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EMPLOYMENT

- 9/2016-present **Neuroscience Reporter**, *Science* magazine, Washington, D.C. Cover the science and policy of brain research, including its impacts on diseases like Alzheimer's and autism.
- 9/2013-8/2016 **Eric and Wendy Schmidt Fellow and Editorial Fellow**, New America, Washington, D.C.
Wrote *The Vaccine Race: Science, Politics and the Human Costs of Defeating Disease*. (Viking: February 7, 2017.) This book tells the gripping tale of the human fetal cell line WI-38. These cells from a fetus aborted in Sweden in 1962 have been used to make vaccines protecting hundreds of millions of people from rubella, rabies, measles and other infectious diseases.
- 8/95 –8/2016 **Freelance Writer**, Washington, D.C.
Wrote opinion articles on medical policy for publications including *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Wall Street Journal* and *Time's* on-line opinion page, *TIME Ideas*. As a contributing writer at *Fortune*, I wrote features on gene therapy and Craig Venter's quest to build life in the lab. My *Fortune* feature on heart attacks in women won Time Warner's annual public service journalism award. My op-ed topics have included vaccine resistance and embryo research.
- 12/95 – 8/2013 **Biomedical Policy Reporter**, *Nature*, Washington, D.C.
Covered the politics of biomedical research for *Nature*. Wrote breaking news, features and editorials on issues including human embryonic stem cell research and animal experimentation. Covered Congress, the National Institutes of Health and the Food and Drug Administration. Also covered research universities and the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries. Wrote for sister journals including *Nature Medicine* and *Nature Biotechnology*.
- 12/92- 7/1995 **Washington Bureau Chief**, *The Oakland Tribune/Alameda Newspaper Group*.
Established Washington, D.C. bureau of major metropolitan daily and chain of four suburban San Francisco daily newspapers with a combined circulation of 190,000. Covered the White House, Congress and federal agencies. Wrote hard news, features, political analysis and profiles.
- 5-8/1992 **News Intern**, *The Wall Street Journal*, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Reported and wrote breaking news and feature stories, including exposés on women in medicine and women returning to the workforce after having children.

EDUCATION

- 9/91 - 5/92 **Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism**, New York, N.Y.
Master of Science in Journalism, 1992.
- 9/85 - 7/88 **University of Oxford Medical School**, Oxford, U.K.
BM, BCh (equivalent of North American M.D.), 1988.
- 9/83-8/85 **University of British Columbia Medical School**, Vancouver, Canada.
Completed pre-clinical medical studies before transferring to Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar.
- 9/78 - 6/82 **Stanford University**, Stanford, CA.
B.A. with distinction, Human Biology, 1982. Minor in French. Phi Beta Kappa.

ACADEMIC DISTINCTIONS

- 1985 Rhodes Scholarship

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Medical studies in Ghana, Malaysia and South Africa.

PREVIOUS PUBLICATIONS (A SAMPLING)

Wadman, Meredith. "The Cure for Cancer that Parents Won't Use." *The Washington Post* Friday August 22, 2014, p. A 17.

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Wadman, Meredith. "A heart attack of her own." *Fortune* 22 November 1999: 224-34. http://archive.fortune.com/magazines/fortune/fortune_archive/1999/11/22/269129/index.htm

Wadman, Meredith. "Cloning without human clones." *The Wall Street Journal* 20 January 1998: A18.

Wadman, Meredith. "The DNA hard sell." *The New York Times* 16 December 1996: A15.

Wadman, Meredith. "Women need not apply: The DNA test that doctors don't want to share." *Washington Post* 5 May 1996: C3.

Wadman, Meredith. "Embryo research is pro-life." *The New York Times* 21 February 1996: A19.