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*Interesting and informative science communication.*

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**Objective:** Help clients reach their target audience with science writing that is clear and informative.

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## SKILLS

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| <b>Writing and editing</b>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 15 years of experience writing about scientific topics for a variety of clients and target audiences</li></ul>   |
| <b>Magazine</b>                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Editorial calendar development, managing writers and editors, work flow, production, marketing</li><li>• Working with photographers, graphic designers, printers</li></ul> |
| <b>PR &amp; Strategic Communications</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Scientific case studies and application notes</li><li>• Electronic newsletters</li><li>• E-mail &amp; direct-mail marketing</li></ul>                                      |
| <b>Web skills</b>                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• WordPress, Joomla, basic html</li><li>• Social media &amp; web content</li></ul>   |
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## EXPERIENCE

**Freelance Science Writer**, Chapel Hill, NC 2009-Present

- Create a variety of articles, press releases, fact sheets, and social media posts for scientific and lay audiences.
- Topics have included environmental science, chemistry, microscopy, plastics, nursing, marine biology, solar technology, photonics and epigenetics.
- Serving clients that include universities, non-profits, scientific equipment companies, chemical companies and scientific publishers

**MDB, Inc.**, Durham, NC 2011-Present  
Science Writer/Editor (part-time)

- Plan, write and edit products for MDB's federal clients, which include the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the National Institutes of Health and the General Services Administration.
- Summarize high-impact journal papers for the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) Papers of the Month feature and write Stories of Success about NIEHS-funded research.
- Act as an internal reviewer and copyeditor for work written by other MDB staff members.

**UNC School of Nursing**, Chapel Hill, NC  
Associate Director of Communications

2010-2011

- Led public relations and communications for the nationally ranked UNC Chapel Hill School of Nursing.
- Planned and wrote articles for the research and alumni magazine
- Authored content for the school's web site and fact sheets.
- Wrote press releases that were covered by local and national media outlets.
- Handled strategic communications tied to tuition increases and suspension of programs because of budget cuts.

**Laurin Publishing**, Pittsfield, MA

2000-2008

Editor-in-Chief of *Biophotonics International* (2006-2008)

Managing Editor of *Photonics Spectra* and *Europhotonics* magazines (2006-2008)

- Edited technical articles written by staff writers, researchers and engineers for trade magazines serving the photonics industry.
- Ensured that copy was accurate and clean, and also edited articles to make them informative and easy to read for our readers, which came from a variety of scientific fields and industries.
- Performed detailed final checks on all magazine pages before going to press and ensured that all publications met deadlines by guiding editorial priorities while juggling my own writing and editing assignments.
- Traveled in the U.S. and internationally to conferences, trade shows, universities, and companies to establish contacts in the photonics industry.

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## HONORS AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Contributed the cover story for the *Coastwatch* magazine issue that won a 2010 Award of Excellence (APEX award) in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Awards for Publication Excellence competition.
- Received a \$2450 Career Development Grant from the National Association of Science Writers in 2009.
- Invited to speak at Winthrop University's 2008 Undergraduate Scholar's Reception.
- Member of the National Association for Science Writers and Science Communicators of North Carolina.

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## EDUCATION

- **B.S. in Biology and B.S. in Science Communication**  
Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC, 2000
- **Multimedia Bootcamp**  
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC, 2010
- **Coursework in Web Development and Grant Writing**  
Durham Technical Community College, Durham, NC, 2009