

RACHAEL MOELLER GORMAN

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EDUCATION

Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island; 2002

•MA, Environmental Studies (also completed communications courses)

Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts; 1998

•BA, Biology with a concentration in Neuroscience (also completed English writing courses)

EXPERIENCE

Freelance Science and Health Writer, January 2003 – present

•Composes feature stories on science, medicine, health, nutrition, and the environment for both general interest and specialized publications

•Clients currently include EatingWell, BioTechniques, Good Housekeeping, and Proto

Reporter/Researcher Intern, Discover (circulation: over 1 million worldwide), New York City, New York; September 2002 – December 2002

•Developed and wrote monthly science news stories

•Composed weekly feature articles for the magazine's website

•Checked facts for the Vital Signs, Sky Lights, Reviews, Letters, Quotes, and Resources departments of the magazine

Reporter/Researcher Intern, Scientific American online (website visits per month: 850,000; circulation: over 1 million worldwide), May 2002 – July 2002

•Covered daily breaking news stories; created, explained and wrote about complex issues in under three hours

•Worked independently and remotely from Boston, MA, writing more than 40 stories over 10 weeks

Researcher/Reporter Intern, Annals of Improbable Research (circulation: 2,000), Cambridge, Massachusetts; June 2002 – August 2002

•Generated ideas and wrote articles for the bi-monthly science humor publication that also stages the Ig Nobel prizes

Contributing Writer, Focus (circulation: 17,000), the newspaper of the graduate, medical, dental, and public health schools at Harvard University; Cambridge, Massachusetts; April 1999 – June 2000

•Composed an opinion/editorial column for a university news publication, writing pieces on human disease research, the increasingly important role of the Internet in personal medical care, and the daily realities of scientific research

RESEARCH

Masters Thesis Research in Environmental Health, Brown University and the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, Providence, Rhode Island; June 2001 – May 2002

•Investigated and compared the air quality of various neighborhoods in Providence, RI using GIS and computer modeling

•Developed and published a multi-media thesis on the Internet, using text, charts, maps, and photographs for the public to view and use

•Research was accepted for presentation at two national meetings

Genetics and Nervous System Research Technician, Hart Laboratory, Harvard Medical School, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts; June 1998 – June 2000
*Conducted independent research on the nervous system of the worm *C. elegans* as part of a neurodegeneration laboratory
*Formally presented research regularly, attended national meetings, published research in the scientific journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences

AWARDS/MEMBERSHIPS

Awards:

- * Winner, 2013 James Beard Foundation Journalism Award in the category of Health and Well-Being for "Solving the Sugar Puzzle" (EatingWell)
- * Winner, 2013 American Society of Journalists and Authors award for Best Service article for "Solving the Sugar Puzzle" (EatingWell)
- * Winner, 2013 Endocrine Society Award for Excellence in Science and Medical Journalism for "Is Your Tap Water Safe?" (Good Housekeeping)
- * Honorable Mention, 2013 American Society of Journalists and Authors in the category of Reporting on a Significant Topic for "Is Your Tap Water Safe?" (Good Housekeeping)
- * Honorable Mention, 2013 American Society of Journalists and Authors in the category of Science/Technology/Business for "Our Innate Defense" (Proto)
- * Winner, 2011 James Beard Foundation Journalism Award in the category of Health and Nutrition for "Captain of the Happier Meal" (EatingWell)
- * Finalist, 2011 National Magazine Award in the category of Personal Service for "The (Surprising) Truth About Salt" (Good Housekeeping)
- * Finalist, 2011 Bert Greene Food Journalism Award for "The (Surprising) Truth About Salt" (Good Housekeeping)
- * Finalist, 2011 ASJA Outstanding Article Award: Business/Technology for "Entry Fee" (Proto)
- * Winner, 2009 James Beard Foundation Journalism Award in the category of Best Reporting on Nutrition of Consumer Issues for "How to Feed Your Mind" (EatingWell)
- * Winner, 2007 Bert Greene Food Journalism Award for "Miracle Up North" (EatingWell)
- * Finalist, 2007 James Beard Foundation Journalism Award in the category of Newspaper or Magazine Reporting on Nutrition or Food-Related Consumer issues for "Miracle Up North" (EatingWell)
- * Finalist, 2006 James Beard Foundation Journalism Award in the category of Newspaper or Magazine Reporting on Nutrition or Food-Related Consumer issues for "Faux Food: Where Have All Our Nutrients Gone?" (EatingWell)

Professional Memberships:

- * The American Society of Journalists and Authors, National Association of Science Writers, The National Federation of Press Women