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*I am a freelance journalist with a dozen years of experience reporting on health, science and technology, for public radio, print and on-line outlets. I've lived and worked in Argentina, Alaska, California and Massachusetts.*

## **SELECTED NATIONAL STORIES**

Boston Globe	April 22, 2009	"The Lady K: Café by Day, Tavern by Night"
New York Times	March 15, 2009	"Offering the Best Price for Learning Supplies: Free"
NPR's Day to Day	July 22, 2008	"A Lucrative Niche in Disabled Pets"
Alternative Medicine	April 2007	"Rx: Massage Away Your Child's Ear Infections"
New York Times	Nov. 5, 2006	"Semester Away"

## **CONTRIBUTOR**

2007-present:	<a href="http://www.Wi-FiPlanet.com">www.Wi-FiPlanet.com</a>
2007-2009:	<a href="http://www.PDAStreet.com">www.PDAStreet.com</a>
2004-2007:	Daily Hampshire Gazette's Hampshire Life and Pioneer Valley Health magazines
2000-2003:	The Weather Notebook

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2003-present: freelance writer and producer, western Massachusetts

- Work has appeared in *Alternative Medicine*, *BioScience*, *Boston Globe*, *Daily Hampshire Gazette*, *Discover*, *New York Times*, *Wellesley*. Stories have aired on public radio outlets including NPR's All Things Considered, Day to Day, Justice Talking, Living on Earth, Morning Edition, Only A Game and Weekend Edition Saturday and Sunday. Internet pieces are posted on [www.Wi-FiPlanet.com](http://www.Wi-FiPlanet.com), [www.PDAStreet.com](http://www.PDAStreet.com) and <http://distillations.chemheritage.org/>.

2003-2006: reporter/host/producer, WFCR, Amherst, MA

- Reported and produced feature and spot stories, hosted Weekend Edition Saturday and wrote local newscasts, filled-in as All Things Considered host, production assistant.

2005: producer/trainer, Youth Speak Youth Radio Project, Springfield, MA

- Trained four young men in basic radio and produced diary stories about their transitions from lock-up toward family life. Worked in cooperation with the non-profit Gandara Center.

1998-2003: freelance writer and producer, Fairbanks Alaska

- Writing appeared in *Alaska Business Monthly*, *Fairbanks Daily News-Miner*, *Newsweek*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Weatherwise*. Radio stories aired on KUAC, Alaska Public Radio Network, Marketplace, NPR's Morning Edition and Living On Earth.

2002: independent producer, Fairbanks, Alaska

- Recorded and produced bilingual public service announcements about children's health insurance in 12 Alaska Native languages.
- Produced CD, "Celia's Alaska: Pioneer Stories of Denali," a selection of my interviews with longtime Alaskan Celia Hunter.

1999-2003: host/producer KUAC, Fairbanks, Alaska

- Hosted and produced 30 minute weekly call-in health show, Evening Rounds.

1996-1998: freelance reporter, photographer, producer and intern, Berkeley, Sonoma and Sacramento, CA

- Volunteer reporter at KPFA, daily news/photo intern at The Union Democrat, and freelance contributor to KXJZ. Print work appeared in East Bay Monthly, East Bay Business Journal and San Francisco Examiner.

## **EDUCATION**

### **Graduate School of Journalism, University of California, Berkeley**

- Masters in Journalism, 1998.
- Radio documentary thesis: "Modern Drugs or Ancient Remedies"
- Reader's Digest Excellence in Journalism Scholarship

### **Wellesley College, Wellesley, Massachusetts**

- BA in Latin American studies with minor in Anthropology, *cum laude*, 1994.
- Honors thesis: "Cuba's Women, Women's Cuba: Gender, Revolution and Reality"
- Hewlett grant for travel and research in Cuba.
- Intern, Microsoft Corp., Redmond, WA, 1993.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

2005-2008: Visiting lecturer, continuing education, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

- Taught journalism courses: Radio News Production (with lab) and War Reporting (on-line).

2004: Summer program faculty, Academic Study Associates, Amherst, MA

- Taught Radio Broadcasting to high school students.

1999-2003: Instructor, department of journalism. University of Alaska Fairbanks

- Taught Radio Production (with lab), Radio and TV News Writing, Journalism and Ethics in the Far North and Journalism in Perspective.

1997: Graduate student instructor, mass communications program, University of California, Berkeley

- Led two sections of Introduction to Mass Media.

## **SELECTED AWARDS, HONORS AND CONFERENCES**

2008 Radio Without Boundaries

2007 Third Coast International Audio Festival

2006 Covering the Next Big Health Crisis

2005 Massachusetts/Rhode Island Associated Press feature reporting award, "Pay Phones"

2004 Nieman Conference on Narrative Journalism

2003 Alaska Public Health Association Community Service Award in Health

2002 Alaska Press Club, First Place, "Evening Rounds"

2001 Association of Independents in Radio Producers Summit

2001 Alaska Broadcasters Association, Goldie, "Evening Rounds"

2000 Alaska Press Club, First Place, "Evening Rounds"

1999 Alaska Press Club, First Place, "Israel"

1998 SPJ Mark of Excellence Award, Second Place, "Modern Drugs or Ancient Remedies"

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

**American Association of University Women** life member

**Association of Independents in Radio**, Board of Directors, secretary

**National Association of Science Writers**

**Society of Professional Journalists**