

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

I'm a science writer, editor, and podcaster. 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
Audition

Working Knowledge

Photoshop
InDesign
Wordpress

WORK EXPERIENCE

University of Pittsburgh

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

Craft engaging science features and podcast episodes that appeal to both expert and lay audiences. Manage the Investigations and Alumni News sections. Assist with storyboarding, design, production, quality control, and on-time delivery. Supervise staff members and serve as a mentor. Work with freelance writers, negotiating fees, editing copy, and reviewing final layouts.

Associate Editor, *Pitt Med*

March 2010–December 2013

Wrote stories in the narrative-nonfiction style of the magazine. Contributed to the development of original ideas for stories and for photography and art to illustrate articles. Edited, proofread, and fact-checked.

Freelance

Writer & Editor

May 2005–December 2012

Wrote as a generalist for national, regional, and institutional magazines, including *GQ*, *Publishers Weekly*, *Ladies' Home Journal*, and *San Francisco Chronicle*.

Jeanne Marie Laskas, Author & *GQ* correspondent

Researcher

October 2006–March 2010

Contributed to story-idea development. Interviewed sources.

WQED Multimedia

Contributing Editor, *Pittsburgh magazine*

January–July 2007

Writer & Researcher, *Pittsburgh City Guide*

March–May 2006; March–May 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. Edited and copyedited writers' work. Wrote and designed promotional materials. Maintained the foundation's web site.

AmeriCorps/Volunteers in Service to America

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 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