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PROFILE

Pulitzer Prize-winning writer on environmental science issues, professor of journalism at New York University's Arthur L. Carter Journalism Institute and director of the NYU Science, Health and Environmental Reporting Program, a premier masters-level science journalism training program.

Author of *Toms River: A Story of Science and Salvation* (Bantam, 2013), a *New York Times* bestseller that won the 2014 Pulitzer Prize for General Nonfiction, the Helen Bernstein New York Public Library Book Award for Excellence in Journalism, the National Academies of Science Book Award and the Society of Environmental Journalists Rachel Carson Book Award, among other prizes. *Toms River* was reviewed as "a new classic of science reporting" (*The New York Times*), "a gripping, page-turning environmental thriller" (*National Public Radio*), "absorbing and thoughtful" (*USA Today*), "a crisp, hard-nosed probe into corporate arrogance and the power of public resistance" (*Publishers Weekly*), "required environmental reading" (*The Philadelphia Inquirer*), "fascinating" (*Science*) and "a triumph" (*Nature*).

Recent publications include *The New York Times, Scientific American, Nature* and *Slate*. Next book, on monarch butterflies and the future of the biodiversity in the Anthropocene, due in 2017.

Twice a Pulitzer finalist during fourteen years spent as the environmental reporter at *Newsday*. Won two of the best-known science journalism prizes in the United States, from the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the National Association of Science Writers. Also co-author of award-winning investigative book, *Toxic Deception*.

Frequent commentator on science and environmental journalism. Past president of 1,200-member Society of Environmental Journalists. Recipient of Templeton-Cambridge Journalism Fellowship in Science and Religion at University of Cambridge and Marine Biological Laboratory Fellowship at Institute for Arctic Biology in northern Alaska.

EDUCATION

Dartmouth College 1981-1985

A.B. degree, with honors in government major. President and editor-in-chief of the independent daily college newspaper, *The Dartmouth*. Honors thesis on campaign attempts to influence press during 1984 early primaries. Reporting internships at *Time*, *National Journal* and *The MacNeil-Lehrer Report*.

Templeton-Cambridge Journalism Fellow in Science and Religion

2005

Three-month fellowship to study interactions between science and religion at the University of Cambridge, United Kingdom. Topics included cosmology, evolutionary biology, bioethics, neuroscience, psychology, sociology of belief, artificial intelligence, theology, history of science, climate change, genetics and stem cell biology. Researched fundamentalist attitudes toward science.

Science Journalism Fellow, Marine Biological Laboratory

2000

Week-long fellowship to study marine biology, hydrology and atmospheric chemistry at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, Massachusetts.

Science Journalism Fellow, Institute of Arctic Biology

2000

Ten-day fellowship to study tundra ecosystem and climate change at the Institute of Arctic Biology at Toolik Lake, Alaska.

ACADEMIC WORK

Director, NYU Science, Health & Environmental Reporting Program

2006-present

Direct one of the world's oldest and best-regarded science journalism training programs. Graduates of the sixteen-month SHERP sequence are granted a Master of Arts in journalism with a concentration in science, health and environmental journalism. SHERP's annual applicant pool (~35) and enrollment yield (75 percent) rank it as a globally preeminent program.

Duties include hiring and overseeing 15 instructors, selecting incoming class of fifteen students, managing budget and raising funds (typically \$50,000 in outside funding per year) from foundations, government sources and alumni.

Created and publish the student-run SHERP webzine, *Scienceline*, which attracts more than 6,000 daily page views worldwide (about 2.5 million per year). Brought more than 300 journalists and scientists to speak on campus. Conceived and organized major symposia on synthetic biology and the pseudoscience of "intelligent design".

Completed first overhaul of SHERP curriculum in twenty years by creating and launching six courses and revamping internship program. New courses include Data Journalism and Entrepreneurial Science Journalism, part of a larger effort to fully incorporate video and audio podcasting, web design and other multimedia storytelling techniques into the SHERP curriculum.

Professor, Arthur L. Carter Institute of Journalism at NYU

2016-present

Promoted to full professor in 2016.

Associate Professor, Arthur L. Carter Institute of Journalism at NYU

2005-present

Taught seven distinct courses, each designed from scratch. Four SHERP classes: Current Topics in Science Health and Environmental Journalism (case studies and beat coverage), Writing, Reporting and Research Workshop II (advanced science journalism), Environmental Reporting, and Journalistic Judgment (press and science ethics). Three undergraduate classes: Issues and Ideas: God, Science & Culture Wars (interactions between science and religion), Journalism and Society: Covering the Earth (an advanced course for environmental studies and journalism majors), and Feature Writing. Granted tenure in 2009.

Director, NYU Science Communication Workshops

2008-present

Conceived and direct program to train Ph.D. science students, science post-docs and medical students at NYU in the basics of communicating science to mass audiences. Developed syllabus for four-week workshop courses. Collaborated on program design with chairs of eight science departments, Dean of Science and Senior Vice Provost. Secured implementation funding from university. Program launched in 2009 and has served more than 500 NYU Ph.D. and post-doctoral science students and medical students. Raise current budget of approximately \$110,000 from private foundations and university offices.

Affiliated Faculty, NYU Environmental Studies Department

2006-present

Collaborated on design of new undergraduate major in environmental studies. Developed innovative environmental journalism course designed for both environmental studies majors and journalism majors.

Associate Director, NYU SHERP

2005-2006

Assisted Professor William Burrows, now director emeritus of SHERP.

Guest Lecturer 2003-present

Since 2003, lectured on science and environmental journalism, cancer epidemiology, biodiversity and other topics on 28 campuses: Brooklyn Law School, Columbia University, Cornell University, Dartmouth College, Emory University, Flagler College, University of Florida, University of Georgia,

Green Mountain College, Harvard University, Hunter College, Iowa State University, Middlebury College, Michigan State University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, NYU Law School, Ocean County College, Ohio University, University of Pennsylvania, Purchase College, Purdue University, University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, University of St. Thomas, Stevens Institute of Technology, Wagner College, Wesleyan University, West Virginia University and the University of Wisconsin.

Visiting Instructor, E.W. Scripps School of Journalism at Ohio University

2003

Journalist-in-residence for four days. Delivered three lectures on investigative environmental health reporting, mentored students.

Editor-in-Residence

2000-present

Mentor student newspaper staffs at Yale University and Dartmouth College.

Adjunct Professor, NYU Department of Journalism

1998-2004

Designed and taught environmental journalism course for SHERP students.

SELECTED HONORS AND AWARDS

Winner, Pulitzer Prize for General Nonfiction

2014

For *Toms River*, which the Pulitzer board described as "a book that deftly combines investigative reporting and historical research to probe a New Jersey seashore town's cluster of childhood cancers linked to water and air pollution."

Winner, Helen Bernstein Award for Excellence in Journalism

2014

For *Toms River*, for "powerful, in-depth reporting that informs the public, shapes policy, and changes the world."

Winner, National Academies of Science Book of the Year Award

2014

For *Toms River*, for "its masterful portrayal of the scientific process at work in a town facing environmental crisis."

Winner, Society of Environmental Journalists Rachel Carson Award

2014

For *Toms River*, which the judges called a "masterpiece" that "embodies Carson's legacy of deeply insightful, science-based literary prose."

Winner, Books for a Better Life Green Book of the Year

2014

For Toms River.

Finalist.	, Investigative	Reporters	and Editors	Book Prize

2007

For Toxic Deception.

Finalist, Pulitzer Prize for Deadline Reporting

2004

Principal member of team honored for coverage of 2003 Northeast blackout.

Winner, AAAS Science Journalism Award

2003

For "Tattered Hopes", a 10,000-word investigation of the politics of cancer epidemiology and the flawed search for neighborhood cancer clusters. Presented by the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the world's largest scientific society.

Winner, National Association of Science Writers Science in Society Award

2003

For "Tattered Hopes".

Finalist, Pulitzer Prize for Explanatory Reporting

1994

One of three principal reporters on team honored for coverage of breast cancer causes and treatment disparities.

BOOKS

Last Flight of the Monarch (in process)

2014-present

Three-year contract to produce a major book for Bantam-Random House about the monarch butterfly and the future of biodiversity in an age of human domination. Extensive reporting throughout North America, Central America and the Pacific. I expect to do more than 150 interviews.

Toms River: A Story of Science and Salvation

2007-2013

Pulitzer Prize-winning 538-page book published in 2013 by Bantam-Random House about a New Jersey town's struggles with pollution and cancer, set against the 2,000-year quest to understand the relationship between environmental exposure and cancer. A *New York Times* bestseller, currently in its seventh hardcover printing. Conducted more than 150 interviews, plus extensive use of freedom of information requests. Coverage in more than 90 published reviews, television and radio programs and articles around the world, including the *New York Times*, which reviewed *Toms River* as a "new classic of science reporting." Paperback, with a new afterword, published by Island Press in 2015. Two Chinese language editions also published in 2015. Motion picture rights optioned in 2015.

Toxic Deception 1994-1996

Co-authored 294-page book on systemic flaws in chemical regulation. More than 100 interviews, extensive use of databases and documents obtained through freedom of information requests. First published in 1997 (Birch Lane Press) and still available in paperback (Common Courage Press, 2002), *Toxic Deception* triggered investigation by the Inspector General of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, op-ed columns in the *New York Times* and elsewhere, author appearances on CNN, National Public Radio, C-SPAN, and more than twenty other broadcast programs. Favorable reviews in *Publishers Weekly, Booklist, Library Journal* and more than twenty other publications.

Contributing Author

1999-2004

Contributed chapters to Covering Pollution: An Investigative Reporter's Guide (Investigative Reporters and Editors, 2004) and The Piracy of America: Profiting in the Public Domain (Clarity Press, 1999)

SELECTED FREELANCE WRITING SINCE 2005

Freelance writer, selected work

2005-present

- 3,500-word feature article, set in Amazonia, Brazil, on clouds, global climate change and the anthropic atmosphere for *National Geographic*. In process.
- "Toxic Prosperity," 1,100-word op-ed in *The New York Times* about the legacy of the chemical industry in Basel, Switzerland. Published April 25, 2014.
- "Why We Should Accept GMO Labels," 1,200-world column for *Scientific American* about the controversy over labeling genetically modified foods. Published Oct. 24, 2013.
- "Alive and Tweeting," 1,200-word column for *Slate* about privacy and identity confusion in the Digital Age. Published July 10, 2013.
- "A Cancer Cycle, From Here to China," 900-word op-ed in *The New York Times* on the hazardous connections between Toms River and current chemical pollution in China. Published Jan. 12, 2013.
- "Toxicology: The Learning Curve," 3,500-word feature on hormone-disrupting chemicals in *Nature*. Published Oct. 24, 2012.
- "Children of Smoke," 4,300-word feature on molecular epidemiology research in China, in *Scientific American*. Published Aug. 2008.
- "Second Thoughts About Fluoride," 4,500-word feature about the toxicology of fluoride in *Scientific American*. Published Jan. 2008.

"Are We Poisoning Ourselves on an Industrial Scale?" 800-word book review in *New Scientist*. Published Oct. 27, 2007.

"Science and Journalism Fail to Connect," *Nieman Reports.* 1,300-word essay on barriers to effective science communication. Published Dec. 15, 2005.

NEWSPAPER WRITING

Environment Writer, *Newsday*

1991-2005

Covered a broad range of global, national, state and regional environmental and science issues, with an emphasis on investigative and enterprise projects for the Sunday edition. Produced multi-day series on cancer epidemiology, pesticides and breast cancer risk, leaking underground tanks, indoor air pollution, decline of fish stocks, the dysfunctional Northeast electric power grid, pollution in Long Island Sound and the natural history of Long Island, as well more than fifty other Sunday cover stories. Wrote approximately eight hundred articles on environmental, energy and science topics.

Energy Reporter, Newsday

1995-1997

Covered the \$7 billion state takeover of Long Island's electric company.

Politics and Government Reporter, Newsday

1989-1991

Covered Suffolk County and New York State politics.

Albany Bureau Reporter, Newsday

1990, 1991

Covered the state legislature and governor.

Town Government Reporter, Newsday

1987-1989

Covered politics and government in a 300,000-population township.

Special Projects Reporter, Sarasota Herald-Tribune

1987

Produced front-page investigative and enterprise stories for Sunday edition.

County Government Reporter, Sarasota Herald-Tribune

1986-1987

Covered politics and government in Sarasota County, population 350,000, with an emphasis on growth management and environmental issues.

Police, courts and political reporter, Sarasota Herald-Tribune

1985-1986

Covered criminal justice and politics in suburban bureaus.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Juror, Pulitzer Prize for General Nonfiction

2014-2015

On three-member jury selecting three finalists. Reviewed more than 300 books.

Advisory Board Member

2013-present

Active member of advisory boards for *Inside Climate News*, OnEarth.org and *Undark* magazine.

Board of Proprietors, The Dartmouth Inc.

2013-present

Board member of the corporation that owns the independent campus daily newspaper, overseeing a staff of 200 and a budget of \$225,000, with assets of \$800,000. Meets three times per year.

President, Society of Environmental Journalists

2003-2005

Elected by 15-member board to two one-year terms as the president of SEJ, a 1,300-member association of environmental journalists from U.S. and 25 other countries. Set policy and priorities in consultation with board, supervised \$900,000 budget and eight-person staff, and made numerous media appearances to promote the organization's goal of "improving the quality, accuracy and visibility of environmental reporting." Launched a new program to speak out against curbs on freedom of information, established an awards program and mentoring program.

Board Member, Society of Environmental Journalists

2000-2005

Elected twice to board overseeing the association. Served two years as vice president for programs.

Contest Judge 2000-2015

Judged numerous journalism and book contests, including Pulitzer Prizes, Society of Professional Journalists, National Association of Science Writers and Society of Environmental Journalists.

SELECTED RECENT SPEECHES, PANELS AND MEDIA INTERVIEWS

Featured speaker (since 2013)

2013-present

University of Michigan School of Public Health, March 17, 2016

Michigan State University College of Communication Arts and Sciences, March 15, 2016.

University of Florida College of Journalism and Communications, Feb. 15, 2016.

Flagler College, Feb. 11, 2016.

University of Maryland School of Public Health, Nov. 12, 2015.

Dartmouth College, Nov. 6, 2015.

Middlebury College, Nov. 5, 2015.

Harvard Museum of Natural History, Oct. 22, 2015.

Tavern Club, Boston, MA, Oct. 22, 2015.

Giles Symposium, University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, Oct. 8, 2015.

"The Futures of Science Journalism," keynote address to the Rathenau Instituut conference on science journalism, The Hague, Netherlands, Sept. 3, 2015.

Marine & Environmental Research Institute, Blue Hill, ME, Aug. 6, 2015.

Dartmouth College, June 20, 2015.

"Converging, Diverging and Dreaming in Digital: What's Next for Science Journalism," keynote address to the World Conference of Science Journalists, Seoul, South Korea, June 11, 2015.

Harvard Club, New York, May 2, 2015.

Politics and Prose Bookstore, Washington, DC, April 26, 2015.

National Academy of Sciences, Washington, DC, April 26, 2015.

Thomas L. Benson Lecture, Green Mountain College, April 20, 2015.

Barnes & Noble Tribeca, New York, April 7, 2015.

Odum School of Ecology, University of Georgia, March 19, 2015.

Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University, March 18, 2015.

Science in the Modern World Lecture, Purchase College, March 10, 2015.

Iowa State University, March 3, 2015.

Cornell University, Feb. 27, 2015.

Hardesty Festival of Ideas, West Virginia University, Morgantown and Charleston, WV, Jan. 26 and 27, 2015.

NYU Global Institute of Public Health, New York City, Dec. 3, 2014.

Purdue University Colloquium on Cancer, Culture and Community, Nov. 6, 2014.

Annenberg Public Policy Center, University of Pennsylvania, Oct. 16, 2014.

Kaufman-Repage Lecture, Wagner College, Oct. 8, 2014.

Environmental Professionals Organization of Connecticut, Middletown, CT, Sept. 18, 2014.

Full Circle Bookstore, Oklahoma City, OK, Sept. 27, 2014.

The Bryant Library, Roslyn, NY, June 25, 2014.

Toms River High School South, Toms River, NJ, June 12, 2014.

Stevens Institute of Technology, April 23, 2014.

University Club, New York, April 9, 2014.

Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, Millbrook, NY, March 28, 2014

New Jersey Environmental Federation, Lakewood, NJ, March 1, 2014.

Wisconsin Environmental Health Network annual conference, Madison, WI, Feb. 28, 2014.

Authors@HSLC series, University of Wisconsin Health Sciences Learning Center, Feb. 28, 2014.

Parsippany Library, Parsippany, NJ., Nov. 20, 2013.

Boston Museum of Science, symposium on *Toms River*, Boston Museum of Science, Nov. 18, 2013.

Ocean County College Visiting Writers' Reading Series, Toms River, NJ, Oct. 25, 2013.

Brielle Library, Brielle, NJ, Oct. 25, 2013.

Sea Cliff Library, Sea Cliff, NY, Sept. 26, 2013.

Montclair Library, Montclair, NJ, Sept. 17, 2013.

Barnes & Noble Monmouth, Eatontown, NJ, June 20, 2013.

University of Pennsylvania Bookstore, Philadelphia, June 12, 2013.

NYU Cancer Institute program on toxics and health, May 9, 2013.

Sea Cliff Yacht Club, Sea Cliff, NY, April 14, 2013.

Ocean County Main Library, Toms River, NJ, April 4, 2013.

Panelist (since 2013)

2013-present

"Wade in What Water?" Texas Book Festival, Austin, TX. Oct. 17, 2015.

"Science and Story," World Science Festival, New York City, May 28, 2015.

"Breaking Into Book Publishing," Society of Professional Journalists, Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY, April 17, 2015.

"Catastrophe, Calamity, and Cataclysm," Tucson Festival of Books, Tucson, AZ, March 15, 2015.

"Writing into Danger," Tucson Festival of Books, Tucson, AZ, March 14, 2015.

Digital Animals Conference, New York City, Feb. 20, 2014.

Kavli Conference on the Future of Science Journalism, San Jose, CA, Feb. 16-18, 2015.

Press Club of Long Island, Melville, NY, Sept. 17, 2014.

Society of Environmental Journalists, New Orleans, LA, Sept. 4-5, 2014.

"Long-form Journalism in the Age of Twitter", New York Public Library, New York City, May 27, 2014.

Kavli Science Journalism Workshop, New York City, May 22, 2014.

Kavli Conference on the Future of Science Journalism, Chicago, IL, Feb. 17-19, 2014.

Roundtable on Citizen Epidemiology and the Law, Brooklyn Law School, Feb. 10, 2014.

Society of Environmental Journalists, Chattanooga, TN, Oct. 4-5, 2013.

"Exposed: The Impact of Toxins on Our Health," NYU Cancer Institute, New York City, May 9, 2013.

"Take Two", KPCC public radio, Los Angeles, Feb. 5, 2016.

"The Problem With Science Journalism: We've Forgotten that Reality Matters Most," *The Guardian*, Dec. 20, 2015.

Sierra Club Radio, Sept. 26, 2015.

"So the Tragedy Will Not Be Repeated" (translated from Chinese), *People's Daily*, Sept. 15, 2015.

"American 'Cancer Villages': A Deadly Lesson" (translated from Chinese), *Liberation Daily* (Shanghai), Aug. 23, 2015.

"Dan Fagin: American Cancer Village Story" (translated from Chinese), *Blog Weekly* (Beijing, China), Aug. 14, 2015.

"It's Time for Presidential Candidates to Talk About Science," *Newsweek*, Aug. 12, 2015.

"Milkweed, Monarchs, Men, and Madness," PhysOrg, July 30, 2015.

"Dan Fagin: Let Us Return to the Brave New World" (translated from Chinese), *Beijing News*, July 25, 2015.

"Challenges for Independent Science Journalism," European Union of Science Journalists' Associations, July 22, 2015.

"An American 'Cancer Villages' Story Has Chinese Thinking" (translated from Chinese), *China Youth Daily*, June 26, 2015.

"Experiments in Science Journalism," Asian Scientist, June 22, 2015.

Locus Focus, KBOO-FM, Portland, OR, June 15, 2015.

"Author Shares 'Toms River' Story at GMC, Rutland Herald, April 22, 2015.

Richard French Live, Regional News Network, April 10, 2015.

Brian Lehrer Show, WNYC-AM and FM, New York City, April 1, 2015.

C-SPAN Book TV, National Call-In Show, March 15, 2015.

"Pulitzer Winner Says Toms River Lessons Important for W. Va.," *Charleston Gazette-Mail*, Jan. 17, 2015.

"A Pulitzer Winner on How Journalism is Changing," *Dartmouth Alumni Magazine*, Jan. 2015.

This Green Earth, KPCW Radio, Park City, Utah, Dec. 16, 2014.

"Why Didn't Toxic Waste Cause a Cancer Epidemic, Like We Expected in the 1970s?" *National Geographic*, Dec. 12, 2014.

C-SPAN2 Book TV. Nov. 30, 2014.

"Dan Fagin and the Science of Toms River," Inside Jersey, Oct. 7, 2014.

Readers' Corner, KBSX radio, Boise, Idaho, Sept. 26, 2014.

"The Green Muckraker," NYU Alumni Magazine, Fall 2014.

"Dan Fagin on his Pulitzer-Winning Book," ScienceWriters, Aug. 28, 2014.

"Environmental Reporter Discusses Book About Toms River Chemical Exposure," *New Jersey TV News*, Aug. 13, 2014.

"Poison Flowed from the Open Tap" (translated from Hebrew), *Calcalist* (Tel Aviv), July 12, 2014.

"Pulitzer Prize-Winner Dan Fagin: Passion and Precision" (translated from German), *Umweltjournalist*, July 2014.

"An Explosion of Alternatives: Considering the Future of Science Journalism", *EMBO Reports*, June 26, 2014.

"Fagin: The Government Should be at the Forefront of Protecting the People" (translated from Chinese), *People's Daily*, July 26, 2014.

MetroFocus, WNET-TV, New York, June 18, 2014.

"Can Waterless Dyeing Processes Clean Up the Clothing Industry?" Lydia Heida, *Yale Environment 360*, June 12, 2014.

"A Journalism Professor and a Town Still Healing Share 'This Pulitzer Thing'," *NYU Stories*, June 4, 2014.

"Pulitzer Winner this Year is Alert to Industrial Pollution" (translated from Portuguese), *Folha de Sao Paulo*, May 31, 2014.

"Pulitzer Dating Back to the Sources of Baloise Chemistry" (translated from French), *L'Express*, May 10, 2014.

"Basel Pilloried" (translated from German), Basel Online, May 5, 2014.

"Pulitzer Prize Winner Called Basler Wealth Toxic (translated from German), *Tages Anzeiger*, May 3, 2014.

KISW-FM, Seattle, May 1, 2014.

Northeast Public Radio, May 1, 2014.

"Nonfiction Pulitzer Winner Dan Fagin on Crusading Science and Embracing Uncertainty," *Men's Journal*, May 2014.

"Talking with Pulitzer Prize-Winner Dan Fagin," Newsday, April 30, 2014.

"Professor Wins Pulitzer Prize for Investigative Writing," *Washington Square News*, April 28, 2014.

WMLB-AM, Atlanta, April 24, 2014.

"Toms River: How a Small Town Fought Back Against Corporate Giants for Toxic Dumping Linked to Cancer," *Democracy Now with Amy Goodman*, nationwide television and radio, April 23, 2014.

To the Best of Our Knowledge, nationwide radio program, April 20, 2014.

"Oklahoma City Native Dan Fagin Wins Pulitzer Prize for Nonfiction," *The Daily Oklahoman*, April 20, 2014.

KPFK-FM, Los Angeles, CA, April 18, 2014.

NewsWorks, WHYY radio, Philadelphia, PA, April 17, 2014.

"Cracking Open a Cancer Cluster," OnEarth, April 15, 2014.

WNYC-AM and -FM, New York City, April 14, 2014.

WCBS-AM, April 14, 2014.

"Love Canal and its Mixed Legacy," The New York Times, Nov. 25, 2013.

"After Changes, How Green is The Times?" public editor column, *The New York Times*, Nov. 23, 2013.

Kathleen Dunn Show, Wisconsin Public Radio, Oct. 23, 2013.

"Chemicals & Health: Untold Stories," *LinkTV* nationwide cable television, Oct. 7, 2013.

Barbara Simpson Show, KSFO radio, San Francisco, CA, Sept. 29, 2013.

Writer's Voice with Francesca Rheannon, syndicated radio, Aug. 6, 2013.

"A Town Fights Back: The Toms River Story", LinkTV *Earth Focus*, nationwide cable television, July 23, 2013.

Read Science! Web videochat, July 2013.

Radio Times with Marty Moss-Coane, WHYY, Philadelphia, June 12, 2013.

"Linking Industrial Pollution to Cancer in Toms River," *NJ Spotlight*, June 3, 2013.

Minnesota Public Radio, syndicated, May 29, 2013.

"Science Journalist Dan Fagin," *The Tavis Smiley Show*, nationwide PBS television, May 17, 2013.

"Cancer Clusters or Chance?" The Philadelphia Inquirer, May 12, 2013.

Take Two, KPCC Southern California Public Radio, May 6, 2013,

AMI Media Canada, April 26, 2013.

Jack Ellery Show, WCTC-AM, New Jersey, April 17, 2013.

"A Pulitzer Prize, But Without a Newsroom to Put It In," *The New York Times*, April 16, 2013.

Chris Brochon Show, WFLO-FM Virginia, April 11, 2013.

Dr. Alvin Radio Show, nationally syndicated, April 11, 2013.

Leonard Lopate Show, WNYC-AM and FM, New York City, April 9, 2013.

Scott Macom Show, WOND-AM, New Jersey, April 7.

"Coal-Backed Studies Evoke Controversy," *Charleston Gazette*, April 7, 2013.

Michelangelo Signorile Show, Sirius XM Radio, April 3, 2013.

"Toms River," Huffington Post Live, April 2, 2013.

"Environmental Outlook: Dan Fagin", *Diane Rehm Show*, nationally syndicated, April 2, 2013.

NJ Today with Mike Schneider, WNET Public Television, March 28, 2013.

World Radio Switzerland, Business Insight, March 27, 2013.

Connecting the Dots, Progressive Radio Network, March 27, 2013.

How on Earth with Susan Moran, KGNU Denver, March 26, 2013.

"For Toms River, an Imperfect Salvation," *All Things Considered*, National Public Radio, March 24, 2013.

"From Page to Screen: As Print Dwindles and Online Platforms Grow, Job Prospects Are Changing for Science Writers, *Nature*, Feb. 14, 2013.

"New York Times to Close its Environmental Desk," *Living on Earth,* nationally syndicated public radio, Jan. 18, 2013.

"New York Times Dismantles Its Environment Desk," *Inside Climate News*, Jan. 11, 2013.

SELECTED RECENT REVIEWS

Toms River reviews 2012-present

"Book Review: How is the Water Discolored?" China Times, Nov. 28, 2015.

"Flowing to China: *Toms River*, from the United States," *Shenzhen News*, Oct. 25, 2015.

"Toxic Legacies," Adam Weymouth, *Resurgence & Ecologist*, September/October 2015.

"Toms River," Kurt Rabin, The Free Lance-Star, May 10, 2015.

"Review: 'Toms River' Explores Side-Effects of Industrial Arrogance," Bo Petersen, *The Post and Courier*, May 5, 2015.

"May an Unforgettable Book Like This Never Have to be Written Again," Rona Kobell, *Bay Journal*, Jan. 26, 2015.

"Toms River: A Meticulous History of the Poisoning of a Quaint New Jersey Town that Reads Like a Crime Thriller," Jeff Gailus, *Alternatives Journal*, Nov. 7, 2014.

"Toms River," Nicolas Dolan. The Lancet Oncology, Nov. 2014.

"Book Review: Pulitzer Prize-Winning Book Details Cost of Industrial Pollution," Bob Kustra, *Idaho Statesman*, Oct. 26, 2014.

"Corporate Greed and Government Neglect in New Jersey," Phil Shannon, *Green Left Weekly*, Oct. 11, 2014.

"The Ecological Nightmare of Toms River: Ciba's Toxic Legacy" (translated from German), Lukas Straumann, *Online Reports*, Oct. 1, 2014.

"Toms River," Elizabeth Whitmore Funk, BookBrowse, June 2014.

"Book: Fear and Poison in a US 'Cancer Village'," Corinne Purtill, *China Dialogue*, May 21, 2014.

"A Must Read, This," Zehra Naqvi, MyDigitalFC (India), May 15, 2014.

- "The Pulitzer in La Laguna" (translated from Spanish), Francisco Valdes Perezgasga, *Firmas*, May 11, 2014.
- "The Toxic Prosperity of Switzerland" (translated from French), Marc Schindler, *La Meduse*, April 29, 2014.
- "Book Review: Toms River," Jonathan Elliott, Pop Break, April 17, 2014.
- "Toms River," Carolyn Johnsen, Prairie Fire, Dec. 2013.
- "Toms River: A Story of Science and Salvation," Glenn Suter, *Integrated Environmental Assessment and Management*, Oct. 2013.
- "Toms River: A Story of Science and Salvation A Must-Read Book," Gary Schwitzer, *HealthNewsReview*, Aug. 19, 2013.
- "Toms River: Science Journalism as Epic Novel," Jim Poyser, NUVO of Indianapolis, Aug. 16, 2013.
- "Environmental Toxicologist, You Must Read This Book," Kevin Keane, *Environmental Toxicologist*, Aug. 16, 2013.
- "A Saga of Industrial Pollution," Jouni Tuomisto, Science, July 19, 2013.
- "A Long Strange Trip Up Toms River," Seventh Generation, June 4, 2013.
- "A Town Plagued by Water," Alexander Nazaryan, *The New Yorker* online, May 24, 2013.
- "Toms River," David J. Tenenbaum, The Why Files, May 21, 2013.
- "Chemical Troubles in Toms River," Rudy M. Baum, *Chemical & Engineering News*, May 6, 2013.
- "Toms River," Tom Henry, SEJournal, April 15, 2013.
- "How Toms River Treaded an Environmental Crisis," Josh McMahon, *The Star-Ledger*, April 7, 2013.
- " 'Toms River' Navigates an Environmental Legacy," Dan Vergano, *USA Today*, March 30, 2013.
- "Cancer Cluster or Chance," George Johnson, Slate, March 19, 2013.
- "A Town Fights Cancer," Dawn Fallik, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, March 18, 2013.
- "On The Trail of Cancer," Abigail Zuger, *The New York Times*, March 18, 2013.

"Toms River," Nature, March 14, 2013.

"A New Book Documents the Tragic Lessons of Toms River," Wanchee Wang, *New Jersey Monthly*, March 11, 2013.

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