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**EDUCATION**

Master's and Bachelor's of Science degrees in Journalism, Medill School of Journalism, Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. (Accelerated Master's Degree Program.) 1986

**WRITING EXPERIENCE**

*Author*

Forthcoming book *FAITH ED, Teaching Religion in an Age of Intolerance*, (Beacon Press, August 2015)

Freelance writer April 2009-present

Write personal essays, travel pieces, education stories, op-eds, and other articles for *The Boston Globe* magazine, *The Writer* magazine, *The Forward*, *The Washington Post's* On Faith blog, *The New York Times* Motherlode blog, Kveller.com, a national Jewish parenting site, and *The Atlantic's* online site.

*The Boston Globe, Boston, MA 2004-09*

Education editor: Oversaw a team of K-12 and higher education reporters, edited daily, feature, and enterprise stories, and ran a Sunday section.

Staff writer: Covered education and higher education, including Ivy League universities and other private colleges.

*The Dallas Morning News, Dallas, Texas 1997-2003*

Education writer: Cover Dallas city schools, then moved on to the higher education beat, writing about college issues at state and national level. Also helped with coverage of national stories, including 9/11 and the space shuttle explosion in 2003.

*The Orlando Sentinel, Orlando, Florida 1994-97*

Education writer: Covered Orange County schools, state, general education issues. Wrote education column. Broke story about crumbling school systems that led to resignation of Orange County schools superintendent.

*The Democrat and Chronicle/Times-Union, Rochester, N.Y. 1990-94*

Education writer: Covered Rochester city schools, state, general education issues.

1986-1988: Reporting and editing jobs at Associated Press bureaus in Ohio and Boston; *The Cincinnati Enquirer*; and *The Star-Gazette* in Elmira, N.Y.

## **TEACHING/PRESENTATION EXPERIENCE**

Grub Street Inc., a Boston writers' organization.

Instructor. Teach workshops to writers about honing networking skills, crafting pitches for agents, editors, and on writing about religion. 2011-present.

Kids4Peace, March 8, 2015, Chestnut Hill, Mass. Gave workshop presentation, "Whose Truth Should They Hear?" about guest speakers on religion in public schools. Workshop was for about 40 high school students, who were Muslim, Jewish and Christian.

Jewish Book Festival Day, Jewish Community Centers of Greater Boston, Newton, Mass.

Moderator, speaker. Moderated panel of four authors on first panel and spoke about writing memoir and essay on second panel. Nov. 21, 2013.

Boston University, 2011-present

Lecturer, journalism department, School of Journalism. Teach newswriting and reporting, introductory and second-year courses, to undergraduates.

University of Massachusetts, Lowell 2010-11

Adjunct, English department. Taught public speaking to undergraduates.

## **AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS**

2014 Finalist, Creative Nonfiction/fiction, Massachusetts Cultural Council Artists Fellowships, for excerpt from FAITH ED. Includes posting of my work on website here: <http://www.massculturalcouncil.org/gallery/artistDetail.asp?App=20143344>

2012 Second place, Education Writers Association national education reporting awards, for single article, large market category. Prize was for Test of Faith, a *Boston Globe Magazine* cover story about one school's attempt to teach sixth-graders about the world's religions.

2011 Honorable mention, *Tiferet* journal nonfiction contest, for “Jew Girl,” excerpt from memoir. Article published in *Tiferet*.

2010 Third place, *Moment* magazine memoir contest, for excerpt from my memoir about losing my brother and getting closer to my Jewish faith. (Smaller version of “Jew Girl.”)

2000 Jon Davidoff Scholarship Winner, Wesleyan Writers Conference.

1992-2004 Won variety of awards. Highlights: honorable mention from Texas Associated Press Managing Editors Association for series on college freshman; and first place, specialty reporting, in Best of Gannett contest for series on inner-city high school teacher.

## PUBLICATIONS

(Note: Below is a selection of more recently published work.)

**June 17, 2013:** “50 years after *Abington v. Schempp*, a Dissenter Looks Back on School Prayer,” a profile of Ellery Schempp, whose protest led to a landmark Supreme Court decision, in *The Atlantic*’s online site. <http://www.theatlantic.com/national/archive/2013/06/50-years-after-i-abington-v-schempp-i-a-dissenter-looks-back-on-school-prayer/276921/>

**Oct. 7, 2012:** “AP Classes, A Problem for Massachusetts High Schoolers?,” cover story of *The Boston Globe Magazine*’s education issue. Link to piece: [http://www.boston.com/lifestyle/articles/2011/08/28/battered\\_by\\_nationwide\\_criticism\\_why\\_is\\_wellesley\\_standing\\_by\\_its\\_religion\\_curriculum/](http://www.boston.com/lifestyle/articles/2011/08/28/battered_by_nationwide_criticism_why_is_wellesley_standing_by_its_religion_curriculum/)

**Dec. 7, 2012:** “How to be a Jew at Christmas,” essay on *New York Times* Motherlode blog. Link: <http://parenting.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/12/07/how-to-be-a-jew-at-christmas/>

**May 27, 2012:** “Yearning to Hear My Brother’s Voice,” column for *Boston Globe Magazine*. Link: <http://www.bostonglobe.com/magazine/2012/05/26/yearning-hear-brother-voice/4ca3FspKRRqMfDfDS0WjvM/story.html>

**May 13, 2012:** “What’s a Mel Gibson Fan to Do When Star Acts Badly?” Perspective essay for *Boston Globe Magazine*. Link: <http://www.bostonglobe.com/magazine/2012/05/12/what-mel-gibson-fan-when-star-acts-badly/EZYZZM3ovVJ6tmO1aXSAkI/story.html>

**March 2012:** “Jew Girl,” an excerpt from my memoir was published in *Tiferet* journal’s online issue. To see the piece, go to this link on my website: <http://www.lindakwertheimer.com/?p=444>

**December 2011:** “Perfecting the Art of Slowness, an Essay on the Writing Life,” in *The Writer*, Off the Cuff feature.

**August 28, 2011:** “Test of Faith,” about Wellesley, MA, middle school’s determination to keep its world religions curriculum. Cover story of *The Boston Globe Magazine*. Link: [http://www.boston.com/lifestyle/articles/2011/08/28/battered\\_by\\_nationwide\\_criticism\\_why\\_is\\_wellesley\\_standing\\_by\\_its\\_religion\\_curriculum/](http://www.boston.com/lifestyle/articles/2011/08/28/battered_by_nationwide_criticism_why_is_wellesley_standing_by_its_religion_curriculum/)