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- 1994 - present Author & Freelance Writer/Editor. Author children's trade books and school titles for numerous publishers including Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, Sterling, HarperCollins, Enslow, 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.
- 1990-1991 Researcher, New York, New York. Conducted research for author Jon Naar's book, *This Land is Your Land* (HarperCollins, 1992).

## Awards & Honors

- ★ American Library Association Notable Children's Book 2011 for *The Bat Scientists* (Houghton Mifflin, 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 & Bank Street College's Best Children's Books of the Year: 2008 for *Emi and the Rhino Scientist* (Houghton Mifflin, 2007)
- ★ Learning Magazine Teachers' Choice Award for *In the Deep* (Chelsea House, 2003)

## 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 local women's club with 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.

## Education

- New York University, New York, NY. Attended NYU's graduate school fall 1990 semester of the Science and Environmental Reporting Program (SERP).
- University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas. Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Biology (Systematics & Ecology emphasis), 1987.