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HIGHLIGHTS OF SKILLS

One of Canada's premier science writers and columnists over a 30 year period.

EDUCATION

The University of Colorado
Boulder, Colorado

B.A. history, cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa. Ford Foundation Fellowship. One year toward an M.A. in political science.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

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| 1982 | The Canadian Petroleum Association
<i>Two articles on oil and gas exploration off Newfoundland</i> |
| 1984, 86,
87, 88, 89,
95, 97 | Canadian Science Writer's Association Awards
<i>For articles ranging from cloning to virtual reality</i> |
| 1991-2011 | Canadian Who's Who |
| 1995 | Connaught Medal for Excellence in Medical Writing |
| 1997 | Asian-Pacific Fellowship
<i>Two weeks in Japan Sponsored by the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs</i> |
| 2001 | Donner Foundation Fellowship
<i>The University of Guelph</i>
<i>Studied food related issues and researched a book</i> |

- 2001 **IODE Book Award**
How Big is Big - Best Children's Book published in Toronto in 2000
- 2007 **University of British Columbia School of Journalism Science Writing Awards**
(1) Best Internet-based science article in Canada in 2006
(2) Barry Lando award for best article Print, Internet or Broadcast media in 2006.
- 2008 **Bosch Foundation Fellowship.**
Fellowship to attend the European Science Open Forum in Barcelona
- 2009
- Canadian Institutes of Health Information**
Grant to write a series on electronic health records for CBC.ca
- 2011 **Canadian Institutes of Health Information**
Grant to write a series of articles on genetics and heart disease for the Canadian Medical Association Journal, Medical Post, Canadian Lawyer, Nature Biotechnology

Publications – Books and Book Chapters and video

- 1987 **Encyclopedia of Scientific Biography**
Contributing author
- 1995 **The Sizesaurus – Making Measures Fit For Human Consumption**
Published in Canada and the United States, Book of the Month Club Selection
- 1999 **Biotechnology and the Consumer**
Contributing author of a chapter on Biotechnology and the Media
- 1998 **Heaven and Earth**
Iridium Publications
- 2000 **How Big Is Big?**
Children's Book, published in Canada and the United States
- 2007 **Readings for Technical Communication, Oxford University Press**
Contributing author.
- 2008 **Imagining Science, University of Alberta Press,**
Contributing author
- 2008 **Everyday We Ask Ourselves What If**
Privately published by MaRS in Toronto
[http://www.mri.gov.on.ca/english/documents/MaRS%20Cluster%20Report%20-%20English%20\(dom\).pdf](http://www.mri.gov.on.ca/english/documents/MaRS%20Cluster%20Report%20-%20English%20(dom).pdf)

- 2009 **Using our Heads: Building Ontario's Economy Through Research.**
Privately published for the Ontario Innovation Trust to commemorate the coming to an end of its funding cycle <http://usingourheads.ca/pages/usingourheads>
- 2009 **Communicating Biological Sciences: Ethical and Metaphorical Dimensions, Ashgate Press**
Contributing author
- 2011 **Interviewer of Dr. Lou Siminovitch for a 4-hour video biography of him for the Friends of CIHR**

Other capacities

- 1989-1999 **Honorary Fellow, York University, Bethune College**
- 1992-1998 **Contributing writer, MIT's Technology Review Magazine**
- 1999-2000
2009-2011 **Board of Directors Canadian Science Writers Association**
- 2000 **Advisor to OEC panel on chemicals in the environment**
- 2000-2010 **Board of Directors for STATS**
American organization devoted to helping journalists deal with statistics
- 2001 **Health Canada Advisory Panel for the Chief Scientist**
- 2003-2007 **Board of Director for CANSTATS**
Canadian version of STATS
- 2004-2012 **Board of Directors, Scientists in Schools**
Organization devoted to bringing science to public schools
- 2005-2010 **Expert Panel, Choosing New Entrants into the Canadian Science and Engineering Hall of Fame**
- 2007-2008 **Writer in Residence, Arts and Science Program, McMaster University**
- 2012- **President of the Canadian Science Writers' Association**

Employment Experience

- 1970-71 **English teacher**
Rio de Janeiro Taught both in private schools and at the Pontificia Universidade Catolica
- 1972-1977 **Reporter, editor, translator**
Montreal Translated from Portuguese, Spanish and French for one of Canada's first media databases. Reporter for several local publications.
- 1977-79 **Editor**
Montreal *The Montreal Star*
- 1979-2004 **Feature writer, science writer, columnist, editorial writer**
The Globe and Mail
- 2005-2011 **Science columnist**
CBC.ca
- 2005-2013 **Freelance writer**
Pieces written for Air Canada's EnRoute Magazine, The Globe and Mail, The Times Higher Education Supplement, The New Scientist, The Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation, Elsevier Canada, The Canadian Medical Association Journal, The Canadian Institute of Advanced Research, The Toronto Star, The University of Guelph DNA Barcode Initiative, The Shambhala Sun, Reader's Digest, Nature Biotechnology, Nature Medicine, Nature, Canadian Foundation for Innovation, Canadian Chemical News, Canadian Lawyer, Medical Post

Speaking engagements

- 1981-2013 **Numerous**
Most recently at Johns Hopkins University, the University of Victoria, the Toronto Region Research Alliance, Ryerson University, Carleton University, the University of Guelph, Concordia University, University of Waterloo, McMaster University, PEN Canada, The Canadian Science Policy Conferences in Calgary and Toronto, World Social Science Forum

Languages

English, French, ability to read Spanish and Portuguese