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EMPLOYMENT:

Knight Professor of Health & Medical Journalism, Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Georgia, Athens, GA (July 2005 – present)

Freelance writer and science communications consultant, Harvard Medical School and Harvard University, Boston and Cambridge, MA (1997-2005)

Contributing Editor, *Harvard Magazine*, Cambridge, MA (2004-2006)

Visiting Scholar, Knight Center for Science and Medical Journalism, Boston University, Boston, MA (September 2002 – August 2003)

Editor, *Harvard Health Letter*, Harvard Medical School (1991-1997)

Bureau Chief, *Medical World News*, Atlanta, GA and Boston, MA (1985-1991)

Freelance health and medical writer, Atlanta, GA (1983-1985)

Editor and Group Editor, American Health Consultants, Atlanta, GA (1982-1983)

Editor, *Chow Times*, Georgia Department of Human Resources Office of Nutrition, Atlanta, GA (1982-1983)

Editor, *People First*, Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities, Atlanta, GA (1980-1982)

Freelance writer and editor, Atlanta, GA (1976-1980)

Administrative Assistant, Georgia State University Department of Physical Therapy (1975-1976)

Admissions Assistant, Stanford University School of Medicine (1973-1975)

Freelance writer and editor, San Francisco, CA (1970-1973)

EDUCATION:

Stanford University, M.A. in Communication (1970) Thesis: "Popular Magazine Coverage of Rock Music, 1954-1969."

University of California at Berkeley, B.A. in English with honors (1969) Honors thesis: "Ritual in the Works of Flannery O'Connor, Carson McCullers and Eudora Welty."

PUBLICATIONS:

Books:

Patricia Thomas, *Big Shot: Passion, Politics, and the Struggle for an AIDS Vaccine*. New York: PublicAffairs, September 2001. (515 pages)

Book Chapters:

Patricia Thomas, "From Saviors to Suspects: New Threats to Infectious Disease Research" in *The War on Our Freedoms: Civil Liberties in an Age of Terrorism*. A Century Foundation Book edited by Richard C. Leone and Greg Anrig, Jr. New York: PublicAffairs, June 2003. (pp. 193-219)

Patricia Thomas, "Healthy Skepticism," in *World Book Health & Medical Annual 1992*. Chicago: World Book, Inc, 1991. (pp. 54-67)

Patricia Thomas, "Is Caffeine Bad for you?" *World Book Health & Medical Annual 1991*. Chicago: World Book, Inc, 1990. (pp. 10-32)

Patricia Thomas, "When a Kiss Can Make You Sick," *World Book Health & Medical Annual 1990*. Chicago: World Book, Inc, 1989. (pp. 126-139)

Patricia Thomas, "Katy's Blues," *Readings in Social Problems 78/79*. Guilford, CT: Dushkin Publishing Group, Inc., 1978. (pages 185-189) Reprinted from *Human Behavior*, October 1977 (pp.46-53)

Monographs and Reports:

Patricia Thomas, *Proceedings for 2nd – 12th Annual Symposia of the Giovanni Armenise-Harvard Foundation for Advanced Scientific Research, 1998-2008*. Published online at <http://www.hms.harvard.edu/armenise/symposia/symposia.html>

Patricia Thomas, *The Anthrax Attacks*, A Century Foundation Report for the Homeland Security Project Working Group on the Public's Need to Know. New York: The Century Foundation, 2003. (43 pages)

Patricia Thomas, *Movies into Medicine*, Harvard Medical School Center for Molecular and Cellular Dynamics, 2003. (9 pp)

Chris Collins, Gloria Parkinson and Patricia Thomas, *Five Years and Counting*. Washington: AIDS Vaccine Advocacy Coalition, 2002. (41 pages)

Sam Averett, Patricia Thomas and Bill Snow, *Eight Years and Counting*. Washington: AIDS Vaccine Advocacy Coalition, 1999. (32 pages)

Patricia Thomas, *Workshop on Cellular and Humoral Immunity, Report on Proceedings*. Washington: Henry M. Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine, 1998. (12 pages)

Patricia Thomas, *Why Establish a Private Foundation?* Southeastern Council of Foundations, 1980 (26 pages)

Patricia Thomas, *A New Outlook*. Atlanta: Georgia Lion's Eye Bank at Emory University, 1980 (20 pages)

Patricia Thomas, *High Blood Pressure Review*. Atlanta: Pritchett & Hull Associates, Inc., 1979 (44 pages)

Professional Journals:

Patricia Thomas, "Project helps student reporters bring health issues to life in remote corner of Georgia. Association of Health Care Journalists. October 10, 2016. Published online at http://healthjournalism.org/resources-articles-details.php?id=370#.WJtw0hQT_Hg

Patricia Thomas, "Thirteen Tips for Great Media Interviews," *THE PANTANETO FORUM*, Issue 28: October 2007. Published online at <http://pantaneto.co.uk/issue28/thomas.htm>

Patricia Thomas, "The Anthrax Attacks," *Nieman Reports*, Spring 2003. (pp. 11-14)

Patricia Thomas, "Meshing Science, Money and Politics in a Book About AIDS Vaccines," *Nieman Reports*, Fall 2002. (pp. 38-39)

Journalism (Significant articles):

Patricia Thomas, "Office Hours with Patricia Thomas," *The Open Notebook*, July 2015

Patricia Thomas, "Summer Loves: Baseball and Cancer," USC Annenberg Reporting on Health, August 2012
<http://www.reportingonhealth.org/2012/08/20/summer-love-baseball-and-cancer>

Patricia Thomas, "Q&A: Dr. Otis Brawley," *Atlanta Magazine*, February 2012.

Patricia Thomas, "Taming Fear, Rising Calm: A social conscience rooted in the Deep South moves Kerry Ressler, a psychiatrist and neuroscientist, to try to ease the consequences of inner city trauma," *HHMI Bulletin*, November 2009.

Patricia Thomas, "Training Black Belt Journalists to Help Save Lives," *UGA Research*, Spring 2008.

Patricia Thomas, Op-ed: "AIDS Fight Takes a Village," *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, May 18, 2007.

Patricia Thomas, "Nancy Kleckner: A Life in Science," Harvard Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology website, May 2005. Published online at
<http://www.mcb.harvard.edu/NewsEvents/News/Kleckner3.html>

Patricia Thomas, "Race Complicates Views on Genes and Medicine," *HMS Focus*, April 22, 2005 (page 1)

Patricia Thomas, "The Chemical Biologists: Small molecules and 'systematic serendipity' yield big ideas in life-sciences and biomedical research," *Harvard Magazine*, March-April 2005 (pp. 38-47)

Patricia Thomas, "Lichtman at Work: Eyes Wide Open," Harvard Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology website, January 2005
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Patricia Thomas, "Biology Goes to the Movies," Harvard Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology website, September 2004
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Patricia Thomas, "Students," in *Harvard Medical School Dean's Report 2004-2005*, Fall 2004 (pp. 37-42)

Patricia Thomas, "Teaching Tomorrow's Biology Today," Harvard Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology website, June 2004
www.mcb.harvard.edu/NewsEvents/News/Curriculum1.html

Patricia Thomas, "Public Health: National Emergency Room," *Wired*, May 2004 (page 50)

Patricia Thomas, "Biologists and Computers," review of *Digital Code of Life* by Glyn Moody, Genome News Network, May 2004. www.genomenewsnetwork.org

Patricia Thomas, "The Indiana Jones of Genomes," review of *Tears of the Cheetah and Other Tales From the Genetic Frontier*, by Stephen J. O'Brien, Genome News Network, March 2004. www.genomenewsnetwork.org

Patricia Thomas, "DNA as Data: In the laboratory of computational geneticist George Church, biologists and 'propeller heads' work 'on the edge of the possible,'" *Harvard Magazine*, January-February 2004 cover story (pp. 44-48)

Patricia Thomas, "Students," in *Harvard Medical School Dean's Report 2003-2004*, Fall 2003 (pp. 37-41)

Patricia Thomas, "Simple Hosts: What plants, worms, and flies reveal about the complexities of human disease," *Harvard Magazine*, January-February 2003 cover story (pp. 48-56)

Patricia Thomas, "Students," in *Harvard Medical School Dean's Report 2002-2003*, Fall 2002 (pp. 34-38)

Patricia Thomas, "Brainy Women: At the frontiers of neuroscience," *Harvard Magazine* May-June 2002 cover story (pp. 36-43)

Patricia Thomas, "The Quest for an AIDS Vaccine," *Harvard AIDS Review*, Winter 1998 (pages 11-14)

Patricia Thomas, "Longevity: Biology Isn't Destiny – But It's Part of It," *Harvard Health Letter*, April 1997 (pp. 1-3)

Patricia Thomas, "The Hurting Heart," *Harvard Magazine*, September-October 1996 (pp. 34-37)

John A. Bittl, MD, and Patricia Thomas, "Opening Arteries: Beyond the Balloon," *Harvard Health Letter*, January 1996 (pp. 4-6)

Robert J. Mayer, MD, and Patricia Thomas, "Colon Cancer: Knowledge Is Power," *Harvard Health Letter*, October 1995 (pp. 4-6)

Patricia Thomas, "Quality of Care: Getting the Best," *Harvard Health Letter*, January 1995 (pp. 9-12)

Philip Leder, MD, DSC, and Patricia Thomas, "Making Drugs From DNA," *Harvard Health Letter*, July 1994 (pp. 9-12)

Patricia Thomas, "The Best Medical Reference Books," *Harvard Health Letter*, November 1993 (pp. 9-12)

Patricia Thomas, "Environmental Health: Power Struggle," *Harvard Health Letter*, July 1993 (1-4)

Patricia Thomas, "Preventive Medicine: The Seven Best Tests," *Harvard Health Letter*, July 1992 (9-12)

Patricia Thomas, "Lyme Disease: Spurious Cures," *Harvard Health Letter*, August 1991 (pp. 2-4)

Patricia Thomas, "Lyme Disease: Tick Terror," *Harvard Health Letter*, July 1991 (pp. 1-4)

Patricia Thomas, "OTC Drugs," *Medical World News*, December 1990 cover story (pp. 32-37)

Patricia Thomas, "Gut Feelings: How to quit your bellyaching," *Health*, April 1990 (pp.76-78)

Patricia Thomas, "Three Decades of Wonder: Lab Tests," *Medical World News*, March 26, 1990 cover story (pp. 42-50)

Patricia Thomas, "Checkpoint: The medical establishment squares off over the wisdom of the traditional annual physical," *New York Daily News Sunday Magazine*, October 1, 1989 (pp. 22-23)

Patricia Thomas, "The Epidemic: AIDS 1989," *Medical World News*, July 24, 1989 cover story (pp. 40-49)

Patricia Thomas, "Collections: Medicine's Pack Rats Produce Results," *Medical World News*, July 11, 1988 cover story (pp. 38-46)

Patricia Thomas, "Disease Creeps In on Little Cat Feet," *Medical World News*, November 9, 1987 (pp. 84-85)

Patricia Thomas, "In the Trenches of Framingham," *Medical World News*, October 12, 1987 cover story (pp. 68-77)

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Patricia Thomas, "Primary Care: Depressed Elderly's Best Hope," *Medical World News*, July 13, 1987 cover story (pp. 39-52)

Patricia Thomas, "Oncogenes: Redirecting the Clinical Attack on Cancer," *Medical World News*, February 23, 1987 cover story (pp. 28-36)

Patricia Thomas, "Winter Skin," *Boston Woman*, January 1987 (pp. 53-54)

Patricia Thomas, "How to Build an Elephant," *Atlanta Weekly*, August 24, 1986 (pp. 10-14)

Patricia Thomas, "The Anatomy of Coping: Medicine's Funny Bone," *Medical World News*, July 14, 1986 (pp.42-66)

Patricia Thomas, "Across-the-Board Diet Reform for CAD – Is the Table Tilted?" *Medical World News*, May 26, 1986 cover story (pp.32-37)

Patricia Thomas, "Extraordinary People," *Health*, April 1986 (pp. 50-54)

Patricia Thomas, "Special Adults: New Challenge to Primary Care MDs," *Medical World News*, February 24, 1986 cover story (pp. 68-81)

Patricia Thomas, "HCFA Survey Targets Quality of Nursing Home Care, as Criticism Flies," *Medical World News*, January 27, 1986 (pp. 9-10)

Patricia Thomas, "Does Safe Sex Exist at All in Era of AIDS?" *Internal Medicine News*, September 15-30, 1985 (page 1)

Patricia Thomas, "Coast Runaway Children Getting Medical Attention," *Medical Tribune*, November 21, 1984 (page 1)

Patricia Thomas, "Delinquent, Stroke Victim, Now an MD," *Medical News & International Report*, September 24, 1984 (page 1)

Patricia Thomas, "Hundreds of Polio Survivors Recognize Late Symptoms," *Medical Tribune*, December 26, 1984 (page 28)

Patricia Thomas, "Second Coming of Polio? Or Just Debilitation?" *Hospital Tribune*, September 19, 1984 (page 5)

Patricia Thomas, "Whose Territory is Grady Hospital?" *Medical Tribune*, July 25, 1984 (pp. 31, 34)

Patricia Thomas, "Louisianans Sticky About it: Pritikin Diet Just Too Bland," *Medical Tribune*, July 4, 1984 (page 1)

Patricia Thomas, "Naming Names a Bar to MDs' Violence Reporting," *Medical Tribune*, June 27, 1984 (page 16)

Patricia Thomas, "ACOG Chief: Defuse Abortion via Planning," *Hospital Tribune*, May 26, 1984 cover story (page 7)

Patricia Thomas, "Testing the hormone, heart attack link," *Employee Health & Fitness*, July 1983 (page 73-77)

Patricia Thomas, "Mental Illness in Georgia's Prisons," *People First*, Spring 1982 (pp. 1, 7)

Patricia Thomas, "Research may help retarded people learn," *People First*, Spring 1981 (pp. 1, 8)

Patricia Thomas, "The Alpha Imperative," *Atlanta Weekly*, November 9, 1980 (pp.40-44)

Patricia Thomas, "Children of Woe," *Atlanta Weekly*, May 25, 1980 cover story (pp. 28-32)

Patricia Thomas, "Women Living Solo in the Suburbs," *Atlanta*, May 1980 (pp. 52, 112-114)

Patricia Thomas, "The Market Place," *Atlanta Weekly*, April 6, 1980 cover story (pp. 14-17)

Patricia Thomas, "Ms. Imposter: Women who fear success," *Human Behavior*, May 1979 (page 61)

Patricia Thomas, "Special Report on Religion: Targets of the Cults," *Human Behavior*, March 1979 (pp. 58-59)

Patricia Thomas, "Atlanta Underground: Artifacts in the Garbage," *Human Behavior*, October 1978 (page 24)

Patricia Thomas, "Androgyny in the Home: Gender traits that pay off," *Human Behavior*, September 1978 (page 35)

Patricia Thomas, "Special Report on Public Welfare: Cities in Schools," *Human Behavior*, June 1978 (pp 48-49)

Patricia Thomas, "VCC: A Morale Boost Along With Job Advice," *Atlanta*, February 1978 (pp. 101-102)

Patricia Thomas, "Katy's Blues," *Human Behavior*, October 1977 (pp.46-53)

Patricia Thomas, "Is That Cold an Allergy? Causes & Cures," *Atlanta Gazette*, April 13, 1977 (pp. 7-9)

Patricia Thomas, "The Sky: What's up there and who cares?" *Atlanta Gazette*, August 11, 1976 (pp. 8-11)

Patricia Thomas, "Success Story at the Zoo," *Atlanta Gazette*, July 28, 1976 (pp. 11-12)

RESEARCH:

"Savannah Youth Journalism Program, 2011 Health Journalism Workshop," PI Dr. Ronald Bailey, Savannah State University. This project builds on the Greene County youth health journalism project we pilot tested in 2010. Grady College partnered with the City of Savannah/Moses Jackson Center and Savannah State University, with funding from the HUD/HBCU Project at Savannah State. My role was as a trainer and consultant, teaching SSU students and Moses Jackson staff about social determinants of health and helping adolescents frame stories in their own neighborhood. They led the two week, daily workshop for middle and high school students, who researched, reported and produced documentaries screened in mid-July at Savannah State. They chose topics including diabetes, solid tumors, and leukemia.

"How low-income consumers use mobile and online technology to obtain health and medical information." Ruthann Weaver Lariscy, Jeffrey K. Springston, Patricia Thomas. Interviews with 300 patients at five Athens-area clinics providing free or low cost medical care indicate that 79 percent have mobile phones and 22 percent currently receive health-related messages by phone. About 70 percent use a computer to access the internet and half seek health information online. Detailed findings will be applied by new Athens Health Network, non-profit aimed at coordinating hospital and clinic care and helping low-income residents use local resources more effectively. Funded by Knight Chair research budget. Results being submitted for conference presentations and publication.

"Greene County: A Picture of Health from Our Youth," Patricia Thomas, Jeffrey K. Springston, Ruthann Weaver Lariscy and Bryan Reber. This seven-week experiment in youth citizen journalism is a partnership between Greene County Public Schools and

UGA's Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication, supported by the Knight Chair in Health and Medical Journalism. Rising eighth graders were coached in health reporting and video production by four faculty and three graduate students, all skilled in health communication or health and medical journalism. Funded by Knight Chair research budget. Data gathered in this pilot study will be incorporated into research proposals aimed at expanding community health journalism in additional Georgia counties.

“A Survey of Low-Income Health Information Consumers in the Southeast,” Patricia Thomas, Jeffrey K. Springston, and Ruthann Weaver Lariscy. Presented at 2008 National Conference on Health Communication, Marketing, and Media in Atlanta. Presented at National Conference on Health Communication, Marketing, and Media. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, GA. August 12, 2008.

“Impact Evaluation of the 2007 Gnat Line News Briefing,” by Opinion Research Solutions, LLC, and Patricia Thomas. The evaluation focused on 17 participating Black Belt News organizations and 15 similar print and broadcast outlets selected as controls. Unpublished.

Knight Health research funds supported an evaluation of the 2006 Gnat Line News Briefing and a pilot study of how conference participation affected story ideation in four Black Belt news organizations. Results were presented as “The Impact of Post-Employment Journalism Training on Health and Medical Story Ideation,” by Lee B. Becker and Tudor Vlad, at the Conference of the Association of International Mass Communication Research in Paris, June of 2006.

Co-investigator for the Southern Center for Communication, Health and Poverty, a three-year project led by Professor Vicki Freimuth and funded by \$3.5 million from the National Institutes of Health. The center’s research will be used to devise strategies for reducing health disparities between rich and poor people in the Black Belt. I am co-director of Core B, the portion of the project that will help public health professionals communicate more effectively with minority communities about smoking and substance abuse, violence, and genetic predispositions to disease. I was a member of Core C, which disseminated the study’s research findings to media outlets, stakeholders and opinion leaders.

SIGNIFICANT AWARDS:

The Roland Page Graduate Teaching Award, from the Graduate Caucus of Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication, May 2015.

Institute of International Education grant, \$5,000 to support coverage of poverty and health and HMJ graduate students participating in the 2015 Association of Health Care Journalists conference, Santa Clara, CA (April 2015)

UGA Career Center certificate for contributing to career development of graduates
(December 2016)

UGA Career Center certificate for contributing to career development of graduates
(December 2015)

UGA Career Center certificate for contributing to career development of graduates
(December 2014)

Smith-Weld Prize, a \$1,000 award from the editors of *Harvard Magazine* for “Brainy Women,” cover story for the magazine’s May-June 2002 issue.

Ralph A. Deterling Award of Distinction, American Medical Writers Association New England Chapter, for *Big Shot* (2002)

Leonard Silk Journalism Fellowship, for *Big Shot*, a \$30,000 award given each year to help an established journalist complete a book on a major contemporary issue (1998)
Albert B. Sabin Vaccine Foundation research grant, \$15,000 to support initial research on *Big Shot* (1997)

Friendship Fund research grants to support work on *Big Shot* (\$3,000 awarded in 1999; \$2,000 in 2000)

William Harvey Award for superior writing about hypertension (1994)

American Cancer Society Sword of Hope Award (1993)

Excellence in Medical Communication Award, American Medical Writers Association New England Chapter (1991)

Knight Science Journalism Fellowship at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1986-87). One of eight U.S. journalists selected; spent academic year studying biology and medical sciences at MIT and Harvard.

SERVICE:

Co-instructor, GRSC 8200, Communicating Research and Scholarship. (August 29, 2016)

Co-instructor, GRSC 8200, Research Communication short-course organized by the UGA Graduate School (February 10, 2015)

Member, Dean’s Diversity Outreach Team (January 16-January 2016)

Member, Five-year performance review committees for Janice Hume, Bill Lee, and Leara Rhodes, Journalism Department, Grady College. (March 2016)

External Reviewer, new landing pages for “The Community Guide” produced by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In-depth interview conducted by PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP (March 2015)

Judge, UGA Three-Minute Thesis competition (March 2015)

Judge, National Public Health Information Coalition (NPHIC) competition for excellence in public health communication (May-July 2015)

In-depth interview participant, Louisiana State University study of women journalists in the academy. (July 2015)

Coordinated experiential learning project for journalism MA students, in partnership with Dr. Marsha Davis of the College of Public Health. Student reporters produced print stories, shorty videos and podcasts about the annual State of Public Health Conference at The Georgia Center (October 2015)

Coordinated experiential learning project for journalism MA students, in partnership with Dr. Shelley Hooks of the College of Pharmacy. Student reporters produced print and video stories, and a photo gallery, documenting the 2015 Conference on Drug Discovery (November 2015)

Member, Grady College Admissions Committee (2014-2016); Chair (2016-2017)

Member, Grady College Executive Committee (2015-2016)

Chair, Grady College Executive Committee (Spring 2016)

Member, Dean’s Diversity Outreach Team (Spring 2016)

Member, University Committee to Review Performance of the Institute for Higher Education (September 2014- February 2015)

External Reviewer, Promotion and Tenure Committee at Howard University (November 2014)

Member, Post-tenure review committee for Journalism Professor Lee Becker (March 2014)

Communications trainer, Laboratory of UGA genetics researcher Robert Pazdro, helping doctoral candidates and post-docs communicate their research more clearly (January 2014)

Member, Post-promotion review committee for Journalism Senior Lecturer Tom Hudson (2013)

Judge, UGA Three-minute Thesis Competition (March 2013)

Member, Search Committee for Grady College Dean (2012-2013)

Member, Committee to review performance of Grady College Associate Dean Jeff Springston. (2012)

Judge, UGA Three-minute Thesis Competition (March 2012)

Member, Executive Leadership Council, American Cancer Society, Northeast Georgia (2012 – present)

Reviewer, papers submitted to the AEJMC Science Communication Section for presentation at the 2011 national conference. (2011)

Member, Board of Directors, Georgia Health News, Atlanta (2010-present)

Member, Advisory Board, Hunter College Center for Health and Media Policy, New York, NY (2010-present)

Member, Application Review Committee, Rosalynn Carter Mental Health Journalism Fellowships, The Carter Center, Atlanta (2010)

Member, Advisory Committee, Athens Health Network (2010-present)

Member, Advisory Board, University of Georgia Cancer Center (2010-present)

Member, Executive Committee, University of Georgia Center for Health and Risk Communication (2010-present)

Member, Grady College McGill Symposium Committee (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014)

Book discussion leader/host, “The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks” by Rebecca Skloot, UGA Undergraduate Honors Program (2010)

Member, Grady College MA Program Review Committee (2008)

Member, Editorial Board, University of Georgia Press (July 2007 – 2010)

Member, Grady College Executive Committee (2007 – present)

Member, Grady College Promotions and Tenure Committee (2006-2010).

Member, University Committee to Review Performance of Willson Center for Humanities and Arts and its Director, Betty Jean Craige (2006).

Member, Selection Committee for Willson Professorship in the Arts (2007-2008)

Chair, Grady College Committee to Review performance of Journalism Department Head Kent Middleton (2006)

Member, Journalism Department Teaching Award Committee (2006)

External Reviewer, Promotion and Tenure Committee at New York University School of Journalism (2008).

External Reviewer, Promotion and Tenure Committee at the University of Minnesota School of Journalism and Mass Communication (2006).

Member, Peabody Awards Screening Committee, Radio News (2006).

Reviewer, Textbook, Congressional Quarterly Press (2008)

Peer Reviewer, manuscript submitted for publication in *THEORIA: A Journal of Social and Political Theory*, a publication of the University of ZwaZulu Natal, South Africa, and Berghahn Books (2005).

Founder, Knight Health Graduate Travel Fund, which makes began in 2006 and now makes \$15,000 available (in grants not to exceed \$1,200) to assist Grady College graduate students with travel needed to conduct research, present findings, or participate in professional meetings relevant to the Knight Health mission. Established application process and set up three-member faculty committee to review proposals and award grants.

Peer Reviewer, Breast Cancer Research Program, Department of Defense United States Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (2004 and 2005)

Member, Knight Science Journalism Fellowships Advisory Committee, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (2004-present)

Reviewer, Kaiser Family Foundation Public Health Reporting Internship Program (2003)

Research Fellow, Albert B. Sabin Vaccine Institute (1998-2005)

Member, Selection Committee for Knight Science Journalism Fellowships, MIT, (1993 – 1995)

Member, advisory board of the American Board of Internal Medicine (1992-1998)

Member, Women in Science Advisory Committee of the Scientists Institute for Public Information (1993-94)

Judge, American Cancer Society (Massachusetts Division) Sword of Hope Media Award Program (1990)

Judge, Council for Advancement and Support of Education Recognition Program (1986)

Member, National Association of Science Writers (1985-present)

Member, American Medical Writers Association (1983-present)

Member, Association of Health Care Journalists (2005-present)

Member, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (2005-present)

Member, American Public Health Association (2005-2008)

Member, Journalism and Women Symposium (2005-present)

Member, National Association of Black Journalists (2005-present)

Member, National Association of Hispanic Journalists (2005-2010)

Member, Asian American Journalists Association (2005-2008)

OUTREACH:

Conferences and Events:

Organized and moderated “Psychosis and Addiction: countering stigma with true stories session at Grady College’s annual McGill Symposium, featuring Sarasota Herald-Tribune reporter Carrie Seidman. (October 2016)

Presenter, Grand Rounds for medical Staff at St. Mary's Hospital, Athens, GA. "Doctors, people and the press: from expert source to talking head (and back)." (May 2016)

Organized, moderated and presented at panel, "From newsroom to classroom: The truth about teaching," during 2016 Association for Health Care Journalists conference, Cleveland, OH. (April 2016)

In partnership with the Odom School of Ecology, organized, co-sponsored and moderated "Tom's River," a book talk by Pulitzer-winning author Dan Fagin (March 2015)

Organized HMJ student presentations to alumni and guests during the Grady College Centennial Showcase (April 2015)

Sponsor and moderator, "Preparing to Work at CDC: A professional panel discussion and networking event" featuring three HMJ alumni and four College of Public Health alumni (October 2015)

Organized and moderated "Dying in America" session at Grady College's annual McGill Symposium, featuring Barbara Glickstein, co-director, Center for Health Policy and Media, Hunter College, and consultant to "Dying in American" film project (November 2015)

Organized, co-sponsored and moderated "Getting Out Alive: What to do when you realize that academia is not your bag, baby," featuring Bethany Brookshire, PhD, Science News reporter and blogger @Scicurious. (November 2014)

Organized and moderated "Face-to-face with Ebola: A reporter's perspective" session at Grady College's annual McGill Symposium, featuring Washington Post reporter Todd Frankel. (October 2014)

Organized, co-sponsored and moderated "Eyewitness to Ebola: A reporter's perspective," public lecture at the UGA Chapel featuring Washington Post reporter Todd Frankel. (October 2014)

Featured in "Focus on Faculty" on the UGA home page, which averages 200,000 visits each week. (September 2014)

Organized, sponsored and moderated "Writing the Tough Stuff," a Grady College pizza lunch with author Jessica Handler (April 2014)

Organized and moderated "Haunted by Ghost Factories: Digging into dirt and big data," session at Grady College's annual McGill Symposium, featuring USA Today investigative reporter Alison Young. (October 2013)

Organized and moderated “The Courage of Storytelling” session at Grady College’s annual McGill Symposium, featuring Andy Miller, CEO and Editor of Georgia Health

News, and Pulitzer Prize winner Eli Sanders, associate editor of *The Stranger*. (October 2012)

Organized and moderated a day-one program of digital and social media workshops that drew 150 participants on the opening day of the Association of Health Care Journalists 2012 national meeting. This was an exceptionally high level of participation and evaluations were above average. This culminated a yearlong commitment that involved initiating and coordinating UGA’s co-sponsorship of this event, which drew 700 reporters and editors. (April 2012)

Coordinated UGA’s co-sponsorship of the upcoming Association of Health Care Journalists national meeting in Atlanta, April 19-23, 2012. Obtained approval at VP level, secured \$33,000 in support from numerous campus units, coordinated payments and workshop planning with local and national program committees and AHCJ executive office. Coordinated campus-wide effort to propose topics and speakers for a one-day workshop program on digital and social media (five separate workshops) and for three

days of plenaries, panels and workshops. Assumed total responsibility for UGA one-day workshop program. Worked with public affairs offices across campus to design UGA’s presence in exhibit hall and throughout the event. (April 2011-April 2012)

Organized and moderated “The Baseball Story No One Wanted Told,” session at Grady College’s annual McGill Symposium, featuring Mark Fainaru and Lance Williams, authors of *Game of Shadows*. (October 2011)

Served on organizing committee and co-sponsored “Building Bridges in Crisis: The UGA-Georgia Sea Grant Gulf Oil Spill Symposium, a two-day conference covering the environmental, social and economic impact of the BP oil spill. Organized and moderated media panel featuring national reporters who covered the disaster. (January 2011)

Organized, sponsored and moderated “Multimedia on the cheap/Video on the fly,” professional development workshop taught by Mark Johnson (Grady College photojournalism) and attended by 25 ethnic reporters/editors from Atlanta area. (June 2010) Co-sponsored conference and organized and moderated session for “Personal Media Public Good,” a one-day conference featuring health-related wireless and online apps developed by Grady College undergraduates. Co-sponsored by New Media Institute and Center for Health & Risk Communication (May 2010)

Organized, co-sponsored and moderated “The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks,” lecture by best-selling science author Rebecca Skloot, attended by about 100. (March 2010)

Co-sponsored campus visit and lecture “The Poisoner’s Handbook: Murder and the Birth of Forensic Medicine in Jazz Age New York” by science author and University of Wisconsin professor Deborah Blum. (March 2010)

Co-sponsor and moderator for, "Babies Born with Toxins: How does this happen? What does it mean?" lecture by Ken Cook of Environmental Working Group, with panel of local experts as discussants. (2009)

Led Grady College’s partnership with New America Media to bring the 2009 National Ethnic Media EXPO and Awards to Atlanta, making UGA only the third academic institution ever to co-host a nationwide gathering of ethnic news organizations. Recruited Dr. Camara Jones as plenary keynote speaker and facilitated multimedia workshop taught by other Grady College faculty. Conference drew 500 participants. (June 2009)

Organized and moderated “Breaking Taboos: Covering Mental Health in Ethnic Communities,” workshop during National Ethnic Media EXPO and Awards. Recruited speakers from UGA, The Carter Center at Emory University and Psychologists for Social Responsibility. (June 2009)

Served on organizing committee, co-sponsored and moderated one session for “Unnatural Causes: A 7-part film and discussion series considering how social factors influence our health.” Sunday afternoon sessions were held at Athens Public Library or on UGA campus and drew hundreds of participants from community and from campus. (March – May 2009)

Co-organized and cosponsored, with New America media, news briefing by Georgia Commissioner of Labor Michael Thurmond (50 participants). (2009)

Co-organized and co-sponsored, with New America Media, news briefing by Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin for ethnic press in Metro Atlanta (90 participants). (2009)

Organized and moderated “Covering Communities Under Siege,” session at Grady College’s annual McGill Symposium, featuring Sarwat Husain, editor-in-chief, *Al Itihaad*, San Antonio, TX and Judith Martinez-Sadri, editor *Atlanta Latino* and www.atlantalatino.com, Atlanta (2008).

Co-sponsored campus consultations and public lectures by Silvia Inez Salazar, manager of www.cancer.gov/espanol and public health advisor to the National Cancer Institute (2008).

Co-organizer, panel moderator and speaker for “Ethnic Media Family Weekend,” which brought ethnic journalists and their families to professional development and college

preparation programs on the UGA campus (2008). Co-sponsored by New America Media.(2008)

Organized and moderated “From outrage to outbreaks: Courage in medical reporting” session at Grady College’s annual McGill Symposium. Shared travel costs for Harriet Washington (author of *Medical Apartheid*, winner of 2007 National Book Critics Circle award for non-fiction) and Margie Mason (Hanoi-based medical reporter for AP; now on Gates Fellowship at the Neiman Foundation). (2007)

Co-organizer and keynote speaker for “Atlanta Immigration Rights Summit,” regional meeting for reporters and editors from ethnic media organizations in the Southeast, co-sponsored by Grady College and New America Media (2007).

Organized and moderated “Making public health messages relevant and credible to ethnic media,” a plenary session at the National Public Health Information Coalition’s annual meeting, Portland, Ore. This was a partnership with UGA’s Southern Center for Communication, Health and Poverty (2006).

Organize and co-sponsor the annual “Gnat Line News Briefing: Real health and medical news for working reporters.” Co-sponsors include the CDC Foundation (2006), the Association of Health Care Journalists (2007, 2008), and Morehouse School of Medicine (2007). Select and recruit speakers, secure co-sponsors and funding, coordinate logistics and publicity and moderate sessions. Participants represent print and broadcast news organizations in the historic Black Belt, most from Georgia but participants have come from Alabama, South Carolina, Virginia and Maryland. Graduate students from Grady College and the University of Alabama “Teaching Newspaper” program also attend.

Co-organize and co-sponsor the annual “Global Diseases: Voices from the Vanguard” lecture series with Dan Colley, director of UGA Center for Tropical and Emerging Global Diseases. Launched in 2006, each year’s series features four internationally known infectious disease researchers. Lectures are free and widely advertised and typically draw nearly 800 people each year. (2006-2017)

Led group of reporters developing story ideas about health at Specialized Reporting Conference on Covering Latino Migration in Georgia and the Southeast, organized by John Greenman, Grady College (2006).

Co-organized and co-sponsored Specialized Reporting Conference called “Inside Out: Covering the community impact of prison health and labor practices.” This joint project with John Greenman, Carter Professor at Grady College, featured former U.S. Surgeon General David Satcher, reporters known for prison coverage, and medical experts. Approximately 60 reporters from Georgia and neighboring states participated (2006).

Organized visit by Judith Stoia, executive producer of the award-winning PBS show *Between the Lions*, to talk about connections between literacy, health disparities. Garnered support from the Willson Center for the Humanities and Arts, the Peabody Awards, and the Office of the Vice President for Public Service and Outreach and the UGA Poverty Institute (2006)

Co-organized and co-sponsored campus consultations and public lecture by K. Vishwanath, Harvard School of Public Health expert on communication inequalities and health disparities. A joint venture with the Southern Center for Communication, Health and Poverty (2006).

Co-sponsored screening of “Chagas: A Hidden Affliction” and panel featuring film’s director. Other sponsors were the Center for Tropical and Emerging Global Diseases, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, College of Public Health, Center for Humanities and Arts, and Honors Program. The event drew an audience of approximately 200 in November 2005.

Significant Presentations and Lectures:

Guest speaker, “Feel the science: Engaging the public with ideas,” GRSC 7770, Communicating Science (September 2016)

Guest speaker, “How scientists can learn to engage the public,” GRSC 8010, Introduction to graduate research (September 2016)

Invited speaker, “Journalism basics for future science writers,” at The Future of Science Writing: Are we all science journalists now? Endicott House, Dedman, MA. Kavli Foundation, Massachusetts Institute of Technology. (July 2016)

Invited speaker, “Mental health on campus: untold stories,” at Management Seminar for College News Editors, Grady College, UGA. (July 2016)

Invited speaker, “Explicit and embedded narratives in STEM leadership,” at Georgia Scholars Leadership, Engagement and Development (GS-LEAD) UGA. (July 2016)

Guest lecture, “Writing for audiences outside the academic environment. What do you need to know to be successful in the job market?” EPID 8900 – Seminar in Epidemiology, College of Public Health, UGA. (February 2016)

Guest lecture, “Engaging the Public With Science,” EPID 7410 – Field Epidemiology, College of Public Health, UGA. (February 2016)

Invited panelist, “Critical questions to ask of studies, press releases and scientific

reports,” IRE-NICAR conference, Atlanta (March 2015)

Guest lecture, “Feel the science: Communicating research to the public,” PBHL 8200, College of Public Health (March 2015)

Guest lecture, “Feel the science: Engaging the public with ideas,” FDNS 4660 (March 24)

Workshop leader, “How journalists cover research,” a lunch-and-learn session for UGA Food and Nutrition faculty and graduate students (April 2015)

Invited speaker, “Mental Health on Campus: Untold Stories,” Management Seminar for College News Editors, a national seminar held annually at Grady College (July 2015)

Invited speaker, “Interviewing for story: Lessons from Breaking Bad,” Georgia Capital Defenders (the 40 attorneys responsible for mitigating death sentences in Georgia), Atlanta (September 2015)

Invited speaker at “Health Care Atlanta 2014,” a two-day workshop for journalists organized by the Society for American Business Editors and Writers with support from The Commonwealth Fund, held at the University of Georgia Gwinnett Campus. (November 2014)

Invited plenary speaker, Southeastern Conference Symposium on “Prevention of Obesity: Overcoming a 21st Century Public Health Challenge,” Atlanta. (September 2014)

Invited speaker, “Feel the science: engaging the public with ideas,” Population Biology of Infectious Diseases Research Experience for Undergraduates, UGA Odum School of Ecology. (August 2014)

Invited session moderator, “Medical Malfunction” at the Decatur Book Festival, Decatur, GA. (August 2014)

Lead speaker, “Engaging the Public: A workshop on communicating your research and scholarship,” a two-part workshop that drew a dozen faculty from an equal number of disciplines (July 2014)

Invited participant, Summit on Women and Science Writing, sponsored by the National Association of Science Writers and held at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. (June 2014)

Invited co-leader of symposium on “Effectively Communicating Science” at the 2014 World Forum on In Vitro Biology, Savannah, GA. (June 2014)

Lead speaker, "Talk It Up: Engaging the public with science," a two-part workshop that drew 18 graduate students and post-docs from many disciplines (March 2014)

Invited speaker, "A teaching hospital model for J-school," University of Georgia 2014 Alumni Seminar: Return to the Arch symposium. (March 2014)

Invited speaker, "Talk it up: Communicating clearly with press and public about health," UGA College of Public Health graduate symposium (February 2014)

Plenary speaker, "Faculty Research Communication Workshop," organized by the UGA Graduate School. (October 2013)

Guest lecture, "Communicating effectively with the press and the public," FDNS 4660, Food and Nutrition Education Methods. (October 2013)

Session leader, "Communicating through the mainstream media," class meeting for GRSC 8200, Communicating Research and Scholarship, a new course organized by the UGA Graduate School. (September 2013)

Invited speaker, "Workforce needs in obesity: Journalism," at "Graduate Interdisciplinary Instruction in Obesity and Weight Management: State-of-the-Art Conference," sponsored by UGA Obesity Initiative. (July 2013)

Invited speaker, "Journalistic coverage of health assurance program," student projects symposium organized by Athens Health Network (April 2013)

Invited speaker, "Health and Medical Journalism," breakout session during Grady Board of Trust meeting. (April 2013)

Invited speaker, "Engaging the Public," at research communication workshop for faculty, organized by UGA Graduate School (March 2013)

Invited speaker, "Human Interest" presentation at "Narrate: Health and Development in Late Industrial States," Columbia School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, Columbia University, New York. (February 2013)

Invited workshop leader, "Covering Health and Poverty" session at the Knight Poverty Journalism Initiative Conference, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, VA. (September 2012)

Invited workshop leader, "Overcoming the fear factor: Communicating effectively with the press and the public," UGA Climate Initiative. (September 2012)

Invited speaker, “Understanding News About Health and Wellness,” Gainesville State College, Watkinsville. (2011)

Invited speaker, with Dean Barbara Schuster, on “The Med School Project,” UGA Cabinet. (2011)

Invited speaker, “Overcoming the Fear Factor: Communicating effectively with reporters and the public,” UGA College of Public Health graduate symposium (2011).

Invited speaker, “Interacting with the media – what to say and how to say it when the camera is rolling,” at UGA College of Veterinary Medicine Communication Summit (2011). Also consulted with Vet Med faculty to plan the event.

Accepted workshop leader, “Harvesting Health: Community reporting forges new ties between university and community” at the Gulf South Summit for Service Learning and Civic Engagement, a regional conference hosted by UGA. (2010)

Invited speaker, “Overcoming the Fear Factor: Communicating effectively with reporters and the public,” UGA College of Public Health graduate symposium (2010).

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Roundtable leader, “Can Medical Writers Narrow Health Disparities?” American Medical Writers Annual Conference, Dallas (2009).

Invited panelist, “The Health of the Ethnic Media and Their Role in an Evolving Journalism World,” session sponsored by Community Journalism Interest Group and Minorities and Communication Division, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Boston (2009).

Creator of online tutorial, “Covering Poverty and Health,” part of Covering Poverty: A toolkit for journalists edited by John Greenman and Diane Murray. See www.grady.uga.edu/poverty (2009).

Creator of online tutorial, “Covering Rural Health: Abandon stereotypes, pack courage” for Reporting on Health, teaching modules commissioned by the California Endowment Health Journalism Fellowships and the USC Annenberg School for Communication. See <http://www.reportingonhealth.org/resources/lessons/covering-rural-america-abandon-stereotypes-pack-courage> (2009).

Invited panelist, “The Role of Evolution in Medicine,” Darwin Day at UGA, sponsored by the Department of Cellular Biology and the Willson Center for Humanities and Arts (2009).

Invited speaker, “Overcoming the Fear Factor: Communicating effectively with reporters and the public,” in communication lecture series sponsored by the Center for Prevention Research and the Leadership Program for Maternal and Infant Health at the Tulane University School of Public Health (2009).

Invited speaker, reporting results of a study on leading health concerns and media use among low-income families in middle and South Georgia and Alabama, at the opening session of the Association of Health Care Journalists first national conference on rural health journalism (2008).

Invited panelist, “University Programs for Educating Medical Writers,” American Medical Writers Association National Conference (2007).

Invited panelist, addressing the role of the media in disaster response and crisis communication,” at “Leadership and Responsibility in Disaster Management: Lessons Learned from the U.S. and U.K.” symposium presented by the New York Academy of Medicine and the Royal Society of Medicine (2007).

Invited speaker, “Science, politics and money in the search for an AIDS vaccine,” at annual Georgia Institute for Environmental Leadership forum, organized by the Fanning Institute at UGA (2007).

Presenter, “What Anthrax Teaches in a Changed World,” and panel moderator for “In the end, it will be a local story: Coordinating community efforts,” at *The Next Big Health Crisis – and How to Cover It*, a symposium presented by the Nieman Foundation for Journalism at Harvard University (2006).

Presenter, “Talking to Reporters 101” workshop, sponsored by the Division of Chemical Information and held during the American Chemical Society’s national meeting (2006).

Invited panelist at Biosecurity Threats: Opportunities and Challenges for U.S. Universities, sponsored by UGA Biomedical and Health Sciences Institute, Center for International Trade and Security, and Women in International Security (2006).

Leader, “Talking to Reporters 101” workshop for faculty and doctoral students at the UGA Institute of Ecology (2006).

Spring 2006 – Invited to deliver keynote talk, “The Politics Behind the Search for an AIDS Vaccine, at HIV Vaccine Awareness Day event co-sponsored by the Hope Clinic of the Emory Vaccine Center, SisterLove, Inc., and the Emory Center for AIDS Research.

Featured speaker, representing UGA faculty, at the dedication of the Paul D. Coverdell Center for Biomedical and Health Sciences (2006).

Guest Lecturer, Graduate Seminar on Mass Media and Public Health, Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University, Atlanta (2006)

Featured speaker, “Communicating with Media Professionals,” workshop organized by the National Center for Primary Care, Morehouse School of Medicine, and attended by approximately 40 faculty members, Atlanta (2006)

Speaker, “Trust or Consequence: how failure to disclose ad relationships threatens to burst the search bubble,” conference sponsored by Consumer Reports WebWatch and Knight Foundation, Berkeley, CA (2005)

Speaker, “Life Away From the Bench: Workshop on Alternative Careers in Science,” Department of Cell Biology, Harvard Medical School (2005)

Featured speaker, “How governments manage news during attacks and outbreaks: learning from anthrax and SARS,” Triangle Lecture Series, Emory University School of Public Health (2004)

Presenter, “The impact of Bush Administration policies and legislation on biomedical research,” on civil liberties panels convened by The Century Foundation at the Harvard Law School and the University of Chicago Law School (2003)

Presenter, “Media Coverage: The Anthrax Letters,” during a New York-Beijing satellite videoconference sponsored by the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations, Peking University School of Government, and the Ford Foundation (2003)

Guest lecturer, “AIDS, Anthrax and the Future of Preventive Vaccines,” Dr. Patricia Danzon’s economics of biotechnology course at The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania (2003)

Featured speaker, “Frontiers in AIDS Research” series, University of Pennsylvania Medical School (2002)

Featured speaker, “Passion, Politics and the Struggle for an AIDS Vaccine,” Virginia Festival of the Book (2002)

Featured speaker, “Telling the Story of the Quest for an AIDS Vaccine,” New England Science Writers, hosted by Harvard Medical School (2002)

Featured speaker, "Passion, Politics and Vaccines," The Commonwealth Club/Silicon Valley (2001)

Luncheon speaker, Rotary Club of Seattle (2001)

Featured speaker, Seattle Biomedical Research Institute (2001)

Featured speaker, Brown University AIDS Program, Providence (2001)

Featured speaker, University of North Carolina School of Public Health, Chapel Hill (2001)

Invited lecturer, "Passion, Politics, and the Struggle for an AIDS Vaccine," Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta (2001)

Featured speaker, Emory University Center for AIDS Research, Atlanta (2001)

Workshop leader, "AIDS Vaccine Research: The next big story," Gay and Lesbian Medical Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans (2001)

Workshop leader, "Connecting with Consumers: Writing for the Lay Public," Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center for Continuing Education, (1997)

Featured speaker, "Covering Health for the Aging Boomer," American Medical Writers Association, national meeting in Houston, TX (1992)

Luncheon speaker, "Women and the Health Care Dilemma," Women's Economic Club of Detroit (April 1992)

Featured speaker, "Women and AIDS," Brookhaven National Laboratory Health Promotion Program (September 1987)

Significant radio appearances:

"Classic City Science with April Sorrow," two segments: "Science Journalism" and "Science Storytelling" (July 2016)

"Forum" with Michael Krasny, San Francisco (2002)

"The Morning Show" with Steve Scher, KUOW, Seattle (2001)

"Radio Times" with Marty Moss Coane, WHYY, Philadelphia (2001)

"Voices of Our World," syndicated on 70 radio stations (2001)

The Gay Vernon Show, WMJX, Boston (2001)

The Tom Pope Show, Washington, syndicated on 9 radio stations (2001)