

Alison Bass Curriculum Vitae

Current Affiliations

- Assistant Professor of Journalism, West Virginia University 2012-present
- Blogger, Freelance Writer and Author 2008-present

Journalism Experience

Journalist-Blogger 2008-present

My blog, at <http://alison-bass.blogspot.com/>, is an ongoing discussion about our health care system.

Author of Critically Acclaimed Nonfiction Book 2008-2009

Side Effects: A Prosecutor, a Whistleblower and a Bestselling Antidepressant on Trial won the NASW Science in Society Award for 2009 and garnered critical acclaim from many quarters, including *The New York Review of Books* and *The Washington Post*. Published by Algonquin Books, *Side Effects* tells the true story of two women who exposed the deception behind the making of a bestselling drug. To read more about the book, please visit www.alison-bass.com.

Alicia Patterson Foundation 2007

Won a prestigious Alicia Patterson Fellowship to write *Side Effects*, a book about scientific fraud and conflicts of interest in the medical/pharmaceutical industry.

CIO magazine, Executive Editor 2000-2006

Wrote and edited feature-length articles and columns for CIO, an award-winning business magazine that covers information technology. Managed staff writers and helped shape the print and online content of the bi-weekly magazine. Organized and spoke at CXO conferences that attracted hundreds of people.

The Boston Globe (Medical Writer and New England Editor) 1987-2000

Wrote award-winning articles for page one, Metro, the Living section, the Monday Health and Science section and the Sunday magazine. An investigative series I wrote was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize in the Public Service category. As New England Editor, I was responsible for managing 15 staff and freelance

writers, assigning and editing local and regional stories, and packaging the Sunday New England section.

Teaching Experience

West Virginia University (Assistant Professor of Journalism) 2012-present

Teach courses in multimedia journalism, public affairs reporting and Health and Science Journalism to undergraduate and graduate students.

Mount Holyoke College (Visiting Senior Lecturer of Journalism) 2008-2012

Taught courses in health and science journalism, multimedia journalism and nonfiction writing to undergraduate and graduate students.

Brandeis University (Lecturer in Journalism) 2005-2012

Taught courses in health and science Journalism and multimedia journalism to undergraduate and graduate students.

Boston University (Adjunct Professor of Journalism) 2002-2004

Taught several courses in health and science journalism to graduate students in Boston University's Center for Science and Medical Journalism.

Education

Brandeis University, Waltham, MA

Bachelor of Arts Degree, Magna Cum Laude

Harvard University Extension School, Cambridge, MA

Master of Liberal Arts in Literature and Creative Writing

Awards Received

2009 NASW Science in Society Award for Side Effects

2009 Honorable Mention from Investigative Reporters and Editors for outstanding investigative journalism in Side Effects

2004 National Magazine Award Finalist Ranking in General Excellence (for three issues of CIO I edited and wrote for)

2004 Grand Neal Award (for an article that I conceived and edited)

2003 Grand Neal Award (for a special issue of CIO that I edited)

1996 Top Media Award, National Mental Health Association (For articles I wrote about cuts in mental health coverage)

1993 First Place Award for series on domestic violence from The Associated Press

Recent Publications:

Write a regular blog on health-care issues -- <http://alison-bass.com/blog/>

This blog is an ongoing discussion about our health care system.

Publish occasional blogs for The Huffington Post on public health issues.

Nieman Reports, March 2009: "Blogs, Watchdog Reporting, and Scientific Malfeasance"

The Boston Globe, May 2012: "The Secret behind the Secret Service Scandal"

The Boston Globe August 2010: "A public home-care insurance cushion"

The Boston Globe, September 2008: "Keeping the Window into Drug Firms' Practices Open"

The Boston Globe, June 2008: "A Dose of Honesty in Prescription Drug Ads"

The Boston Globe, January 2008: "An Underinsured Kick in the Groin"

The Boston Globe, September 2007: "Suicide Rates as a Public Relations Tool"

Books and Anthologies:

Scovil Galen Ghosh Literary Agency acquired the proposal for my second book, which examines legalizing prostitution from a public health perspective.

Side Effects: A Prosecutor, a Whistleblower, and a Bestselling Antidepressant on Trial. Algonquin Books. Won the NASW Science in Society Award in 2009.

Sport in Society, Anthology contribution. "How Jocks View Women," Sage Publications. 1996.

Gender, Race and Class in Media, Anthology contribution. "Do Slasher Films Breed Real-Life Violence?" Sage Publications. 1995.

