

Education

- M.S. **Biomedical Sciences.** University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI. 1997-2000.
- B.A. **Biology and Anthropology.** Boston University, Boston, MA. 1990-1994.

Work History

- Freelance Journalist and Writer, Maui, HI 2004–present
- Science Writer, AURA Gemini Observatory, Hilo, HI 2003–2004
- Sales Representative, Sepracor Inc, Honolulu, HI 2002–2003
- Pharmaceutical Sales Representative, AstraZeneca, Honolulu, HI 2001–2002

Publications/Presentations

- NEI's One-Stop Shop for Ophthalmology. *Eye on NEI.* Jul 8, 2009
- Mystery of Healthy Eyes. *Eye on NEI.* Jun 8, 2009
- A master's degree with a business spin gains popularity. *Nature Medicine.* 15(5):465. May 2009
- Hana Banana. *Hana Hou!* 12(2). Apr/May 2009
- Straight talk with...Agnes Saint-Raymond. *Nature Medicine.* 15(4):354-55. Apr 2009
- Clues emerge about benefits of briefly blocking blood flow. *Nature Medicine.* 15:132. Feb 2009
- Fear Factor. (Reprint) *Nature Biotechnology.* 27:206-207. Feb 2009
- Fear Factor. *Nature.* 457:342-343. Jan 14, 2009
- Report details scientific self-censoring. *Nature Medicine.* 15:5. Jan 1, 2009
- Poli'ahu's Gift. *Hana Hou!* 11(6). Dec 2008/Jan 2009
- Straight talk with...Ray Moynihan. *Nature Medicine.* 14(11):1142-43. Nov 2008
- Safer stem cells. *Nature Medicine.* 14(11):1134. Nov 2008
- Publication is positively skewed. *Nature Medicine.* 14(11):1133. Nov 2008
- Patient-based site tracks drug responses. *Nature Medicine.* 14(10):995. Oct 2008
- Barriers set up to protect genome databases. *Nature Medicine.* 14(10):996. Oct 2008
- 10 Ways to Transform Your Lab. *Nature Medicine.* 14(9):897-899. Sep 2008
- Maui Bloomsday. *Hana Hou!* 11(2). Aug/Sep 2008

- Dissension in the Ranks. *Nature*. 454:1024-1025. Aug 20, 2008
- Fearful of vaccinations, some parents find cause for celebration. Jul 2008
Nature Medicine. 14(7):699
- Victims of West Nile virus face long-term health problems. *Nature* Jul 2008
Medicine 14(7):700.
- Straight Talk with Alan Gillespie. *Nature Medicine*. 14(6):598-599. Jun 2008
- Gut instincts drive next generation of diabetes medications. *Nature* Apr 2008
Medicine. 14(4):355.
- Strands of History. *Hana Hou!*. 11(2). Apr/May 2008
- Comeback Drugs. *Nature Medicine*. 14(3):226. Mar 2008
- Swiss Stance on HIV Transmission Sparks Concern. *Nature Medicine*. Mar 2008
14(3):227.
- Indexing Your Career. *Science*. Mar 7, 2008
- Collective Soul. *Hana Hou!*. 11(1). Feb/Mar 2008
- Ready, Set, Hire. *Nature*. 451:740-741. Feb 6, 2008
- Q & A: Frankie Trull. *Nature Medicine*. 14(2):112. Feb 2008
- Straight Talk with Mark Hodosh. *Nature Medicine*. 14(1):8. Jan 2008
- 3-Minute Vacation. Blog located at <http://gbjorn.wordpress.com> Dec 2007
- Freedom of the Skies. *Nature*. 449:750-751. Oct 10, 2007
- Eyes in the Sky. *The Haleakala Times*. July 3, 2007

Awards

- CASW Travel Fellowship 2008

Affiliations/Memberships

- ASJA 2009-present
- AMWA 2005-present
- NASW (and WSJ) 2004-present

Experience

- As a freelance journalist and writer, I am a regular contributor to *Nature Medicine*, *Nature Jobs* and *Hana Hou!*, the in-flight magazine of Hawaiian Airlines. My work has also appeared in *Science* and *The Haleakala Times*. My beats include biomedicine, science, careers and travel.

- I author the popular blog entitled “3-Minute Vacation” covering micro news and views on all things Hawaii, my beloved home. I also reach audiences with science and travels news through Twitter and Facebook.
- Lacking formal training in journalism, I learned the trade on the job with the gracious mentoring of several editors. My formal academic training is in biomedical sciences, chemistry and anthropology.
- Prior to working freelance, I wrote about astronomy for the Gemini Observatory, located on Mauna Kea in Hawaii. This is where I got my start in science writing.

Interests

- Human cultures in terms of innovation, health, diversity and adaption.
- Travel, with recent forays to the Brazilian Amazon, Argentina and the Netherlands.
- Enjoying nature through hiking, surfing, scuba diving and gardening.
- Sustainability, which includes personally living off-the-grid in Hawaii on solar power and water catchment with my husband and dogs.