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Academic Appointments

University of Delaware

Associate Professor (without tenure) 2017-

Assistant Professor 2007-2013

Director of Journalism 2009-2013, 2015-2017, 2019-2022

Director of Journalism Internship Program 2007-2022

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Fall 2020, 2021

Seminar: Data Analysis

Graduate Program in Science Writing

University of Kansas

Visiting Professor 2013-2015

Education

M.A. University of Missouri School of Journalism, Columbia, MO.

June 2000

Thesis: "Hazardous Materials: Traveling Disaster: A database analysis of national hazardous materials accidents and city hazmat evacuation plans."

B.A. University of Wisconsin-Madison

Major: Journalism

Professional Journalism Experience

- Nominated and served, Pulitzer Jury (2022)
- Freelancer, The Washington Post. (2017-present)
- Freelancer, National Public Radio. (2019-present)
- Freelancer, PBS. (2021-present)
- Freelancer, Neurology Today. (2007-present)
- Freelancer, The Wall Street Journal. (2009-2015)
- Data Consultant, “Wilhemina’s War,” PBS Frontline. (2016)
- Staff Reporter, Medical Desk, The Philadelphia Inquirer, (2002-2007)
- Staff Reporter, Spotlight Team, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, (2000-2002)
- Co-director, National Institute of Computer-Assisted Reporting, Columbia, Mo. (1999-2000)
- Reporter, The Associated Press, Philadelphia, Omaha, Neb, Baltimore. (1994-1998)

Grants and Fellowships

External Grants

National Science Foundation: Engineering Division

August 2021-2026

Funded: \$999,984

Co-Primary Investigator: “Characterizing the Global Illicit Trade in Energy-Critical Materials using Machine Learning, Remote Sensing, and Qualitative Research.”

National Institute of Healthcare Management

January 2020-June 2020

Funded: \$10,000.

Producer: 10,000 Followers and No Friends: Collaboration with National Public Radio to produce online and on-air stories focusing on the physical and mental ramifications of social isolation.

Internal Grants

University of Delaware Innovation Grant: Words For Nerds

Funded 2019: \$30,000. Renewed 2021, 2022

Six-week competitive graduate seminar focused on translating research to multimedia, social media and through the mainstream media. Co-director with Dr. Joshua Zide, Materials Science and Engineering.

University of Delaware: Interdisciplinary Humanities Grant

Jan. 2021

Funded \$5,000

Funds to develop an advanced class focused on healthcare disparities. Collaboration with faculty

from political science, nursing and women's studies. "Crafting Healthcare" taught Fall 2021

University of Delaware: General University Grant Jan. 2017
Funded \$15,000
Funds to research loneliness programs in Australia, particularly those aimed at senior communities.

University of Delaware: General University Grant June 2012
Funded \$10,000
Funds to develop a multimedia collaboration with *The Philadelphia Inquirer* focusing on environmental issues at the shore.

University of Maryland Journalism Center for Children & Families. June 2012
Declined

Academic Fellowships

Salzburg Fellowship, Vienna, Austria. June 2013

Nieman Foundation for Journalism, Harvard University. June 2011
Social media fellowship, Nieman Reports

Dart Fellowship in Trauma Journalism, Columbia University. June 2010

The Wall Street Journal, New York City. 2009
Summer academic fellowship, multimedia desk.

Teaching Experience

Courses Taught, University of Delaware

Journalism minor:

- JOUR301 – Introduction to Journalism
- ENGL307 – Beginning Journalism Skills
- ENGL308 - Reporter's Practicum
- ENGL309 - Feature Writing
- ENGL367 – Social Media and Journalism

Curricular Development, University of Delaware

Journalism program director overseeing 250 minors, three full-time professors and rotating adjuncts. Created journalism internship program and endowed internships at Delaware News Journal and The Philadelphia Inquirer. Designed and developed five new courses and collaborated with 22 departments to develop a STEM Narrative minor.

Newly Developed Courses

- ENGL409 - Public Health in the Media
- ENGL409 - Critical Writing
- ENGL409 - Food Writing
- ENGL409 – Medical Writing
- JOUR464 – Internship

Publications

Journal Publications: These stories reviewed by editors and medical experts before publication.

Oncology Live

- “[Cracking the Cancer Code: Quiet and Chaos](#)” (2021)
- “[Practicing Outside the Pharma Box in Breast Cancer](#)” (2020)
- “[The Hamilton of Medicine](#)” (2020)

Neurology Today (selected from more than 120 publications since 2007)

2022-

- “[When Parents And Children Don’t Agree About Treatment.](#)”
- “[Options for Sleep Disorders: When The Tried and True Doesn’t Work.](#)”
- “[Comorbid Sleep Apnea and Sleep Apnea May Impact Covid Outcomes.](#)”

2021

- “[Disparities That Remain In Stroke Therapy Access.](#)”
- “[Wearable Flexible Doppler Ultrasound May Allow For Blood Flow Monitoring.](#)”
- “[Advances in Epilepsy Treatment: Where the Challenges Remain.](#)”
- “[Then and Now: 20 Years Later, What Has Changed in MS.](#)”
- “[White Matter Disruption Persists Months After Brain Injury.](#)”
- “[Higher HbA1c/ Acute Hyperglycemia on Stroke Admission Up Risk of Vascular Events.](#)”
- “[Stents and Carotid Artery Surgery Have Similar Protective Effects for Long-term Stroke](#)”
- “[Meta-Analysis Challenges Suicidality Warning Linked To 5 Antiseizure Medications.](#)”
- “[Mobile Stroke Units Yield Earlier Treatment, Better Outcomes.](#)”
- “[Increased Risk of Cervical Spine Disorders in Severe Forms of Tourette Syndrome.](#)”
- “[Atogepant Found Effective for Preventing Migraine in 12-Week Trial.](#)”
- “[Metabolic Syndrome Associated with Stroke Recurrence and All-Cause Mortality.](#)”
- “[Neurologists Say Their Patients Mostly Want the COVID-19 Vaccine.](#)”

2020

- “[Recruiting Residents During COVID.](#)”
- “[Change In USMLE Step 1.](#)”
- “[This COVID-19 Life: Homeschooling and Telemedicine](#)”

[“This COVID-19 Life: Perfecting the Art of the Workaround.”](#)
[“Who Consents to Organ Donation After Brain Death.”](#)
[“Different Communities, Different Subspecialties Aim to Diversify Neurology.”](#)
[“Have You Heard of the Neurologist Behind Louis-Bar Syndrome?: You Will.”](#)

2019

[“Aerobic Exercise Improves Executive Function in Adults Aged 20-67.”](#)
[“The American Stroke Association Sets Standards of Stroke Care.”](#)
[“For Residency Training, ‘The Times They Are a Changing.’”](#)
[“He Didn't Just Visit Honduras. This Chicago Neurologist Opened a Clinic There.”](#)
[“In MS, Progression of Disease Activity Is Often ‘Silent,’ 10-Year Study Finds.”](#)
[“Neurology Editors Identify the Red Flags of Predatory Publishing.”](#)
[“Neurology Research Runs Through Three Generations of Women.”](#)

2018

[“NAS Report: Clinical Trial Results Should Be Shared with Study Participants — Why Not All Bioethicists Agree.”](#)
[“Alzheimer's Disease: 5 or More Pregnancies Are Linked to Greater Risk of AD.”](#)
[“Optic Neuritis: Study Stirs Debate: IV or Oral Corticosteroids for Optic Neuritis?”](#)
[“Medical Marijuana Offers Mild Relief for Multiple Sclerosis Symptoms and Is Safe.”](#)
[“Pfizer Ends Funding to Alzheimer's and Parkinson's Research.”](#)
[“Is the ‘Right to Try’ Legislation the Right Direction for Neurology Patients?”](#)
[“Professionalism: Tackling Diversity in Neurology.”](#)
[“Stenting for Carotid Stenosis Has Greater Risk for Stroke or Death on Day of Procedure: Similar Results with Carotid Endarterectomy Thereafter.”](#)

2017:

[“Burnout Starts as Early as Neurology Residency, New Survey Finds.”](#)
[“Crowdsourcing the Next Big Neurology Study.”](#)
[“Drug Use and Unique MRI Pattern Associated with Amnesic Syndrome.”](#)
[“In Soccer, Rapid Head Movement, Not Just Heading, Is Implicated in Concussion, Study Finds.”](#)
[“Transgender Medicine: When Transgender Medicine Meets Neurology.”](#)
[“Idiopathic Normal Pressure Hydrocephalus: Should Shunting for iNPH Be Stopped.”](#)
[“Nearly 10 Percent of Strokes Are Misdiagnosed Initially in the Emergency Department.”](#)

Health Affairs 2014

[“For Big Data, Big Questions Remain”](#)

Journalism Publications

Selected articles listed out of several hundred published since 2007

The Washington Post (2017 -present)

[Finding Professor Bugman](#), (2022)

[The Smell of Snow](#) (2022)

[Is Weight Needed At the Doctor's Office:](#) (2022)

[Cats Take Blender Hostage.](#) (2022)

Q and A: [Dr. Raven Baxter](#) (2021)

Q and A: [Aubrey Gordon:](#) (2021)

Q and A: [Writers On The Pandemic:](#) Judy Blume, Wally Lamb. (2020)

Q and A: [Allie Brosh](#) (2020)

[Surgeon General](#) Dr. Vivek Murthy (2020)

[Australia's Answer to Lonely Men](#) (2018)

[Loneliness on Twitter](#) (2018)

[Stupid Ways We Hurt Ourselves](#) (2017)

National Public Radio (online and radio) (2020 -present)

["The Science Behind the Scent of Fall."](#) (2021)

["Senior Falls Rise During Pandemic."](#) (2021)

["Coronavirus Expands Telehealth Potential."](#) (2020)

["Coronavirus Strains Some Friendships, Empowers Others."](#) (2020)

["Carillon Classes Ring Students' Bells."](#) (2014)

PBS: Next Avenue (2021-present)

Q and A: [Steven Johnson](#) (2021)

["NIH study: Dog Aging Project"](#) (2021)

["Pandemic and Mobility."](#) (2021)

Science News (2020-present)

["How Antibody Tests Work."](#) (2020)

["BMI A Risk Factor For COVID."](#) (2020)

Nieman Storyboard (2020-present)

["The Power of Narrative: Non-fiction narrative in challenging times."](#) (2021)

The Wall Street Journal (2009-2012)

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["Treating Epileptic Seizures By the Clock."](#) (2012)

["New Hospital Cuisine: Food Made to Order."](#) (2012)

["Young Scientists Take Aim."](#) (2011)

["The Baby Might Be Giving You Mommy Thumb."](#) (2010)

["Recession Victims Take Cooking Classes to Save Money."](#) (2009)

["Childhood Cancer Survivors Face New Threats as Adults."](#) (2009)

["Updating Job Skills In A Recession."](#) August 2009

The Wall Street Journal, Culture Desk (2009-2015)

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Selections from more than 200 articles.

Selected Interviews with:

[Brian Boitano](#) (Olympic ice skater)

[Tim Gunn](#) (Project Runway)

[Kyle Chandler](#) (Friday Night Lights)

[Gail Simmons](#) (Top Chef)

Olympics:

Live blogged both the [London](#) 2012 and the [Sochi](#) 2014 Olympics

Television Live Blogs -

From 2011-2015 I live-blogged more than a dozen shows, including: "[The Good Wife](#)," "[Project Runway](#)," "[Friday Night Lights](#)," "[Jersey Shore](#)," "[Top Chef](#)," "[So You Think You Can Dance](#)," "[The Following](#)," "[Gossip Girl](#)," "[Nashville](#)," and [others](#)

Here is an example of a full season: The Good Wife: Season 5

[Season 5: Ep 1](#), [Ep 2](#), [Ep 3](#), [Ep 4](#), [Ep5](#), [Ep 6](#), [Ep 7](#), [Ep 8](#), [Ep 9](#), [Ep 10](#), [Ep 11](#), [Ep 12](#), [Ep 13](#), [Ep 14](#), [Ep 15](#), [Ep 16](#), [Ep 17](#), [Ep 18](#), [Ep 19](#), [Ep 20](#), [Ep 21](#), [Ep 22](#)

Other selected articles:

["World Series BBQ Championship"](#) (2013)

["Beyonce Returns To The Stage"](#) (2012)

["Bruce Springsteen In A Museum"](#) (2012)

["Iron Chef Hits the Road/ Jose Garces"](#) (2011)

["Iron Chef: Battle White House"](#) (2011)

["U2 On Tour: Part 1"](#) (2011)

["Life of a 'Puppy Bowl' Referee"](#) (2010)

["Wordstock 2010"](#) (2010)

["Chocolate Fangs"](#) (2010)

["Fancy Food Show: Sea Salt and Caramel"](#) (2009)

The Philadelphia Inquirer – (2007-present) Medical and Feature writer.

["Comic-Con 2019: Tom Holland."](#) (2019)

["Spider-Man and Me."](#) (2019)

["Penn mental-health clinic aids struggling vets and families."](#) (2017)

["Growing Up Bono."](#) (2017)

Author series: 2015-2017

Philadelphia Inquirer selected interviews with:

[Ta-Nehisi Coates](#)

[Margaret Atwood](#)

[Erik Larson](#)

[Hanya Yanagihara](#)
[Louise Erdrich](#)
[Carmen Maria Machado](#)
[Ann Patchett](#)

The Philadelphia Inquirer – Multimedia Fellow, Summer 2015
[Multimedia series](#) on environmental issue at the Jersey and Delaware shore.

Philadelphia Magazine –
“[Q&A: Judy Collins.](#)” (2017)
“[Not a Single Penn Employee Donated To Trump.](#)” (2016)

Sierra Club
“[Love Crab:](#) The yearly citizen science crab orgy is upon us.” (2017)

Poynter Institute
“[Indemnity Clauses Leave Freelancers Open to Lawsuits,](#)” co-author. (2015)
“[Emergence of Food Writing Beyond Restaurant Reviews.](#)” (2011)

Al-Jazeera America – (2013-2015)
“[The Return of Cattle Rustling.](#)” (2015)
“[Minorities and Women Take On The Farm.](#)” (2014)
“[True/False Film Festival: An Alternative to Sunday.](#)” (2014)
“[Okra-home: “Midwest Farmers Embracing Okra.”](#) (2013)

The New Republic –
“[Pharmaceuticals Through the Tap,](#)” April 2014

Panels and Professional Presentations

- University of Delaware, Chemistry-Biology Interface, “Putting Your Research In the Public Eye.” April 2022
- University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Clinical Scholars Program. “Medicine in the Media: Writing Op-Eds.” March 2022
- University of Pennsylvania, School of Nursing. “Medicine in the Media.” Nov. 2021
- Society for Black Neurologists. “Increasing Diversity in Media Sources.” Oct. 2021
- MD-DC Press Association Panel. “What To Expect From An Internship.” Oct. 2021
- Nemours-Alfred I. DuPont Hospital. “Words For Nerds: Translating Medical Research Into Accessible Language.” Nov. 2020
- University of Delaware, Computational Social Science Panel, “How The Media Uses Data To Tell Stories.” Oct. 2020

- Center for Integrative and Translational Physiology, California State University, “Words For Nerds: Translating Medical Research Into Accessible Language.” Sept. 2020
- Thomas Jefferson School of Medicine, “Interviewing Basics.” August 2020
- Nemours-Alfred I. DuPont Hospital, Words For Nerds: Translating Medical Research Into Accessible Language.” July 2020
- Association of Health Care Journalists: Webinar Panel: Healthcare Disparities, May 2020
- Association of Health Care Journalists, National Conference, Austin 2020 (canceled)
- South by Southwest, full conference, “Generation Lonely: 10,000 Followers and No Friends.” [Presentation](#) March 2019
- The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, “Generation Z = Generation Lonely.” October 2017
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Science Writing Program, “Using Data To Tell Stories.” October 2017
- National Gay and Lesbian Journalist Association, “Moving From Newsroom to Classroom.” Philadelphia, July 2017
- Association of Journalists and Authors, “Pitching Medical Stories,” National Conference, NYC, April 2017
- Organizer, Journalism and Women Symposium Conference, October 2016
- Investigative Reporters and Editors, National Conference, “Moving from Newsroom to Classroom.” Philadelphia, 2015
- Association of Health Care Journalists, National Conference, “Using Data In Medical Stories.” Denver, April 2014
- Association of Journalists and Authors, National Conference, “Contract Negotiations.” NYC, April 2013
- Salem Community College, “Reporting on Trauma.” October 2010.
- Lilly-East Conference on College and University Teaching. February 2009
- Investigative Reporters and Editors, National Conference, Baltimore, 2009.
- National Council for Science and the Environment. Washington D.C., 2007.

Service

Service within University of Delaware:

- Executive Committee, 2016-2018, 2020-present
- Journalism Internship Coordinator, 2007-present
- Associate Faculty, Data Science Institute, 2016-present
- Keynote speaker, Graduate Student Welcome. September 2021
- Seminar Speaker, Geography Department, Fall 2021
- Panelist, “Picture A Scientist,” Graduate discussion with provost, March 2021
- Speaker, Global Studies Lecture Series. November 2020
- Panelist. Virtual Computational Social Science Symposium, Oct. 2020
- Moderator, Q and A with Charles Bergquist, director of Science Friday, May 2020

Service to the Profession:

- MD-DC-DE Award Judge, 2020-present
- American Jewish Press Association Rockower Award Judge, 2016-present
- Panelist, MD-DC-DE Internship Seminar, October 2021
- Iowa Better Newspaper Contest, 2020
- Delaware Press Association Awards, Judge, 2012, 2015, 2018
- Board of Directors, DART Society, Center for Journalism and Trauma, 2012-2014)

Service within the Community:

- Hospice volunteer training – University of Pennsylvania 2018

Media Interviews

- Lab Out Loud Podcast – Combatting Loneliness – April 2020
- USA Today – Loneliness and Generation “Z.” March 2019
- Kaiser Health News – Generation Lonely. March 2019
- Poynter - “Next Steps.” September 2017

Professional Affiliations

- Investigative Reporters and Editors
- Association of Health Care Journalists
- National Association of Science Writers
- National Communication Association

Skills

- SQL
- Access
- Intermediate French
- Twitter/FB/Instagram

Personal

- Member Geek Girls Philadelphia
- Certified Yoga Dance teacher (2010)
- Lived in 14 cities, including London, Omaha, Neb., St. Louis and Berkeley, Calif.