



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Writer/Editor

Magazines/Newsletters *Budget Living, Business Week, Caribbean Travel & Life, Consumer Reports Travel Letter, Diversion, Elite Traveler, For the Bride, Frommer's Budget Travel, GQ, Men's Fitness, Mercury Owner's Magazine* (Time Inc.), *Miami Monthly, National Geographic Traveler, New Choices, Out, Out Traveler, Skylights* (Spirit Airlines), *Smart Shopping, Travel+Leisure, Where Orlando, Wine Country International*. 1989 - present.

Newspapers *Boston Herald, El País* (Madrid, Spain), *International Herald Tribune, Los Angeles Times, Miami Herald, New York Daily News* (South Florida stringer), *New York Post, Prague Post, Sacramento Bee*. Contributor, "Frommer's Budget Travel" column for King Features Syndicate. 1984 - present.

Books Edited/rewrote *Birnbaum's Eastern Europe* (HarperCollins, 1992). Created first edition of *Access Gay USA* guidebook (HarperCollins, 1998). Co-authored/edited first edition of *Pauline Frommer's Costa Rica* (John Wiley, October 2007).

Internet/New Media Created "gayteways" travel site for Barnesandnoble.com. Contributed to MSNBC.com, iVacations.com, Frommers.com, Brides.com, Foreign Policy Association web site. Produced/coordinated content for ShermansTravel.com (2004-06).

Custom Publications/Advertorial/Copywriting Puerto Rico Tourism (1999), Travelocity (2000), Far & Wide Travel Corporation (2001), Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau (2002), Novartis Pharmaceuticals (2004).

Full-Time/Staff Positions

Very Media, Inc., Miami. PRINCIPAL. Writing/editorial services for a variety of media on a wide range of topics, focusing primarily on travel and current affairs. April 1995 - present.

World Publications, Winter Park, FL, *Caribbean Travel & Life*. EXECUTIVE EDITOR. On an interim basis, assigned, edited, wrote articles; planned edit lineups, supervised edit staff. January - June 2004.

Newsweek Budget Travel, New York, *Arthur Frommer's Budget Travel*. EXECUTIVE EDITOR. Assigned, edited, wrote articles, advertorials; planned edit lineups; supervised edit staff; coordinated special sections; created/wrote monthly "Nomad's Notepad" column; represented magazine in media and public functions. January 1998 - March 2002.

HarperCollins Publisher, New York, Birnbaum Travel Guides. ASSOCIATE EDITOR, *Birnbaum's Spain 95, Europe 95, Business Europe 95, Caribbean 96, South America 96, France 96*. Assigned, edited, rewrote chapters; assigned/supervised freelancers. January 1994 - January 1995.

The Prague Post, Prague, Czech Republic. REGULAR CONTRIBUTOR. Wrote news and features, originated regular man-on-the-street interview column. September 1992 - October 1993.

Hearst Business Publications, New York, *Diversion* magazine. ASSOCIATE EDITOR. Assigned, edited, rewrote columns/features, specializing in consumer travel and technology. Wrote monthly travel news column. January 1990 - July 1992.

Condé Nast Publications, New York, *Gentlemen's Quarterly*. SENIOR RESEARCH ASSOCIATE. Research, fact-checking, translation. FREELANCE RESEARCHER for *Condé Nast Traveler*. March 1988 - January 1990.

Capital Cities/ABC, New York, *Ryan's Hope* daytime drama. ASSOCIATE WRITER. Wrote weekly half-hour script. March 1987 to February 1988. ASSISTANT TO HEAD WRITERS. Processed scripts and outlines; wrote story meeting reports, plot summaries, and research. September 1986 - May 1987.

EDUCATION

Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, New York. M.S. with honors, May 1985. Course work in print, television, radio.

Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, Washington, DC. B.S. in Foreign Service, Cum Laude, May 1984. Comparative and Regional Studies.

Leningrad State University, Leningrad, USSR. Russian language/literature studies. Summer 1982.

School Year Abroad, Barcelona, Spain. Program for American high school seniors, sponsored by Philips Exeter Academy and Andover. Spanish language, art, history, literature. 1979-80.

LANGUAGES

Fluent Italian, Spanish; good French, Russian; conversational Czech, German, Portuguese.

OVERSEAS TRAVEL EXPERIENCE

Andorra, Argentina, Aruba, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Bermuda, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Botswana, Bermuda, Brazil, BVI, Canada, China (PRC), Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Curaçao, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Gibraltar, Greece, Haiti, Honduras, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, Morocco, Namibia, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Russia, San Marino, Slovakia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain (especially extensive), Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Turks and Caicos, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Uruguay, Venezuela, Zimbabwe. Also Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands. Editorially have dealt with many more.

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST