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Writing

Author of *The 7 Laws of Magical Thinking: How Irrational Beliefs Keep Us Happy, Healthy, and Sane* (Penguin/Hudson Street, 2012).

Freelance writer for publications including *The New York Times Magazine*, *Wired*, *Discover*, *Scientific American Mind*, *Popular Mechanics*, and *The Boston Globe*.

June 2006—May 2010: **News Editor** at *Psychology Today*. In charge of front-of-the-book, health, and personality sections. Also wrote features and Web content. Helped develop and maintain a network of several hundred bloggers.

April 2004—May 2006: **Senior Science Writer** at Sally Ride Science, producing content for magazines, books, and electronic media aimed mostly at younger readers. Includes work for HowStuffWorks, The Planetary Society, and NASA.

September 2003—March 2004: **Science writing intern** in Fermilab's Office of Public Affairs, writing about physics for *FermiNews*, *Fermilab Today*, and press material.

June 2003—August 2003: **Science writing intern** in MIT's Office of Communications and Donor Relations, writing about MIT research for alumni publications.

Research

June, 2000—June, 2002: **Research Coordinator** of MIT's Learning and Memory Laboratory, conducting behavioral and fMRI studies with human volunteers.

Education

MIT, Master of Science Degree, Science Writing, August, 2003.

Brown University, Bachelor of Science Degree, Cognitive Neuroscience, May, 2000.

Groton School, Diploma magna cum laude and English Prize, 1996.

Interests

Humor writing, fire poi.