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PROFILE

Practicing physician and writer who dedicates herself to exploring the way writing and medicine naturally intertwine, both requiring a depth of perception and reflection that enriches the lives of doctors and patients, authors and their readers.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Sutter Medical Group, Auburn, CA — 2005-Present

Board-certified pediatrician and Clinician Communication Coach

Sutter Medical Joy of Work Group — 2020-Present

Literature in Medicine champion: creation of literature and writing classes and curricula for clinicians with any Sutter affiliation in northern California, leading book club discussions, writing regular blogs for Sutter Medical Group and multiple articles for internal publications.

EDUCATION

University of San Francisco — MFA, 2001

University of California, San Francisco — MD, 2000

Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH — BA, 1995

PUBLICATIONS (POETRY and CREATIVE NONFICTION)

"Touch: a Surgery Rotation," *Intima: A Journal of Narrative Medicine*, Editor Donna Bulseco, April 2021

"Bird Song in my Pediatric Office" and "Driving my son to soccer practice," *The Beautiful Space - A Journal of Mind, Art, and Poetry*, March 2021

"Winter Solstice 2020: Acceptance," *Eastern Iowa Review*, Issue 13, Editor Chila Woychik, Port Yonder Press LLC. Feb 2021

"Searching for Sparks," *Pulse: Voices from the Heart of Medicine* February 2021

"Pandemic," *Poetry and Covid*, January 25, 2021

"False Spring," *Pulse: Voices from the Heart of Medicine*, January 2021

"The Vaccine," *Pulse: Voices from the Heart of Medicine*, January 2021

"The Baby Shower," *KevinMD.com*, December 2020

"Twelve," *Reflections on a Life with Diabetes: a memoir in many voices*, Ed. Diane Parker and Ruth Mark, College Station, TX, 2004

"Medical Experience," *Bicycle Love: Stories of Passion, Joy, and Sweat*, Ed. Garth Battista, Breakaway Books, Halcottsville, NY, 2004

"POOF: The Psychiatrist," *The Awakenings Review*, Vol 2, No 1, Ed. Robert Lundin, The Awakenings Project, Glen Ellyn, IL, 2002

"Unsure Footing," *Sport Literate*, Vol 4 Issue 2, Ed. William Meiners, Pint-Size Publications, Inc, Chicago, IL, 2002

multiple contributions, YourDoctor.com, Berkeley, CA 2000

"From Medical Student to Surgical Patient," *Synapse*, UCSF, San Francisco, CA, March 12, 1998