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## WORK HISTORY

Giant Food Stores, Cashier; May 2018 to present  
*Mercersburg Journal*, Proofreader/Reporter; November 2017 to September 2018  
Huntingdon County Planning and Development Department, Planner I; 2016 to 2017  
Experience Works Participant Assistant; 2014 to 2016  
Started The Go-Back Club (a Simple-Living Brigade) and online newspaper, *Groundswell News* (see [www.gobackclub.org](http://www.gobackclub.org)); September 2013 to present  
Launched alternative, global warming newspaper, *The Order of the Earth News, Views and Musings*; (recently changed to *Groundswell News*); January 1, 2008 to present  
Experience Works, federal training program developing skills to become a self-employed newspaper publisher; 2007 to 2008  
Wrote cover story for Land Trust Alliance magazine, "Climate Change: Land Trusts Take Action;" Summer 2008  
Machine Operator, Dallco sewing factory; periodically from August 2008 to 2015  
Substitute Teacher, Mount Union, Southern Huntingdon County, Fulton County and Huntingdon Area School Districts; 2005 to June 2007  
Freelance Writer, *The Valley Log*, a weekly newspaper, Orbisonia, PA; August 2006 to January 2007  
Acting Editor, *The Valley Log*; March to August 2006  
Kindergarten Teacher Aide, Southern Huntingdon County School District; October 2005 to June 2006  
Grants Coordinator, Department of Natural Resources, Cunningham Falls State Park; 2003 to 2004  
Teacher, Community Learning Center, Minority Achievement and Intervention Program, Sykesville Middle School; started Life Savers Environmental Club; 2003 to 2004  
Office Manager, Dr. Marianne Rothschild; 2002 to 2004  
Reporter, *The Gazette* (a Washington Post company), Frederick, Maryland; 2000 to 2002  
Senior Area Coordinator, Bureau of Community Relations, Division of Hazardous Waste Management, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection  
Air Pollution Inspector, Middlesex County Health Department, Perth Amboy; New Jersey  
Environmental Inspector, City of Paterson Health Department, New Jersey

## PUBLISHED ARTICLES

State's Wilderness Needs Congress and You, *The Daily News* (Huntingdon, Pennsylvania); June 14, 2007  
An Act of Congress, *Patriot-News* (Harrisburg, Pennsylvania); July 1, 2007  
Eight environmental action guides for students (prepared and written by students with my help), Sheed and Ward Publishers; 1995  
Gifts That Last (alternative holiday shopping), *Catholic Digest*; December 1996  
Action Plan for Adopt-a-Highway Volunteers, *Village News*; November 1996  
Environmental Lifestyles and Hormone-Disrupting Synthetic Chemicals, *Baltimore Resources* and *Village News*; 1997  
Invitation to a Lifestyle Rebellion, *Earth Quarterly*; 1997

## PUBLISHED BOOKS

*The Order of the Earth*: Concise, mini-booklet offering ideas for living an environmentally-benign life and maintaining fiercely independent ways of thinking, our team made 11,000 of them and gave them away; 1995  
*Off Our Rockers: Earth, Hearth and Wanderlust* (co-authored with Barbara Erakko Taylor), an exchange of letters between a suburbanite and an environmentalist about managing a home with Earth-based decisions; 2002  
*A Doctor for People and Planet: Chung Whan Byun*; 2016  
*Becoming a Pacifist Activist: 50 Years in the Environmental Movement—In the Field, On the Ground, Over the Moon* (my memoir); 2015

## SAMPLES OF ARTICLES WRITTEN FOR THE *MERCERSBURG JOURNAL*

*The Journal* Goes to Africa; 1/31/18  
County Residents Gather Knowledge, Strength and Members to Defeat Power Line; 2/7/18  
Meeting Scheduled on February 26th to Try Stopping Transource Power Line; 2/21/18  
Who Cares about Indian Genocide in Canada Anyway? 3/7/18  
Area Schools Deliver Positive Message on National Walk Out Day; 3/21/18  
Franklin & Fulton Educational Institutions Mark Earth Day with a Variety of Activities; 4/18/18  
Benjamin Troupe Named University of Kentucky's First Pickering Fellow; 5/30/18  
Better Days Animal League Carries On, Needs Reliable Volunteers; 6/6/18  
National Ham Radio Association Plans Annual International Field Day, Includes Local Teen; 6/20/18  
Franklin County Commissioners Oppose Transource Project; 6/27/18

## SAMPLES OF ARTICLES WRITTEN FOR *THE VALLEY LOG*

Would You Mow Less Lawn if You Knew More About Global warming? 9/21/05  
Ten Tips for Conserving Fuel and Energy; 10/26/05  
Wildlife Corridors Imperilled in Pennsylvania and Maryland Mountains: Help Coming? 11/16/05  
What Kind of Neighbor is Wal-Mart Going to be in Our Community? 12/21/05  
Shirley Township Residents Do NOT Want Hog Factories; 5/17/06  
Curtis Starr, 6<sup>th</sup>-Grader at SHCMS Bravely Deals with Lymphoma; 5/17/06  
PA Sportsmen Concerned about Global Warming; 6/14/06  
Orbisonia Residents Suffer from Route 522 Roadwork; Part I: 6/28/06, Part II: 7/5/06  
Gardening Adds Joy to Life and Good Food to Table; 7/12/06  
PA CleanWays Meets to Plan Next Cleanup; 7/19/06  
What Killed the Crayfish? 7/26/06  
Local Women Carry on Art of Making Their Own Clothes; 8/2/06  
Hand-Stitching Creates Clothing; 8/16/06

## SPEECHES AND WORKSHOPS GIVEN

Go-Back Club talk at the Bricktown Senior Center (Mount Union, Pennsylvania); April 17, 2014  
Go-Back Club talk at the Natural Connections Wellness Center (Huntingdon, Pennsylvania); April 4, 2014.  
Go-Back Club talk at the Three Springs Senior Center (Three Springs, Pennsylvania); February 11, 2014  
Participated in Focus the Nation event at Dickinson College (Carlisle, Pennsylvania); January 31, 2008  
Al Gore's "Inconvenient Truth" programs at:

- A Home Party (Frederick, Maryland); September 17, 2007
- Sts. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church (Mount Union, Pennsylvania); September 15, 2007
- Tuscarora Blended Learning Charter School (Huntingdon, Pennsylvania); June 5, 2007
- The Common Market's annual Earth Day celebration (Frederick, Maryland); April 21, 2007
- Pennsylvania Green Party annual convention (Harrisburg, Pennsylvania); February 2, 2008

Global Warming Programs at:

- Juniata Clean Water Partnership's annual dinner (Huntingdon, Pennsylvania); March 2, 2007
- Dickinson College Environmental Issues Luncheon (Carlisle, Pennsylvania); February 6, 2007
- Spring Farms Elementary School (Three Springs, Pennsylvania); January 29, 2007

- Kean University's Center for Science, Technology and Mathematics Education (Union, New Jersey, two separate classes); November 14 and 16, 2006
  - Sustainability Day, Juniata College (Huntingdon, Pennsylvania); October 25, 2006
  - St. Luke's United Methodist Women (Westminster, Maryland); October 9, 2006
  - Wilson College "Life After Cheap Oil" conference (Chambersburg, Pennsylvania); September 16, 2006
  - Home Meeting for Juniata College professors and spouses (Huntingdon, Pennsylvania); August 3, 2006
  - Tai Sophia Institute for Acupuncture (Laurel, Maryland); November 20, 2006 and January 11, 2007
  - Home Meeting (Westminster, Maryland); May 27, 2006
  - Wesley Freedom United Methodist Church (Sykesville, Maryland); April 29, 2006
  - United Methodist Church and McConnellsburg Ministerium (McConnellsburg, Pennsylvania); Earth Day, 2006.
  - Tai Sophia School of Traditional Acupuncture (Laurel, Maryland); March 23 and 30, 2006
  - American Association of University Women at Juniata College (Huntingdon, Pennsylvania); March 16, 2006
  - Adams County Green Party and Democracy for America (Gettysburg, Pennsylvania); February 25, 2006
  - Genesis Farm: People, Planet and Profit: Growing Sustainable Businesses in New Jersey's Ridge and Valley (Blairstown, New Jersey); July 23, 2005
- Instructor, Gaia Healing Center; created and taught class on Precautionary Principle: Playing it Safe in a Toxic world (Mt. Airy, Maryland); Summer 2003
- Instructor, Frederick Community College Continuing Education program; created and taught Earth Ethics and Actions: A Plan for Busy People who Care About the Planet, Spring and Summer sessions (Frederick, Maryland); 2004

## EDUCATION

Licensed Practical Nurse, Hartwick and Wagner Colleges  
 Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education, Kean University  
 Public Health and Environmental Law, Rutgers University