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WORK EXPERIENCE

Staff writer, *The Tribune*; San Luis Obispo, CA; 5/04 - present

Beats at this 40k-circulation Knight Ridder daily include social issues, health, government and GA. Traveled to Nicaragua to photograph/write a series on charity work; won awards in explanatory journalism and business writing in state and national contests.

Staff writer and photographer, *The South Coast Beacon*; Santa Barbara, CA; 2/03-5/04

Beats: GA, health, science. Helped the paper win first place in general excellence – in its first year – in the 2003 CNPA contest. We competed against the biggest weeklies in California.

Freelance writer, photographer & editor; 2000-present

Science, adventure and travel writing & photography. Clients include *The Boston Globe*, *Backpacker*, *Natural History*, *E*, *Climbing*, *Scuba Diving*, *Practical Horseman*, encyclopedias and more.

Science writer, National Marine Sanctuary System; Scituate, MA; 5/02 – 9/02

Wrote & edited material for education and outreach for the Stellwagen Bank NMS.

Writing tutor, editor and teaching assistant, Boston University; Boston, MA; 9/01 – 12/02

Writing tutor/editor for graduate, undergraduate and ESL journalism students; teaching assistant for graduate-level broadcast science journalism course.

Other experience, 2000-2002

I've taught biology at the New England Aquarium & Santa Barbara Zoo; taught SCUBA and biology on a boat in the Caribbean; managed a dive shop in Thailand; taught rock climbing; been an EMT; and worked as a field tech at a New Zealand marine lab.

HONORS

2006 – Top award, business journalism, 2005 CNPA contest (California-wide, 25k-75k)

2005 – Third place, explanatory journalism, 2005 Inland Press Association national contest (25k-75k)

2005 – Poynter Institute Computer Assisted Health Reporting Fellowship recipient

2005 – California Endowment Health Journalism fellowship recipient

2004 – Finalist, Writing, 2003 CNPA contest. Judged against California's biggest weeklies

2004 – Second place, Public Service, 2003 CNPA contest. Wrote most of a health care access series

2004 – Funded for and invited to the Berlin International Film Festival's Talent Campus

2002 – Casey Journalism Center Fellowship, NYC Childhood Stress Conference

2002 – Santa Barbara Foundation Scholar in Science Journalism

2002, 2001 – Knight Scholar in Science Journalism

1999 – Stabler Scholar for Marine Studies

EDUCATION

Boston University; Knight Center for Science & Medical Journalism, Boston, MA

M.S., Journalism with a concentration in science and health, 2002

Colorado College; Colorado Springs, CO

B.A., Environmental Science & English, 1999

AFFILIATIONS & MISC.

Professional Association of Health Care Journalists, National Association of Science Writers, Professional Photographers of America

Diving PADI Open Water Scuba Instructor, AAUS Scientific Diver, NAUI Nitrox Diver

Medical Emergency Medical Technician (EMT); DAN Oxygen Administration

Climbing 1999 American Alpine Club Mountaineering Fellowship Recipient, 1999 REI Challenge Fund Recipient, 1999 Ritt Kellogg Memorial Fund Recipient

Travel I traveled solo around the world for the year 2000, exploring, rock climbing and teaching diving & marine science.