

Alison Bass
Curriculum Vitae

Current Affiliations

- Visiting Senior Lecturer in Journalism, Mount Holyoke College 2008-present
- Lecturer in Journalism, Brandeis University 2005-present
- Blogger and Freelance Writer 2008-present

Journalism Experience

Journalist-Blogger 2008-present

My blog, at <http://alison-bass.com/blog/>, is an ongoing discussion about serious flaws in our system of medical research and health care.

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 in 2008 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.

Technology Review Magazine (Senior Editor) 1983-1987

Wrote and edited major feature stories, special issues and columns for MIT's magazine of science and technology.

Teaching Experience

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

Teach three courses over the academic year in health and science journalism, multimedia journalism and introduction to journalism.

Brandeis University (Lecturer in Journalism) 2005-present

Teach courses in Health and Science Journalism and Digital and Multimedia Journalism to Brandeis undergraduates.

Boston University (Adjunct Professor of Journalism) 2002-2004

Taught courses on 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*

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 weekly blog on health-care issues — <http://alison-bass.com/blog/>

This blog is an ongoing discussion about the serious flaws in our system of health care and medical research.

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

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”