

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

I'm a science writer, editor, and audio producer. I make complex research accessible through character-driven storytelling. My magazine features and narrative podcasts have won national and regional awards.

## EDUCATION

### University of Pittsburgh

MFA, Writing, Concentration in Nonfiction  
Spring 2006

### St. Edward's University

BA, English Writing and Rhetoric, Suma Cum Laude  
Spring 2000

## SKILLS

### Proficient

Hindenburg  
Descript  
Audition  
Canva

### Working Knowledge

Photoshop  
InDesign  
Drupal  
Cascade  
Wordpress

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Carnegie Mellon University

Producer/Host, *Consequential* podcast  
Content Writer, Research Communications  
Heinz College of Information Systems & Public Policy  
April 2022–April 2023

Wrote and produced podcast episodes and articles that humanize academia and distill complex policy issues in relatable longform narratives. Managed a team of three graduate students in research, marketing, and website maintenance for the show.

### University of Pittsburgh

Senior Editor, *Pitt Med* magazine | Writer/Producer, *Pitt Medcast*  
December 2013–April 2022

Crafted engaging science features and podcasts that appeal to both expert and lay audiences. Managed and edited two sections. Assisted with storyboarding, design, production, and quality control. Supervised and mentored staff. Worked with freelancers.

Associate Editor, *Pitt Med* magazine

March 2010–December 2013

Wrote feature stories. Developed original ideas for stories and art. Edited, proofread, and fact-checked.

### Freelance

Writer & Editor

May 2005–December 2012

Wrote for regional and national magazines, including *GQ*, *Publishers Weekly*, and *San Francisco Chronicle*.

### Jeanne Marie Laskas, Author & *GQ* correspondent

Researcher

October 2006–March 2010

Interviewed sources and assisted in developing story ideas.

### WQED Multimedia

Writer & Researcher, *Pittsburgh* magazine

March 2006–July 2007

### Creative Nonfiction Foundation

Assistant Editor, *Creative Nonfiction*

June 2004–April 2005

Assisted in the production of an international literary journal of quality nonfiction prose. Created flyers. Maintained the website.

### AmeriCorps VISTA

Newsletter Editor, *Texas Homeless Network*

July 2000–July 2001

## INVITED LIVE TAPINGS

### **American Association for the Advancement of Science**

Pitt Medcast  
February 8, 2021  
February 14, 2020  
February 15, 2019

## CONTEST JUDGING

### **National Association of Science Writers**

Excellence in Institutional Writing Award  
2019

### **Carnegie Science Center**

Science Communicator Award  
2018

### **Creative Nonfiction**

Jewell Parker Rhodes  
Scholarship  
2004

## VOLUNTEERING

### **Integrated Schools Pittsburgh**

Founding Member  
September 2020–Present

### **Liberty Elementary Academic Fund (LEAF)**

Newsletter Co-Editor  
September 2017–Present

### **Creative Nonfiction Writers' Professional Development Society**

Co-Founder & President  
January–May 2006

### **The Homeless Media Project**

Editor-in-Chief, The Austin Homeless Advocate  
July 2000–July 2001

## AWARDS

### **Golden Quill Awards, Press Club of Western Pennsylvania**

- Excellence in Audio Journalism—Medical/Health, Division 7: 2021
- Excellence in Written Journalism—Medical/Health, Division 7: 2021
- Excellence in Corporate, Marketing & Promotional Communications—Audio, Medical/Health: 2020
- Excellence in Audio Journalism—Medical/Health: 2019
- Finalist, Health/Science/Environment, Online: 2016
- Finalist, Health/Science/Environment, Online: 2013

### **Robert L. Vann Awards, Pittsburgh Black Media Federation**

- Excellence in Audio Journalism, Health/Science/Environment: 2020
- Excellence in Journalism/Magazine, Business Feature: 2008

### **National Association of Science Writers**

- Excellence in Institutional Writing Award: 2018

### **Pennsylvania Women's Press Association**

- First Place, Excellence in Journalism, Health/Science: 2015

### **Carnegie Science Center**

- Science Communicator Award: 2014

### **Golden Triangle Awards, International Association of Business Communicators/Pittsburgh**

- Award of Excellence, Interactive Media Design: 2013
- Award of Excellence, Features Writing: 2011
- Award of Honor, Features Writing: 2008

### **Association of American Medical Colleges**

- Award of Excellence, Basic Science Staff Writing: 2012

## INVITED LECTURES

### **Carnegie Mellon University**

- "Home Recording, Remote Interviewing, and Basic Audio Editing," Moving Pictures, School of Design: April 2, 2021.

### **University of Pittsburgh**

- "Feature Writing," Professional Writing Capstone, English Department: April 1, 2021
- "Writing for a Lay Audience," Science and Society, School of Medicine: March 23, 2021
- "Internship Panel with David Shribman," Career Center: October 24, 2018
- "Science Writing," Seminar in Composition, English Department: March 28, 2014
- "Panel: Freelance Writing," Creative Nonfiction Writers' Professional Development Society: April 12, 2007
- "Panel: Nonfiction Writing Careers," Senior Seminar, English Department: March 27, 2007