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Summary

I am a science journalist and science editor with a Master's degree in Science, Health and Environmental Reporting from NYU and a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and English Literature from Swarthmore College. I'm currently a freelance science reporter and editor, working primarily for *MedPage Today*, *General Surgery News*, and Medscape. I have been a producer at the health care podcast, *Tradeoffs*, and a reporter for *Retraction Watch*, a blog that covers retractions and other issues in science publishing. I have also written articles and edited news and features for *Scientific American MIND*, *Reuters Health*, *Science Magazine*, and *The Scientist*.

Current Position

MedPage Today Aug. 2015 – Present
I assign and edit dermatology and infectious disease articles for *MedPage Today*.

Freelance Writer Aug. 2012 – Present
I write for *General Surgery News* and Medscape (<http://victoria-stern.com/>).

Education

New York University Sept. 2007 – Dec. 2008
I graduated with a Master's from NYU's Science, Health and Environmental Reporting Program

Swarthmore College Sept. 2001 – May 2005
I graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry and minor in English Literature

Previous Experience

Producer Oct. 2019 – Nov. 2020
Tradeoffs (Podcast)
I reported, wrote, and produced more than a dozen episodes for the first season of the podcast, which explores the complexities of health care and health policy.

Reporter Feb. 2017 – May 2018
Retraction Watch (Web)
I reported on retractions, misconduct, and other issues in science and medical publishing.

Editor June 2017 – June 2018
Ask the Experts, Scientific American (Web)
I commissioned and edited the Ask the Experts column for *sciam.com*.

Contributing Editor Jan. 2009 – Mar. 2017
Scientific American MIND (Web/ Print)
I edited and wrote for various sections of *MIND*: Ask the Brains, Head Lines, and Reviews. I received pitches from journalists, commissioned and edited features, reviews and the Ask the Brains column.

Associate Editor Aug. 2010 – Aug. 2012
McMahon Medical Publishing (Web/Print)
I edited and wrote news, features, and monthly columns for *General Surgery News*, *Pain Medicine News* and *Gastroenterology & Endoscopy News*, pitched and assigned stories to freelancers and physicians, and proofed issues.

Editorial Intern Aug. 2009 – Jan. 2010
The Scientist Magazine (Web/Print)
I published dozens of pieces for all sections of the magazine and website. I also posted news to the web and proofed pages.

References

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General Surgery News
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Medscape from
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Projects/ Awards

Swarthmore College
David Baltimore
Scholarship
2004 and 2005

Previous Experience (cont.)

Editorial Intern

Sept. 2008 – Dec. 2008

Psychology Today (Print)

I wrote news stories for the magazine, and fact-checked features and news.

Editorial Intern

June 2008 – Aug. 2008

Scientific American Mind (Print)

I wrote news stories and book reviews for the magazine and website,
edited the Ask the Brains column, and fact-checked features and news stories.