

# 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 jargon and euphemism.

## Expertise

**Copy Editing, Assignment Editing, Proofreading, Research, Reporting, Writing, WordPress, AP Style, Chicago Manual of 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 digital 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, and 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
- Coordinated 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**

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK

## 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, social media, Mailchimp, Newpack

## Languages

Native English, advanced French, beginning Russian