

# Amanda de la Garza

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- Independent contractor since 1997
- Editing, writing, web design, research
- Specializing in “translating” scientific topics for the layperson

## **Education**

BA, English (honors)

Rutgers University, Douglass College, 1987–1988

University of London, King’s College, 1986–1987

Rutgers University, Douglass College, 1984–1986

## **Professional Experience**

Independent contractor (1997–)

Editor, writer, analyst, and co-owner: Watershed Environmental, Orcutt, CA (1997–)

Editor and writer of academic reference products: ABC-Clio, Inc., Santa Barbara, CA (1989–1997)

## **Professional Organizations**

American Medical Writers Association (January 1997–)

Board of Editors in the Life Sciences (certified March 2000–)

Website & Internet Communications Committee, American

Medical Writers Association (January 2003–)

## **Additional Classes**

Tables and Graphs (NDA Approach): AMWA (March 2000)

Writing Abstracts: AMWA (March 2000)

Medical English Usage and Abuse: AMWA (March 1999)

Punctuation for Clarity and Style: AMWA (March 1999)

Making Effective Slides: AMWA (March 1998)

Outlining for Editors and Writers: AMWA (March 1997)

The Author-Editor Relationship: AMWA (March 1997)

Medical Terminology: Santa Barbara City College (Fall 1995)

## Editing

◦ Compiled and edited a book on biomass for a series of reference books entitled *Fueling the Future*

**Client:** Greenhaven Books (an imprint of Gale Publications; San Diego, CA (February 2006)

◦ Edit all scientific reports and other technical documents for firm specializing in Geographical Information Systems (GIS), botanical surveys, wetland delineation, and habitat restoration.

**Client:** Watershed Environmental, Orcutt, CA (April 1998—)

◦ Edited and updated 455 biographies of scientists for the online *Biography Resource Center*.

**Client:** The Gale Group, Farmington Hills, MI (June-October 2001; April 2003)

◦ Edited and reorganized extensive user documentation for new clinical trial database.

**Client:** ASA Data Solutions, Santa Barbara, CA (January 2000)

◦ Edited and/or rewrote 22 entries for the *Encyclopedia of Medicine*.

**Client:** The Gale Group, Farmington Hills, MI (June-August 1999)

◦ Edited *Step by Step: A Guide to Organizing a Postpartum Parent Support Group in Your Community*.

**Client:** Postpartum Support International, Santa Barbara, CA (January-April 1999)

◦ Edited articles for two technical trade magazines: *Erosion Control and Municipal Solid Waste Management*.

**Client:** Forester Communications, Inc., Santa Barbara, CA (July 1997—January 1999)

◦ Edited and/or proofread numerous academic, fiction, poetry, historical, biographical, and travelogue manuscripts, including *The Encyclopedia of World Sport*, *The Encyclopedia of Values and Ethics*, *Education and the Law*, *Desperate Remedies*, *Travel Here and There*, *Lovisa*, *Angel from Norway*, *Twenty Questions*, and *Firestorm in Paradise*.

**Clients:** ABC-Clio, Inc. (1996-1998); Fithian Press, Santa Barbara, CA (1996-2000)

◦ Edited hundreds of biographies, glossary terms, and organizational profiles for new CD-ROM resource products.

**Client:** ABC-Clio, Interactive Media Department, Santa Barbara, CA (April 1997-September 1997)

## Writing

- Wrote articles on health and medical issues for local newspaper ([www.tcbizreview.com](http://www.tcbizreview.com)).

**Client:** *Tri-County Business & Technology Review*, Carpinteria, CA (April 2002-December 2002; paper went out of business)

- Write brief weekly news updates on people in science, health, and medical fields.

**Client:** The Gale Group, Farmington Hills, MI (July 2001—)

- Updated biographies of 250 scientists for various reference products.

**Client:** The Gale Group, Farmington Hills, MI (November 2001—April 2002)

- Researched and wrote 23 entries for the *World of Health Encyclopedia*; 24 entries for the *World of Chemistry Encyclopedia*; and 50 biographical entries for *Notable Scientists*.

**Client:** The Gale Group, Farmington Hills, MI (June 1999—July 2000)

- Wrote press releases for ophthalmologist describing new corrective technique.

**Client:** Dr. Scott Schacter, Pismo Beach, CA (April 2000)

- Wrote all copy for new corporate web site ([www.seminis.com](http://www.seminis.com)).

**Client:** Seminis Vegetable Seeds, Inc. (August-September 1999)

- Author of *American Scientific Leaders*, a CD-ROM and hardcover reference source. Researched and wrote more than 400 biographies using Internet sources and university and public libraries.

**Client:** ABC-Clio, Inc., Books Department, Denver, CO (published December 1998)

- Wrote biographies of American social, political, and cultural leaders for new CD-ROM resource products. Researched and wrote hundreds of glossary terms and organizational profiles for hyperlinking within another CD-ROM reference.

**Client:** ABC-Clio, Interactive Media Department, Santa Barbara, CA (September 1989—September 1997)

## Web Design

◦ [www.yoganesha.com](http://www.yoganesha.com)

**Client:** Anne Vandewater, Santa Barbara, CA (April 2005—)

◦ [www.acusage.com](http://www.acusage.com)

**Client:** Acusage Acupuncture, Vandenberg Village, CA (March 2005—)

◦ [www.orcuttyogacenter.com](http://www.orcuttyogacenter.com)

**Client:** Orcutt Yoga Center, Orcutt, CA (February 2004—)

◦ [www.nurturedbynature.com](http://www.nurturedbynature.com)

**Client:** Nurtured by Nature, Santa Maria, CA (September 2003—)

◦ [www.watershedenvironmental.com](http://www.watershedenvironmental.com)

**Client:** Watershed Environmental, Santa Maria, CA (November 1998—)

## Software & Equipment

MS FrontPage, WS-FTP, Firestarter 4.0 (Flash effects), Adobe Photoshop 7.0, Ulead SmartSaver, MS Suite 2000

Athelon XP (custom-made), 1.8 GIG, 512 RAM, CDRW, DSL, fax, scanner/copier/color printer