

Barbara Frye

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Editor and Journalist

Veteran journalist with experience in Europe and the United States coaching absolute beginners and seasoned pros. Comfortable with foreign and domestic politics and policy, adept at editing think-tank and journalistic prose. Dislikes of jargon and euphemism.

Expertise

Copy Editing, Assignment Editing, Proofreading, Research, Reporting, Writing, WordPress, AP Style

Professional Experience

January 2004 to Present, Freelance Writer and Editor, Prague, Czech Republic; Sheffield, UK; Maryland, USA

- Media clients have included The New York Times, The International Herald Tribune, The Washington Post, The Christian Science Monitor, BusinessWeek.com, The Baltimore Sun, the Chronicle of Philanthropy and many others on topics including international relations, press freedom, business, real estate and travel
- Civil society, academic and commercial clients have included Google, the Open Society Institute, Freedom House, IREX, the Bertelsmann Foundation, the Center for European Policy Analysis, the International Republican Institute and the Atlantic Council on subjects including press freedom, human rights, election reforms, internet freedom, workplace automation, Russia, Ukraine and Syria

January 2010 to July 2015, Managing Editor, [Transitions Online](#), Prague, Czech Republic

A respected daily online magazine and journalism training organization covering the post-communist countries of Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus

- Managed editorial staff and budget
- Commissioned, edited and posted reported stories and in-depth analyses
- Reported from the field and wrote commentaries and blog posts
- Coordinated a network of mostly non-native-English-speaking freelance correspondents, scholars and analysts in 30 countries
- Directed series and special features; topics included satire in the former Soviet Union, 20 years after the fall of communism, the state of the Russian environment, education in post-conflict societies, contemporary Central Asian film, political corruption in Eastern and Central Europe, Russian society and politics ahead of the 2007 Duma election, energy, religion in Central Asia, transport and travel
- Led launch of revamped, trimmed-down magazine

January 2006 to January 2010, Senior Editor, [Transitions Online](#), Prague, Czech Republic

February to June 2007, Editor, Finance New Europe, Prague, Czech Republic

Business magazine covering Central and Eastern Europe

- Commissioned and edited stories
- Worked with one full-time reporter, a part-time designer and freelancers to redesign the magazine and to sharpen the writing and reporting

August 2002– December 2003, Special Sections Editor, Prague Post, Prague, Czech Republic

- Oversaw monthly magazine on real estate and periodic sections on education, health, travel, employment and telecommunications, from conception to proofreading
- Generated nearly all story ideas, working with experienced and inexperienced writers, wrote articles
- Collaborated with designers and photographers

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January 2000 to August 2002, Freelance Writer, Baltimore, Maryland

Wrote primarily travel pieces for such publications as The Washington Post, The Baltimore Sun, The St. Petersburg Times and The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

October 1998 to March 2002, Copy Desk Chief, Howard County Times and Columbia Flier, Columbia, Maryland

Community newspapers in the Baltimore-Washington area

- Edited stories, wrote headlines and created layouts while supervising a staff of five copy editors
- Made the final check on editing, headlines and layouts before sending pages to paginators
- Dealt with photo and design departments to ensure that all elements were in place for each issue
- Developed newsroom's first local stylebook

October 1996 to October 1998, Copy Editor, Howard County Times and Columbia Flier

October 1993 to October 1996, County Government and Politics Reporter, Howard County Times and Columbia Flier

May 1989 to October 1993, State House and County Government Reporter, Laurel Leader, Laurel, Maryland

Education

Certificate in Data Journalism: First Steps, Skills and Tools, European Journalism Center

Graduate Times-Mirror's Leadership Institute for Managers

M.A. in English Language and Literature

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK

B.A. in English Language and Literature

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Awards

Multiple best in show, first place and second place awards for reporting, headline writing and feature writing from the Maryland-Delaware-D.C. Press Association and the Maryland Society of Professional Journalists

Magna Cum Laude

Phi Beta Kappa National Honor Society

Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society

Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society

Skills

Experienced with Photoshop, Soundslides, Audacity, various CMS, Twitter, Facebook, Mailchimp, Newspack

Languages

Native English, advanced French, beginning Russian