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Résumé

Biography

I have been a free-lance science writer and reporter for 20 years. My work has appeared in *The New York Times*, *High Country News*, and many other newspapers, magazines, journals, books, and radio and TV shows. I am currently a research fellow at the Center for Environmental Science and Policy in the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies at Stanford University, and I am working with Richard White in the Department of History on a Ph.D. in American History and the History of Science, Medicine and Technology. I am researching the history of conservation, the science of conservation biology, and measuring conservation. I was a Knight Professional Journalism Fellow at Stanford in 2002-2003 and a Steinbeck Fellow at San Jose State University in 2003-2004.

Summary of Experience

Research Fellow, Center for Environmental Science and Policy, Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, Stanford University, 2005 – present.

Stanford University History Department, Ph.D. Candidate in American History and the History of Science, Medicine and Technology, 2004 – present.

Adjunct Instructor, Reynolds School of Journalism, University of Nevada, Reno, Interactive Environmental Journalism M.A. Program, 2006-present.

Book reviewer for *San Francisco Chronicle Book Review*, 2005 — present.

Columnist and contributing editor for *Conservation in Practice*, a magazine of the Society for Conservation Biology, and writer and editor of associated Web logs, 2004 – 2006.

Steinbeck Fellow, San Jose State University, 2003-2004. Coordinator of Sea of Cortez Expedition and Education Project in collaboration with Hopkins Marine Station of Stanford University and the Instituto Nacional de Ecología in Mexico.

Environmental Law Media Fellowship, Vermont Law School, Summer 2003 courses in biodiversity protection and current issues in Western resource litigation.

John S. Knight Professional Journalism Fellow, Stanford University, 2002-2003.

Free-lance writer and reporter, 1988 - present.

Free-lance contributor to the *The New York Times*, 1996 - present. Stories have appeared in Science Times, Sunday Money & Business, Business Day, Arts & Ideas, Cars, Home, and National sections.

Free-lance correspondent for *High Country News*, a Western regional biweekly, 1988 - present. Great Basin Regional Editor, 1992 – 1995, during a project that culminated with writing and producing a special issue on the Great Basin.

Editor-at-large, GreatBasinWeb.com, 1998-present. Editor and publisher of the journal *Great Basin*, 1996-1998.

Reporter and producer for Nevada Public Radio, 2001-2002. Reported and produced “Nevada Variations,” a 17-part series of eight-and-a-half minute feature stories, one from each of the state’s counties. The series aired during “Morning Edition” on public radio stations statewide.

Author of *Nevada*, with photographer Deon Reynolds (Graphics Arts Center Publishing Company, 2001)

“Tumblewords” author for Nevada Arts Council and Western States Arts Federation, 2001-2002. Did readings from my book, *Nevada*, and conducted nonfiction creative writing workshops in schools and community centers throughout the state.

Free-lance contributor to *Mother Jones*, *Outside*, *Nevada Magazine*, *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, *Nevada Appeal*, *Reno Gazette-Journal*, *Nevadan*, *San Francisco Bay Guardian*, *San Francisco Weekly*, *Beef Today*, *Sierra Magazine*, *Bloomsbury Review*, *Whole Earth Review*, *Parenting*, *American Forests*, and other newspapers and magazines.

Contributor of chapters to the following books: *Wild Nevada: Testimonies on Behalf of the Desert* (University of Nevada Press, 2005); *A People’s History of Wilderness* (High Country News Books, 2004); *Taking Sides: Clashing Views on Controversial Environmental Issues* (McGraw-Hill/Dushkin, 2003); *Las Vegas: The Grit Beneath the Glitter* (University of California Press, 2001); *Water in the West: A High Country News Reader* (Oregon State University Press, 2000); *Reclaiming San Francisco* (City Lights Books, 1998); *Travelers’ Tales Brazil: True Stories of Life on the Road* (Travelers Tales, 1997); *A Wolf in the Garden: The Land Rights Movement and the Renewal of the American Environmental Movement* (Rowman and Littlefield, Summer 1996); *Fighting for the Soul of Brazil* (Monthly Review Press, 1994), *Helping Nature Heal: An Introduction to Environmental Restoration* (Ten Speed Press, 1991), *Reopening the Western Frontier* (Island Press, 1989).

Associate editor and correspondent for Pacific News Service, 1988-1995. Began as correspondent based in San Francisco in 1988. Traveled throughout Brazil in 1989

reporting on the environment. Moved to Nevada in 1990 as Western correspondent. Pacific News Service stories published in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Baltimore Sun*, *Newsday*, *St. Louis Post Dispatch*, *Sacramento Bee*, *Fresno Bee*, *The Black American*, *El Hispano*, *Times of the Americas*, *National Catholic Reporter*, and other newspapers and magazines around the United States and overseas.

Full-time writer and news and information liaison for San Francisco State University and the Institute for Food and Development Policy (1983 - 1987).

Part-time radio news and documentary producer for public radio stations in the San Francisco Bay Area (1981 - 1985).

Summer and part-time work as math and Spanish tutor, camp counselor and activities director, offset press operator, woodworker, carpenter, gardener, driver and cook (1977-1981).

Fluent in Spanish, Portuguese and French. Computer skills include on-line research, communications, layout and design, database management, and word processing.

Employment History

2004-present	Research Fellow, Center for Environmental Science and Policy, Stanford Institute for International Studies; Stanford University History Department Graduate Fellowship in American History and the History of Science, Medicine and Technology.
2006-present	Adjunct Instructor, Reynolds School of Journalism, University of Nevada, Reno, Interactive Environmental Journalism M.A. Program.
2004-2006	Columnist and contributing editor for <i>Conservation in Practice</i> , a magazine of the Society for Conservation Biology, and writer and editor and writer of associated Web logs.
2003-2004	Steinbeck Fellow, San Jose State University.
2002-2003	John S. Knight Professional Journalism Fellow, Stanford University.
2001-2002	Producer and reporter, Nevada Public Radio.
1996 - present	Free-lance reporter and writer, <i>The New York Times</i> .
1988 - present	Free-lance correspondent, <i>High Country News</i> . Free-lance contributor to magazines and newspapers.

- 1992 - 1995 Great Basin Regional Editor, *High Country News*.
- 1988 - 1996 Associate editor and correspondent, Pacific News Service.
- 1985 - 1987 News and Information Director, Institute for Food and
Development Policy, San Francisco.
- 1983 - 1985 News and Information Assistant, San Francisco State University.
News and Features Producer, KPFA-FM, Berkeley.
- 1981 - 1982 Public Affairs Co-Director and Producer, KZSU-FM, Stanford.
International Government Documents Assistant, Stanford
University Libraries.
- 1977 - 1981 Summer and part-time employment as math and Spanish tutor,
camp counselor and activities director, offset press operator,
woodworker, carpenter, gardener, driver, and cook.

Education

Stanford University, Ph.D. Candidate in History, 2006-present.

Stanford University, Master of Arts, History, 2006.

Environmental Law Media Fellowship, Vermont Law School, Summer 2003

John S. Knight Professional Journalism Fellowship, Stanford University,
2002-2003. Courses taken in the Graduate School of Business and
School of Humanities and Sciences.

Santa Fe Science Writing Workshop, 1998 and 1999.

Stanford Professional Publishing Course, 1996.

B.A. Broadcast Communication Arts, San Francisco State University, 1985,
Magna Cum Laude.

English and History Major, Stanford University, 1977 - 1981.

Professional Organizations

American Association for the Advancement of Science
American Historical Association
American Society for Environmental History
Association of American Geographers

History of Science Society
Investigative Reporters and Editors
National Association of Science Writers
National Book Critics Circle
Organization of American Historians
Society for Conservation Biology
Society of Environmental Journalists

Selected publications, radio programs, awards and fellowships

Books

From the Tide Pool to the Stars: Sailing with the Spirits of John Steinbeck and Ed Ricketts on a New Journey of Discovery to the Sea of Cortez (Shearwater Books/Island Press, forthcoming)
Nevada (Graphic Arts Center Publishing Company, 2001)

Chapters in selected books

“California Environmental Prospects,” *The Blackwell Companion to California History*, (Blackwell, forthcoming)
“Smoking Out Objectivity,” *Agnotology*, (Stanford University Press, forthcoming)
“This Sublime Wilderness,” *Home Means Nevada: Literature of the Silver State*, (University of Nevada Press, forthcoming)
“Nevada: Wilderness or Wasteland,” in *Wild Nevada: Testimonies on Behalf of the Desert* (University of Nevada Press, 2005)
“Nevada’s BLM Wilderness Issue Just Simmers Along,” in *A People’s History of Wilderness* (High Country News Books, 2004)
“Nuclear Roulette,” in *Taking Sides: Clashing Views on Controversial Environmental Issues* (McGraw-Hill/Dushkin, 2003)
“Build It and the Water Will Come,” in *Las Vegas: The Grit Behind the Glitter* (University of California Press, 2002)
“Las Vegas Seeks Watery Jackpot in Northern Nevada,” “Water Forces Las Vegas to Choose: Gaming Town or Suburb of Los Angeles?” and “Las Vegas Wheels and Deals for Colorado River Water,” in *Water in the West: A High Country News Reader* (Oregon State University Press, 2000)
“The Silver Legacy: San Francisco and the Comstock Lode,” in *Reclaiming San Francisco* (City Lights Books, 1998)
“The Ultimate Road Trip,” in *Travelers’ Tales Brazil: True Stories of Life on the Road* (Travelers’ Tales, 1997)
“War of Words,” in *A Wolf in the Garden: The Land Rights Movement and the Renewal of the American Environmental Movement* (Rowman and Littlefield, 1996)
“Letting the Amazon Pay Its Own Way,” in *Helping Nature Heal: An Introduction to Environmental Restoration* (Ten Speed Press, 1991)
“Working Toward a Rural Future,” in *Reopening the Western Frontier* (Island Press, 1989)

Journal book reviews

“Improved Earth: Prairie Space as Modern Artefact 1869-1944,” *Environmental History*, 11, January 2006

“Journey of a Scientific Hero,” *Nature*, 7/22/04

Book reviews from the San Francisco Chronicle Book Review

“Inescapable Ecologies: A History of Environment, Disease, and Knowledge,” 1/21/07

“Home Ground: Language for an American Landscape,” 10/8/06

“The Humboldt Current: Nineteenth Century Exploration and the Roots of American Environmentalism” and “California’s Frontier Naturalists,” 8/13/06

“Dam! Water, Power, Politics, and Preservation in Hetch Hetchy and Yosemite National Park,” 10/23/05

“A Crack in the Edge of the World: American and the Great California Earthquake of 1906” and “San Francisco Is Burning: The Untold Story of the 1906 Earthquake and Fires,” 10/16/06

“The Man Behind the Microchip: Robert Noyce and the Invention of Silicon Valley,” 7/10/05

“The Great Earthquake and Firestorms of 1906: How San Francisco Nearly Destroyed Itself,” 5/8/05

“The Battle Over Hetch Hetchy: America’s Most Controversial Dam and the Birth of American Environmentalism,” 3/27/05

Selected articles from The New York Times

Science Times

“Unlikely Partners Create Plan to Save Ocean Habitat Along with Fishing,” 8/8/06

“Second Thoughts for a Designer of Software That Aids Conservation,” 9/21/04

“Few Habitats, Many Species and a Debate on Preservation,” 7/1/03

“Fiscal Accountability Concerns Come to Conservation,” 11/5/02

“Environmentalists Hail the Ranchers: Howdy, Partners!” 9/10/02

“California Maps Network of Open Space as Animal Lifeline,” 8/28/01

“Running Hot in Pursuit of Cancer Treatment, Scientist at Work: John Reed,” 12/12/00

“Golden Rice in a Grenade-Proof Greenhouse, Scientist at Work: Ingo Potrykus”
11/21/00

“Unknowns Nag After Fires Near Atomic Sites,” 9/12/00

“Interloper Ants Keep It All in the Family,” 8/1/00

“A Deadly Dance on the Steppes of Nevada,” 2/1/00

“A Romance With a Rain Forest and Its Elusive Miracles, Scientist at Work: Mark J. Plotkin” 11/30/99

“New Questions Plague Nuclear Waste Storage Plan,” 8/10/99

“In Arizona Desert, a Bird Oasis in Peril,” 5/4/99

“Teachers Fight for Darwin’s Place in U.S. Classrooms,” 11/24/98

“California Floods Change Thinking on Need to Tame Rivers,” 3/4/97

“River in Nevada Helps Its Own Restoration,” 9/24/96

Cars

“My Garage Balancing Act: One Hybrid, One S.U.V.,” 10/27/04

“Want Me to Slow Down From 25 Miles an Hours? That’s Not a Problem,” 10/22/03

Arts & Ideas

“Asking the Do-Gooders to Prove They Do Good,” 1/3/04

Giving

“Exploring New Ideas for Making Finances Clearer and Scandals Rarer,” 11/17/03

Small Business

“A Small Family Business That Started, of Course, in a Garage,” 2/22/05

E-Business

“Relief Agencies Retool to Handle Online Flood,” 9/26/01

“Pulling the Plug on Big Ed’s Live Music Webcasts,” 9/26/01

“Lasso a Wild Horse and a Posse of Helpers,” 6/13/01

“Using the Internet to Sell Their Love of a Canyon,” 12/13/00

“Live From Big Ed’s Roadhouse, Linking Up With a Beat,” 9/20/00

“On the Web, as Elsewhere, Scientists Prove a Demanding Lot,” 6/7/00

“Costco Brings Its Big Box Onto the Web, but Cautiously,” 3/29/00

Sunday Money & Business

“Hopscotching at 10,000, Dow Gets Our Attention,” 4/4/99

“Seeing a Forest to Save the Trees,” 3/7/99

“For Navajos, Charity Begins at the Post Office: Sales of Catalogue Support Programs,”
7/12/98

“When a Smorgasbord Replaces a Diet Plate in a 401(k),” 2/22/98

“Land Rich, but Cash Poor, in the West: With True Grit and Donations, a Scenic Utah
Ranch is Saved,” 11/23/97

“The Greening of Gambling’s Golden Boy, An Improbable Case for a Master Builder: A
Clean Environment,” 7/6/97

Business Day

“Trading This Even Up for That: An Exchange for the General Good Was Better for
Some Than Others,” 10/3/98

“A New On-Line Publisher Promotes Nonfiction on a Pay-Per-Read Basis,” 9/22/97

“Cultivating the World’s Demand for Seafood,” 3/1/97

“High-Country Common Ground: In the Sierras, Growth and Preservation Are Not at
Odds,” 11/30/96

“Gold Diggers of 1996: Nevada Mining Shifts Underground to Get the Deep Ore,”
11/16/96

Home

“Someday Soon Is Now: Home on the Range With Ian Tyson,” 2/13/97

Retirement

“What Does Joy Schott Want? Wall Street is Listening,” 3/21/99

National

“Recount Confirms Nevada Senator’s Victory,” 11/13/98

“U.S. to Auction Land Near Las Vegas and Give State the Money,” 10/25/98

“Novel Use of Clean-Water Loans Brightens Outlook for a River,” 10/31/96

High Country News selected cover stories

“Who Will Take Over the Ranch?” 3/29/04

“Can Nevada Bury Yucca Mountain?” 7/2/01

“Save Our Sagebrush: In the Great Basin, Fires Create a Chance for Redemption,”
5/22/00

“A Senator For the New West in the Race of His Life,” 9/28/98

“Planning Under the Gun: Cleaning Up Lake Tahoe Proves To Be a Dirty Business,”
5/12/97

“The shotgun wedding of tourism and public lands,” 12/23/96

“Nevada’s Ugly Tug-of-War: A Visit to the Heart of the Sagebrush Rebellion,” 10/30/95

“The Great Basin: America’s Wasteland Seeks a New Identity,” a special issue including the articles: “Scientists Search for Biological Treasures,” “Dave Foreman Sparks Wilderness Drive,” “A Bitter Rancher and a Failed Compromise,” “County Commissioner Courts Bloodshed,” “Folk Hero Has a Pure White Vision,” “Activist Seeks a Green, Just Nevada,” “Dann Sisters Flout U.S. Law,” “Learning From Las Vegas,” “Salt Lake City: Is This Still the Place?” “Elko Is Halfway Home,” “Reno Turns Back To the River,” “After the Gold Rush,” “A Tale of Two Ranches,” “No Final Solution for Farmers,” “Surprises of Sovereignty,” and “At Home in the Wasteland,” 4/3/95

“Can Mining Come Clean?” 5/30/94

“Mining Reform: Searching for Common Ground,” 10/3/93

“The Nuclear Age, 1945: the Beginning; 1992: the Beginning of the End,” 11/2/92

“Las Vegas: The Boom Craps Out... And the City Has Second Thoughts About Water,”
4/6/92

“High Noon in Nevada: Forest Service Goes Head-To-Head With an Angry Rancher,”
9/9/91

“The Bombing of the West,” 5/6/91

“The Land No One Wanted: The Western Shoshones Look Homeward,” 12/31/90

Other selected publications

“From the Tide Pool to the Stars: Sailing with the Spirits of John Steinbeck and Ed Ricketts on a New Voyage of Discovery around Baja California,” *Journal of the Institute for the Liberal Arts at Westmont*, October 2005

“Are We Consuming Too Much?” *Conservation in Practice*, April-June 2005

“How To Stop Conservation Donors from Cheating on Their Taxes,” with Terry Anderson, *Chronicle of Philanthropy*, 4/28/05

“Win-Win Illusions,” *Conservation in Practice*, Winter 2004

“Auditing Conservation in an Age of Accountability,” *Conservation in Practice*,
Summer 2003
“Hope for Peace on the Range: Ranchers and Environmentalists Find Common Ground in
Thinking About the Future of the Rural West,” *Reno News & Review*, 7/30/02
“Nuclear Roulette,” *Mother Jones*, September/October 2001
“Cowboy Poetry: A Eulogy or a Celebration?” *Touchstone*, Nevada Humanities
Committee, May-July 2001
“Carson High,” *River Teeth: A Journal of Nonfiction Narrative*, Fall 2000
“Spreading the Gospel of Fire,” *Utah State University Magazine*, Summer 2000
“A Day In the Life of Nevadans at the Millennium,” *Nevada Appeal*, 1999 series
“A Desert Defiled: Is America’s Park System in Trouble? In the Mojave an Unsettling
Answer,” *Outside*, February 1999
Reports from Brazil, *Pacific News Service*, 1989 series
“Maria Varela & Ganados del Valle: An Authentic ‘Milagro,’” *Mother Jones*,
January/February 1989

Online publications

“Recent Trends in Conservation and Development in the Western United States,” Bill
Lane Center for the Study of the North American West, Stanford University,
12/5/06.
“Integrate Expectations: An Interview with Integration Advocate Sheryll Cashin,” *Grist*,
3/21/06
“Forgive Us Our Debts: Why Aren’t Conservationists Fighting Poverty?” *Grist*, 8/11/05
“A Friendly Conservation: White House to Greens: We Should Totally Do This Again
Some Time,” *Grist*, 9/2/05
“Reports from the White House Conference on Cooperative Conservation,” *New West*,
August-September 2005

Television programs

“How Green?” *PBS “NOW*,” a report on new approaches for wilderness in the West,
January 5, 2007.

Radio programs

“Nevada Variations,” a 17-part series of eight-and-a-half minute features on each of the
state’s counties for Nevada Public Radio, aired during “Morning Edition” on
KNPR-FM Las Vegas and KUNR-FM Reno, October 2001-March 2003.

Awards and fellowships

Stanford Humanities Lab, Research Grant, 2006-2007
Prize for Excellence in First-time Teaching, Department of History, Stanford University,
2006
Steinbeck Fellowship, San Jose State University, 2003-2004
Environmental Law Media Fellowship, Vermont Law School, Summer 2003
John S. Knight Professional Journalism Fellowship, Stanford University, 2002-2003
Society of Environmental Journalists, Radio Beat Reporting Finalist, 2003
Axiem Copper Award, Regional Radio Writing, 2003
Axiem Silver Award, Radio Documentary, 2003

The Communicator, Award of Distinction, 2002
Electronic Media Awards, Award of Excellence, 2002
River Teeth Narrative Reportage Contest runner-up, 2000
Oscars in Agriculture, Merit Award, 1997
Livingston Award for Young Journalists finalist, 1994
Brock Center for Agricultural Communication, National Journalism Award, 1994
Livestock Publications Council, Best Feature Article, 1991

Clippings and references available upon request.