

# Angela Spivey, freelance writer and editor

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Additional contact information available on request

## Skills

- Sixteen years of experience writing accurately and engagingly about science, medicine, and health; other subjects covered: theatre and personal finance
- Specialize in translating research and medical topics for a non-scientist audience
- Proficient at many forms of writing, including news stories, magazine articles, press releases, brochure and report copy, web copy, and textbook chapters
- Eight years of experience as associate editor of a small research magazine
- Experience in newspaper copy editing as well as editing journal articles and textbook chapters for clarity, organization, grammar, and style
- Software: Basic Adobe InDesign and Photoshop, Drupal, HTML, Macromedia Dreamweaver, MS Office,

## Recent Work Experience

### **Independent writer, editor, and communications consultant**

October 2001 to present (full time since 2005)

I report and write magazine and news articles on deadline, based on my ideas as well as on assignments generated by clients. I also write press releases, reports, and web copy. Additional services offered include substantive editing, copy editing, and general communications consulting.

### Writing clients include:

Bankrate.com

Brogan and Partners Convergence Marketing

*Carolina Alumni Review*

*Carolina Arts and Sciences* magazine

*Carolina Public Health* magazine

*DramaBiz* magazine

*DukeMed* magazine and other publications of Duke University Health System Creative Services

*Endeavors* magazine (UNC Chapel Hill)

*Environmental Health Perspectives* (a national scientific journal)

Nature Education

*New Scientist Insider*

*N.C. State* magazine

*The Scientist*

Tufts Medical Center

*UNC Business* magazine

UNC HealthCare System

UNC News Services

### Editing and communications consulting clients include:

Integrated Laboratory Systems, Inc.

MDB, Inc.

The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences

The North Carolina Network of Grantmakers

The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission

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## **Past Work Experience**

**Associate editor** 1997 to 2005

**Writer** 1995 to 1997

### **Office of Information and Communications, UNC-Chapel Hill**

- Managed daily work on *Endeavors*—the university’s award-winning research magazine (35,000 circulation). Ensured that a small staff published three, 32-page issues per year on time. Planned each issue, assigned stories, set copy and production schedules, enforced deadlines, and established a professional atmosphere.
- Edited stories and supervised staff and freelance writers, assigned and coordinated work of photographers and printers.
- Wrote at least 4,000 words of magazine stories per issue. Wrote brochure and web-page copy as needed.
- Scouted photo locations, acted as art director at photo shoots.

**Dresser, Light- and Sound-board operator, Designer/builder** 1999 to 2005

- Learn about all aspects of theater by working intermittently for professional theater groups such as Temple Theatre (Sanford, N.C.), Manbites Dog Theater (Durham, N.C.), Burning Coal (Raleigh, N.C.), and the ACT (Carrboro, N.C.).
- Designed and built an original dinosaur costume for a production of *The Skin of Our Teeth*.

**Grants assistant, Office of Research Services, UNC-Chapel Hill** 1991 to 1995

- Learned about the university’s research mission and developed public-contact skills while relieving associate director of administrative detail.
- Answered three phone lines and greeted and directed visitors in a busy research-administration office.
- Started an office recycling program.

**Proofreader and Typesetter, University Directories, Chapel Hill, NC**

Summer 1991

As part of a four-person team, produced more than sixty campus telephone directories under weekly deadlines.

**Copy editor, The Daily Tar Heel and The Durham Herald-Sun** 1989-1990

Wrote headlines and edited copy for grammar, style, and punctuation for two daily newspapers—*The Daily Tar Heel* and *The Durham Herald-Sun* (part time while attending school).

## **Awards**

Apex Award of excellence for energy efficiency writing, for “Talking Trash,” written for *NC State* magazine, 2009  
*The Daily Tar Heel* Director’s Award, 1990

## **Education and Affiliations**

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1990

Twelve hours of postbaccalaureate classes in Journalism, Education, and Theater, UNC-Chapel Hill

Member, National Association of Science Writers