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### 11 years of professional writing and editing experience

- Freelance editor, writer, communications specialist (2007 – present)
- Edited Leslie Langtry's novel, *'Scuse Me While I Kill This Guy*, (Dorchester Press, 2007), Tara M. Case's memoir, *When Cancer Strikes: A Personal Story of Hope* (2010), and dietician Jane Reinhardt-Martin's revised edition of *Flax Your Way to Better Health* (TSA Press, forthcoming 2011)
- Edited Ph.D. dissertations, proficient in using the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (5th and 6th editions)
- Taught Black Hawk College Outreach Center employees about writing with more power and fewer words (2007, 2011)
- Presented Midwest Writing Center workshops on creating a holiday letter (2009, 2010), editing (2008, 2009), email, print and online communications (2007) and interviewing sources for articles (2007)
- Wrote poetry chapbook, *How to avoid being and other paths to triumph* (918studio, forthcoming 2011)
- Wrote monthly guest column for Dispatch/Argus newspaper (2008 – 2009)
- Worked at Modern Woodmen of America (2000 – 2007); wrote CEO speeches, communications plans, magazine feature articles, newsletters, speeches, Web copy, media releases, ad copy, scripts, greeting cards and more
- Experienced in conducting successful interviews
- Specialized in writing family- and volunteer-related articles
- Proficient in AP Style, and trained in service journalism

### Education and training

- B.A. in English-writing from Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill. (1999)
- Graduated from Quad City Leadership Academy (2002)
- Graduated from Long Ridge Writing Group's course, *Basics of Writing Stories and Articles for Publication* (2005)
- Trained in writing workshops (*Revving Up Readership*, *Building a Solid Structure*, *Clarify Complex Copy and Get Good at Getting the Goods*) with Ann Wylie, in *Integrating Print and Online Communications* with Steve Crescenzo, and media relations with Wixted, Pope, Nora, Thompson & Associates

### Awards

- Received two Best of Show Awards from the Insurance and Financial Communicators Association, one for a magazine article (2002), and one for a magazine issue in which I had three articles (2005)
- Presented winning case study at Life Communicators Association's (now Insurance and Financial Communicators Association's) Basic Communication Workshop
- Won Mary Wollstonecraft Essay Award, Barbara Anderson Miller Award and Vasquez-Valarezo Poetry Award from Augustana College (1999), and Lee Garrison Award from Western Illinois University (1995)