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Summary: *Radio and print journalist with a focus on health, psychology, neuroscience, and child welfare. Specialize in longform and enterprise reporting, writing, editing, and audio production. Journalism instructor.*

JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

1/98 - pres. **New England Public Radio**, Amherst, MA. (approx. 170,000 listenership)
Reporter/Producer. Produce feature and news stories for local broadcast of Morning Edition and All Things Considered. Produce documentaries/podcasts on health issues for local and national release.

5/96 - 12/97 **The Philadelphia Inquirer**, Philadelphia, PA (approx. 300,000 circulation.)
Staff Correspondent: Wrote news and features stories on health, environment, religion, and housing.

Freelance contributor (Radio): *National Public Radio; Radiotopia Showcase; The Pulse; American RadioWorks; PRI's Marketplace; NPR's Here and Now; among other outlets.*

Freelance contributor (Print/Web): *The New York Times; The Week; The Boston Globe; Harvard Public Health Magazine; NOVA Next; Kaiser Health News; The Washington Post; among others.*

OTHER EXPERIENCE

2016-pres **Dart Center on Journalism and Trauma/Global Institute on Early Child Development, Consultant.** Help plan agenda, prepare materials, and moderate sessions for series of conferences.

2017-pres **Center for Health Journalism, Senior Fellow:** Mentor a group of 8 journalists through their fellowship projects on health. Monthly check-ins, edits, consultation.

2001-2012 **Smith College Alumnae Magazine/Website.** Host/author of online and magazine interview series.

2008-2009 **Partners in Project Planning for Adolescent Health** (a national collaborative.) Project coordinator/interviewer for print and audio series on adolescent health.

2003-2006. **Hampshire College.** Adjunct professor. Courses in radio journalism.

2001-2002 **Springfield College.** Adjunct professor, Broadcast Journalism.

EDUCATION:

University of California, Berkeley, Master of Journalism, 1996

Focus on print and radio journalism

University of California, Berkeley, B.A. 1989

Psychology major, with courses in political science, anthropology, journalism

FELLOWSHIPS/GRANTS:

2018 Thomas Scattergood Foundation grant for mental health reporting

2016 Ochberg Fellow/Dart Center on Journalism and Trauma

2014 Association of Health Care Journalists, Health Care Performance Fellowship

2012-13 Knight Fellowship in Science Journalism at MIT (9-month)

2010 SoundVision/Science Literacy Fellowship

2008-2009 Kaiser Family Foundation Media Fellowship (8-month)

2005-2006 Rosalynn Carter Fellowship in Mental Health Journalism

2005 Columbia University Colloquium on Child Brain Development

2004 Casey Journalism Center Fellowship, Covering Children's Health

2002 Health Coverage Fellowship, sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation

2001-2002 Kaiser Family Foundation Mini-Fellowship in Health Reporting

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AWARDS:

2019 Webby Award for Podcast Mini-Series (Judges' Award)
 2019 Finalist, Science in Society Award, National Association of Science Writers
 2018 PRNDI Award (Feature)
 2017 Edward R. Murrow Award (Regional) from RTNDA (Hard News Feature)
 2016 PRNDI Award (Short Documentary)
 2016 Edward R. Murrow Award (Regional), from RTNDA (Feature)
 2015 Missouri Review, First Prize, Miller Audio Contest (Documentary)
 2015 Edward R. Murrow Award (Regional) from RTNDA (Documentary)
 2014 Third Coast International Audio Festival Award, Best News Feature
 2010-12, 2008-2000, 1998 Massachusetts Associated Press Awards (awards ended 2013)
 2011 Erikson Prize for Mental Health Journalism (Body of work)
 2008 Edward R. Murrow Award (National) from RTNDA (News Feature)
 2008 Dart Award for Reporting on Trauma (Hon. Mention)
 2007, 2005 First Place, Association of Health Care Journalists Annual Contest (TV/Radio)
 2007 Gracie Allen Award from American Women in Radio and Television
 2007 Mental Health America/National Mental Health Association Award
 2005 Edward R. Murrow Award (National) from RTNDA (News Documentary)
 2005 PRNDI Award (Documentary)
 2005 Silver Baton, New York Festivals International Competition
 2003 PRNDI (Public Radio News Directors, Inc.) (Documentary)
 2002 Daniel Schorr Journalism Prize
 1997 New Jersey Society for Professional Journalists Award
 1996 Joseph P. Lyford Scholarship for Excellence in Journalism
 1994-95 Reader's Digest Award in Journalism

SPECIAL PROJECTS:

Series: “**What Happened to You? A Western Massachusetts County Takes on Trauma.**” A five-part radio series on an effort to turn an entire county – from police to schools to theater groups – “trauma-informed.” Aired on New England Public Radio, December 2018. **Finalist:** 2019 Science in Society Award, National Association of Science Writers, <https://www.nepr.net/topic/what-happened-you-western-massachusetts-county-takes-trauma#stream/0>

Narrative Podcast: “**The Great God of Depression,**” a five-part serial about literary genius William Styron, his brilliant doctor, and their collaborative journey through mental illness. Co-produced with Pagan Kennedy. Released by PRX’s Radiotopia (Showcase feed) in August 2018. <https://www.radiotopia.fm/showcase/greatgod> **Winner:** 2019 Webby Award, Best Podcast Mini-Series.

Live Art Magazine (Pop-Up Performance, Academy of Music, Northampton, MA) – October 2017, “**Should Humans Model Their Behavior on A Brainless, Single Cell Amoeba?**” – also aired on New England Public Radio, November 2017. <http://nepr.net/post/should-we-model-human-behavior-brainless-single-cell-amoeba#stream/0>

Live Art Magazine (Pop-Up Performance, Academy of Music, Northampton, MA) – October 2015, “**Staying Alive: The Art and Science of Living to 100**” – also aired on New England Public Radio, November 2015. <http://karenbrownreports.org/?cat=12>

Radio documentary: “**The Path To Primary Care: Who Will Be The Next Generation of Doctors?**” January 2015, New England Public Radio. <http://karenbrownreports.org/?p=1145> **Winner:** PRNDI Award

Radio documentary: “**Life After Stress: The Biology of Trauma and Resilience**”, October 2014, New England Public Radio (and other outlets.) **Winner:** Regional Edward R. Murrow Award. <http://karenbrownreports.org/?p=1118> Adapted for NOVA Next. <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/next/body/mental-resilience/>

Radio documentary: **"Never Forget: Aging Holocaust Survivors Contend with New Memories from Traumatic Past"**. April 2012, Vox Tablet/Tablet Magazine. <http://www.tabletmag.com/podcasts/96641/aging-survivors-cant-forget/>. Adapted as print article for Boston Globe G-Magazine.

Radio documentary: **"Living with Hypochondria: The Real Costs of Imagined Illness"**. July 2011, on New England Public Radio, Connecticut Public Radio, and Vox Tablet, the podcast of Tablet Magazine (<http://www.tabletmag.com/podcasts/73693/unhealthy-obsession/>). **Winner:** Massachusetts AP Award

Multi-disciplinary Project: **Massachusetts Health Reform in Action. Kaiser Media Fellowship.** A series of NPR features, local stories, online reports, reporting blog, and a three-part overview series. More information and links at: www.karenbrownreports.org. **Winner:** Massachusetts AP Award

Radio feature: **"Love, War, and PTSD."** Feature and follow-up on the break-up of a marriage in the aftermath of war, National Public Radio, 2008. NPR broadcasts, [Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#). **Winner:** National Edward R. Murrow Award; Dart Award for Reporting on Trauma (Hon. Mention).

Radio documentary: **"A Burden to Be Well: Sisters and Brothers of the Mentally Ill."** In collaboration with American RadioWorks. Broadcast on WFCR in June, 2006, <http://karenbrownreports.org/?p=17> and on NPR's Weekend Edition, May 2007. <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=10264040> **Winner:** Gracie Allen Award; Excellence in Health Care Reporting (1st Place), Radio; Mental Health America Award; Massachusetts Associated Press Award.

Radio documentary: **"A Mind of Their Own: Children with Bipolar Disorder."** Nationally broadcast on American RadioWorks, April 2005, <http://americanradioworks.publicradio.org/features/bipolar/kids/>
Adapted from: "The Wild Child: Coping with a Bipolar Youth." **Winner:** National Edward R. Murrow Award, from RTNDA; PRNDI Award for Documentary; National Mental Health Association Media Award; First Place, Association of Health Care Journalists Contest (1st Place); Silver Baton, New York Festivals; Massachusetts Associated Press Award.

Radio documentary, **"Trauma and Recovery: A Cambodian Refugee Experience,"** Aired on WFCR-FM, Amherst, March 2002; and on national public radio series, *The Infinite Mind*, September, 2002. <http://karenbrownreports.org/?p=13> **Winner:** Daniel Schorr Journalism Prize; PRNDI Award; Massachusetts Associated Press Award. **Supported by Kaiser Family Foundation.**

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