association Notable Children's Book 2011 for *The Bat Scientists* (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2010)
- ★ American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics 2009 Children's Literature Award for *Exploring the Solar System* (Chicago Review Press, 2008)
- ★ Booklist's Top 10 Sci-Tech Books for Youth: 2008 for *Emi and the Rhino Scientist* (Houghton Mifflin, 2007)
- ★ Bank Street College's Best Children's Books of the Year: 2008 *Emi and the Rhino Scientist* (Houghton Mifflin, 2007)
- ★ Learning Magazine Teachers' Choice Award for *In the Deep* (Chelsea House, 2003)

Education

New York University, New York, NY. Attended NYU's graduate school fall 1990 semester of the Science and Environmental Reporting Program.

University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas. Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Biology (Systematics & Ecology emphasis), 1987.

Additional Experience

- 1993-1996 English as a Second/Foreign Language Teacher, Don Bosco Center, Kansas City, Missouri and Delta School, Astillero, Spain. Taught English to adults and children.
- Summer 1990 National Marine Fisheries Service Observer, Alaskan Observers, Seattle, Washington. Collected biological data and assessed commercial catch aboard a fishing vessel in the Gulf of Alaska.
- 1987-1989 U.S. Peace Corps Volunteer, La Peñita Arriba, Dominican Republic. Served as a fisheries advisor and assisted the women's club in executing an income-generation project.
- 1984-1986 Lab and Research Assistant, Cell Biology Dept., University of Kansas. Conducted published research (Pigment Cell Research, 1987) funded by a research award.