

# Martin F. Downs

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## EDUCATION

**Dartmouth Medical School**, Master of Public Health, June 2007  
**University of Illinois at Chicago**, BA, English/Writing, May 1999

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**Mascoma Valley Health Initiative**, Canaan, N.H. **09/09-present**

*Public Health Program Coordinator*

- Responsible for conducting immunization outreach programs in a region comprised of 13 New Hampshire communities.

**The Valley News**, Lebanon, N.H. **08/08-08/09**

*Staff Writer*

- Reporter for a daily newspaper covering the Upper Valley of Vermont and New Hampshire.

**WebMD** **12/01-08/08**

*Freelance Writer*

- Wrote news stories, feature articles, and medical education materials for WebMD.com.

## Other Selected Publications

- *New York Times* — May 2008
- *Washington Post* — March 14, 2006
- *Vermont Magazine* — July 2005
- *Travel Savvy* — Nov./Dec. 2004
- *New York Press* — Aug., Oct., Dec. 2003
- Reuters Health — Dec. 2002-June 2003
- Salon.com — June 2002

**The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice**, Lebanon, N.H. **08/07-12/07**

*Course Coordinator*

- Collaborated with professors to develop concepts and create content for a new course in the Master of Public Health core curriculum.

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**, Atlanta, Ga. **03/07-05/07**

*Consultant*

- Carried out a systematic literature review, interviewed key informants, and wrote a concept paper on community-based disease surveillance for the World Health Organization Africa Regional Office.

- The concept paper is being used to develop guidelines for implementing a key component of national Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response programs in Africa.

**CBSHealthWatch.com, Medscape, Inc.,** New York, NY

**03/00-11/01**

*Associate Editor*

- Managed the HIV/AIDS content channel.
- Assigned articles to freelance writers and edited their work.
- Wrote feature articles and news stories.
- Covered major scientific and health policy meetings.
- Directed coverage of health care issues in the 2000 elections.
- Copy edited various types of site content.
- Wrote articles for the Web based on CBS News television broadcasts.

*Editorial Assistant*

- Proofread articles and wrote teasers.
- Routinely updated site content.
- Published articles to the site using a content management system.

**VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES**

**Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of Vermont and New Hampshire**, member, Board of Trustees, June 2007-Sept. 2008.

**AWARDS**

**Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi Award, 2008**, Online Non-Deadline Reporting; "Autism: Searching for Answers," WebMD.