

Jenny MacKay

Writer/Editor

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Diverse writer, copywriter, editor, and instructor with 10+ years of experience in the book publishing, newspaper, and magazine industries and 5+ years as a college writing and communications professor. Author of 34 nonfiction books in the young adult educational market. Freelance editor and consultant for book-length fiction and nonfiction manuscripts in all genres.

Experience

**Aug. 2015–
Apr. 2019**

Carrington College

English and Communications Instructor

- Taught first- and second-year college courses in English composition and communications to students in nursing, health science, and veterinary science fields

**Jan. 2006 –
Apr. 2009**

SAGE Publications

Journals Copy Editor

- Copy edited articles for dozens of academic journals in science, technical, medical, and social science fields
- Formatted abstracts, reference lists, tables, figures, and graphs
- Specialized in APA and Chicago styles

**July 2007–
present**

Cengage Learning and ReferencePoint Press

- Author of 34 nonfiction books for young adults on topics in science, history, current events, world cultures, and social issues

**Mar. 2014 –
Feb. 2016**

Cactus Global Center of Excellence in Arts, Media, & Communication

Copy Editor

- Edited documents for international clients in business and academia

**Feb. 2005 –
May 2010**

Gannett Custom Publishing Group

Freelance Writer/Copywriter

- Wrote articles and advertorials for newspapers, magazines, and special-interest publications throughout northern Nevada
- Worked with local businesses to produce effective marketing copy

**Sep. 2010 –
May 2012**

Truckee Meadows Community College

Workforce Development Writing Instructor

- Taught courses in nonfiction writing and publishing

Style Proficiencies

- *Chicago Manual of Style*
- American Psychological Association (APA)
- American Medical Association (AMA)
- Modern Language Association (MLA)
- *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*, 11th ed.

Software Skills

- Microsoft Word
- Microsoft Office Applications
- Adobe InDesign
- Adobe Acrobat Reader

Editing Specialties

- Nonfiction
 - Science, technology, health
 - Creative nonfiction
 - Memoir
 - How-to
 - Teens and young readers
 - Citation: References & endnotes
 - Research and fact-checking
 - Manuscript formatting
- Fiction
 - All genres

Journals Edited

Armed Forces & Society
Biological Research for Nursing
Educational Researcher
Field Methods
Harvard International Journal of Press/Politics
Journal of Adolescent Research
Journal of Biological Rhythms
Journal of Contemporary Ethnology
Journal of Hospitality & Tourism Research
Journal of Macromarketing
Journal of Marketing Education
Journal of Planning Education and Research
Journal of the American Psychiatric Nurses Association
Journal of Travel Research
Journal of Urban History
Labor Studies Journal
Medical Decision Making
Organizational Research Methods
Politics & Society
Review of Radical Political Economics
Science, Technology, & Human Values
Television & New Media
The Neuroscientist

Other Credits

Co-author, "Nothing but the Truth: Writing & Selling Nonfiction," in *2015 Children's Writers & Illustrators' Market*
School Library Connection
Reno Gazette-Journal
Reno Magazine
Northern Nevada Business Weekly

Education

- May 2010** **National University, San Diego, California**
Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing, with distinction
- May 2000** **University of Nevada, Reno**
Bachelor of Arts in Education, with high distinction
- **Major:** English; **Minor:** Biology
 - Cumulative GPA: 3.97
 - **Senior Scholar Award:**
Top graduate from College of Education
- Jan. 2017** **Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, Washington**
Graduate certificate in literacy studies (12 credits)
- Current** **University of Chicago Graham School**
Graduate certificate in medical writing and editing
- Expected completion: September 2019
 - Coursework in biostatistics, medical and publication ethics, and formatting tables/figures/graphs

Professional Associations

- Since 2007** **Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators**
- Published and Listed Member
 - Assistant Regional Advisor, May 2012–March 2014
 - Serve as a mentor for the Nevada SCBWI Mentor Program, consulting on book-length manuscripts
 - Frequent faculty presenter at Nevada regional conferences
- Since 2018** **ACES: The Society for Editing**
- Associate Member

Volunteer Activity

- Since 2014** **Friends of Washoe County Library**
- Board of Directors
- Since 2017** **Leyla Beban Young Authors Foundation**
- Judge for annual \$1,000 for 1,000 Words contest