

Theresa Sullivan Barger
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SUMMARY

Highly skilled journalist and grant writer with expertise in the arts, social justice, health, science and environment. Experience in magazine, website, white paper, newspaper, newsletter and grant writing, editing, blogging and social media. Adept story teller; skilled at writing in clear, lively, engaging style.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Independent Journalist & writer

Jan. 2007 to present

Credits include:

- *New York Times; Washington Post; Los Angeles Times; Chicago Tribune; Boston Globe; Philadelphia Inquirer; Hartford Courant; Associated Press; Family Circle; Yankee; The Conference Board; The Saturday Evening Post; AARP; AAA; CFO.com; IEEE Spectrum; University Business; National Society of Black Engineers; Career Engineer; Realtor; Hartford Business Journal; Northeast Export; CURE; Connecticut Health Investigative Team; Energy Times; Center for Public Integrity; Huffington Post, Hartford and Seasons.*
- Writing, Public Relations and Grant Writing. Clients include: Yale Public Health, Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Connecticut Humanities, Jewish Family Services, Queen Ann Nzinga Center, Inc., Achieve Hartford, Gifts of Honor, Hartford Chorale, Capital Region Education Council, Hispanic Healthcare, Gaylord Hospital and Treasure Vox.
- Editor, *The Great Connecticut Caper*, a serialized chapter book for ages 7-12 written by 12 authors

The Mark Twain House Writers' Workshop series – instructor

June 2013 to present

ASJA Magazine, American Society of Journalists & Authors, volunteer copy editor

2010-present

The Hartford Courant courant.com

Aug. 1987 to Jan. 2007

Staff Writer & Copy Editor

- In 19-plus years, wrote award-winning stories about real estate, workplace/career issues, sustainable living and gardening, police, communities, schools, land use and small business; copy edited international, national, business and state news. Won Connecticut Society of Professional Journalists, Theodore Driscoll Investigative Reporting Award for a series about police brutality that led to the police chief's resignation and the creation of a civilian review board.

The Philadelphia Inquirer philly.com

June 1986-Aug. 1987

Correspondent for "Neighbors" edition serving Montgomery County, Penn.

EDUCATION and PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MARIST COLLEGE, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., BA in English Literature; Communication minor, magna cum laude

NATIONAL PRESS FOUNDATION, Washington, D.C., fellow, "What's new in covering cancer?" January 2016

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE, HARTFORD SEMINARY, Hartford, Conn., Fall 2014-Spring 2015

WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, Wesleyan Writers Conference, 5-day conference focusing on writing craft, 2011

WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, Middletown, Conn.; Completed grant-writing course, 2005

WHARTON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Penn. Week-long, intensive program, "Wharton Seminars for Business Writers," 1997

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF JOURNALISTS AND AUTHORS, member; panel moderator and panelist: ASJA Writers Conference, N.Y., N.Y., 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016; judge for ASJA award for consumer journalism, 2012; investigative journalism, 2015; personal essay, 2016

NATIONAL WRITERS WORKSHOP, Hartford, Conn., weekend journalism conference, 1990-1997

SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS member

SOCIETY OF ENVIRONMENTAL JOURNALISTS member

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

- Writing mentor; blogger, ASJA's 'The Word' & Canton's Economic Development Agency's, '15 to 20'
- Canton Economic Development Agency, secretary, Fall 2013-Fall 2015
- Canton Middle School Quality Council, president, 2012-13; board, 2011-12
- Town of Canton's Open Space Preservation and Acquisition Commission, vice chair, Feb. 2004-June 2009
- Canton Education Foundation, 2005-06, 2008-09, fundraising and communication committee chair
- Canton Intermediate School Quality Council, board member, 2006-2011
- Canton Advocates for Responsible Expansion, founder/past-president, 2001-04

AWARDS

- Connecticut Society of Professional Journalists, Theodore Driscoll Investigative Reporting Award
- CT Society of Professional Journalists, first and third place awards for magazine feature stories
- Connecticut Agricultural Journalism Award: "best feature story" for a profile of agri-business
- Charles Dudley Warner Award for a business story analyzing real estate data
- Apex Awards for stories published in Career Engineer and NSBE Magazine