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<p>Experience & Top Honors:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Fellow, Schuster Institute for Investigative Journalism, Brandeis University: <i>2011-present</i>. • Independent Journalist: <i>1993-present</i>. Focusing on food, environment, health and human rights in the developing world. Projects include the aftermath of the US bombings in Laos, food security in Borneo, land grabbing and global hunger, politics and press freedom in Myanmar, democracy in Cambodia. Publications include <i>The New York Times</i>, <i>Slate</i>, <i>Al Jazeera America</i>, <i>Foreign Policy's Democracy Lab</i>, <i>GlobalPost</i>, <i>Sierra</i>, <i>SciDev.Net</i>, <i>National Geographic Books</i> and more. Correspondent, <i>Archaeology</i>, 2010-present. Asia correspondent, <i>Gourmet</i>, 2004-2009. • Author: <i>Eternal Harvest: The Legacy of American Bombs in Laos</i> (ThingsAsian Press, 2013), with visual journalist Jerry Redfern. <i>This Way More Better: Stories and Photos from Asia's Back Roads</i> (ThingsAsian, 2013). <i>Pacific Lady: The First Woman to Sail Solo across the World's Largest Ocean</i> (University of Nebraska, 2008) co-authored with Sharon Sites Adams. <i>Cambodia Now: Life in the Wake of War</i> (McFarland, 2005). • Guest editor, Special Report on Climate Change and Food Security: <i>Global Press Journal</i>, Summer-Fall 2014. • Journalism trainer: <i>2006-present</i>. Designing and teaching workshops and classes in reporting, journalism ethics, and online storytelling for IREX (Azerbaijan), The American Center (Yangon), Indochina Media Memorial Foundation (Thailand), Lighthouse Writers Workshop (Denver), SouthWest Writers (Albuquerque), and others. • Blogger, Rambling Spoon: <i>2006-present</i>. Named one of the world's best food blogs by the <i>Times</i> of London. • Co-owner, Redcoates Studios: <i>2012-present</i>. Multimedia company with Redfern. • Social Justice Reporting Fellow: <i>2013</i>. International Center for Journalists (ICFJ). Reported on food security and cultural change amid widespread logging in interior Borneo. • T. Anthony Pollner Distinguished Professor, University of Montana: <i>Fall Semester 2011</i>. Taught a course on the business of freelance journalism and advised the student paper. Delivered a public lecture. • Ted Scripps Fellow in Environmental Journalism, University of Colorado: <i>2010-2011</i>. Studied graduate courses in environment, climate science, and food security as the groundwork for a project on global hunger. • Weekend edition co-editor/copy editor, <i>The Cambodia Daily</i>: <i>1998-1999</i>. Phnom Penh. • Editorial associate, <i>Women of Vietnam Review</i>: <i>Fall 1996</i>. Hanoi. • Features editor/reporter, <i>The News-Record</i>: <i>1994-1995</i>. Gillette, WY.
<p>Education:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Science, University of Oregon, June 1997. Program in journalism, anthropology, international studies. • Graduate courses, Vietnam National University, Fall 1996. Language, history, culture. • Bachelor of Arts, University of Montana, December 1993. Journalism, cultural anthropology, Honors College.
<p>Selected Awards:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigative Reporters and Editors Award Finalist, Book, <i>Eternal Harvest</i>, 2014 • New Mexico-Arizona Book Award Winner, Travel, <i>This Way More Better</i>, 2014 • Fund for Environmental Journalism, grant for reporting on agriculture in Myanmar, 2013 • Knight Science Journalism Fellowship, MIT Food Boot Camp, spring 2011 • Fund for Investigative Journalism, grant supporting UXO project in Laos, 2010 • August Derleth Nonfiction Book Award, for <i>Cambodia Now</i>, 2006 • Finalist, Livingston Awards for Young Journalists, international reporting, 2006 • Oregon Literary Fellowship to Women Writers, for research related to <i>Cambodia Now</i>, 2000