

MIRANDA C. SPENCER

New England-based, senior-level wordsmith working at the intersection of environment, health, and mass media
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Professional Experience

VARIOUS CLIENTS, multiple locations (remote)

2000-present

Independent Journalist and Freelance Editor

Environmental Reporter. Wrote for *American Forests*, *BioScience*, *The Daily Climate*, *E: The Environmental Magazine*, *The Ferret* (UK), and other outlets. Top stories:

- A 10,000-word, two-part multimedia feature for investigative platform *The Ferret* exploring community harms from natural-gas fracking in Pennsylvania and Scotland
- A feature for *American Forests* profiling a Philadelphia urban forestry/farming project to enhance neighborhood food security, later selected for the magazine's "Best of..." collection
- A news article for *The Daily Climate* explaining the invention and use of a climate-friendly cement, leading to additional coverage of the technology in major media

Media Critic. Analyzed press trends for *Extra!*, the magazine of the media watchdog Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting, and FAIR's website.

- Published six cover stories
- Won Honorable Mention from Project Censored for my investigation of the environmental impact of print media and its coverage
- Made multiple appearances on "Counter Spin," FAIR's nationally broadcast radio program

Book Editor/Coach. Assisted famous authors and emerging writers with developmental editing, line editing, copy editing, research, and/or ghostwriting on manuscripts at all stages of development.

- Successfully managed complex, sophisticated editing projects, most recently *Climate Obstruction: A Global Assessment* (Oxford University Press, 2025), a volume of essays by nearly 100 experts
- Book projects on which I collaborated have become best-sellers, most recently the *Trump Survival Guide* by longtime client Gene Stone

MAD IN AMERICA FOUNDATION, Cambridge, MA (remote)

11/2018-3/2023

Mad In America is an online magazine that serves as a catalyst for rethinking mental health care in the United States and abroad. Wore many hats, sometimes concurrently:

Family Resources Editor. Curated all content and managed the editorial calendar for this section of the site, providing information/support for families experiencing mental health struggles. Recruited contributors; edited, wrote, and illustrated blogs, articles, and drug info pages; maintained web pages; and oversaw social media. Grew the section and increased readership/engagement by:

- Adding new departments ("Q&A," "Interview," "Editor's Corner")
- Creating and hosting the "Mad in the Family" podcast and online Town Hall events
- Producing a monthly Mailchimp newsletter
- Administering three online support groups

Staff Writer. Wrote long-form features and media criticism for the site’s “MIA Reports” section.

- Regularly reported on the Britney Spears case and the larger issue of guardianship

Personal Stories Editor. Curated, edited, and illustrated first-person essays sharing lived experience in the mental health system.

Additional Relevant Experience

ECOAMERICA, Washington, DC (part-time, remote)

10/2016-1/2018

Blogger/Social Media Manager for this environmental nonprofit, creating content for its Climate for Health and EcoAmerica initiatives.

OPEN SPACE INSTITUTE, New York, NY (full time, on site)

3/2015-5/2016

Senior Research & Communications Associate for this conservation organization, crafting publications on climate-smart land and water protection.

BREASTCANCER.ORG, Ardmore, PA (contract, remote)

4/2014-4/2015

Ghostwriter of the site’s *Think Pink, Live Green* column, translating scientific research into advice on managing environmental cancer risks.

CALKINS MEDIA, Levittown, PA (contract, remote)

5/2012-8/2014

Columnist for the *ShaleReporter* blog, a project of the *Beaver County Times*, covering the environmental and human impacts of fossil-fuel development in Pennsylvania and beyond.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCES, Charlottesville, VA (part time, remote)

4/2011-12/2014

Researcher for online magazines *The Daily Climate* and *Environmental Health News*, aggregating articles about events and trends in ecology and public health.

ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTMAKERS ASSOCIATION, New York, NY (contract, remote)

8/2006-7/2010

Editor of *EGA Journal*, helming this nonprofit trade group’s semiannual magazine for eco-philanthropists.

Previous employment info upon request

Education

M.A. program in magazine journalism, New York University, New York, NY. Full fellowship.

B.A. in English literature, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY. Dean’s List.