

**Alison Bass  
Curriculum Vitae**

**Current Affiliations**

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

**Journalism Experience**

Author of upcoming book, *Getting Screwed: Sex Workers and the Law*

- *Getting Screwed* takes a wide ranging historic look at prostitution in the United States. It weaves the true stories of sex workers (past and present) together with the latest research in exploring the feasibility of decriminalizing adult prostitution. To read more about this project, visit [www.sexworkandthelaw.com/](http://www.sexworkandthelaw.com/).

Author of *Side Effects: A Prosecutor, a Whistleblower and a Bestselling Antidepressant on Trial*

- *Side Effects* won the NASW Science in Society Award and garnered critical acclaim from many quarters, including *The New York Review of Books*, *The Boston Globe* and *The Washington Post*. Published by Algonquin Books in 2008, *Side Effects* tells the true story of three people who exposed the deception behind the making of a bestselling drug. To read more about the book, visit [www.alison-bass.com](http://www.alison-bass.com).

Journalist-Blogger 2008-present

- My blog, at <http://www.sexworkandthelaw.com/blog/> is an ongoing discussion about sex work and public health. I have also written blogs for *The Huffington Post* and opinion pieces for *The Boston Globe* about various topics including scientific misconduct and sex work.

Alicia Patterson Foundation 2007-2008

- 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.

*The Boston Globe*, Medical and Science Writer; New England Editor 1987-2000

- Wrote award-winning articles for Page One, Metro, the Living section, the 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 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, Investigative Journalism 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* (Lecturer in 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 in General Excellence (for three issues of CIO that I edited and wrote for)
- 2003 and 2004 Grand Neal Awards (for articles that I conceived and edited)
- 1993 Associated Press First Place Award for a series on domestic violence in *The Boston Globe*