

CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Place of Birth: Denver, Colorado

Education: Bachelor of Arts, University of Colorado (1974)

Fellowships:

1992-1993	Knight Science Journalism Fellow Massachusetts Institute of Technology
2011-2012	Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics Harvard University

OCCUPATION

1977-1978	VISTA Volunteers Attica State Prison, Attica N.Y.
1978-1986	Freelance Writer New York City
1986-1989	Newspaper reporter <i>Plattsburgh Press</i> Plattsburgh, NY
1988-1994	Features writer (medicine and science) <i>Albany Times Union</i> Albany, NY
1994-1995	Director of Publications Harvard Medical School
1995-1998	Co-founder and President CenterWatch, Inc., a publishing company.

1999-2014	Writer
2014-2021	Founder and President Mad in America Foundation

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Mad in America: Bad Science, Bad Medicine and the Enduring Mistreatment of the Mentally Ill. (New York: Perseus Press, 2002.)

The Mapmaker's Wife: A True Tale of Love, Murder, and Survival in the Amazon. (New York: Basic Books, 2004.) Translated into seven foreign languages.

On the Laps of Gods: The Red Summer of 1919 and the Struggle for Justice that Remade a Nation. (New York: Crown, 2008.)

Anatomy of an Epidemic: Magic Bullets, Psychiatric Drugs, and the Astonishing Rise of Mental Illness in America. (New York, Crown, 2010.) Translated into nine foreign languages.

Psychiatry Under the Influence: Institutional Corruption, Social Injury, and Prescriptions for Reform. Co-written with Lisa Cosgrove. (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2015.)

Book chapters:

Whitaker, R. "Psychiatry Under the Influence," in *The Sedated Society*, edited by James Davies (Palgrave Macmillan, 2017).

Whitaker R. "Anatomy of an Epidemic," in *The State of the American Mind*, edited by Mark Bauerlein, (Templeton Press, 2015.)

Whitaker R. "Chemical Imbalances: The Making of a Societal Delusion" in *The Science and Pseudoscience of Children's Mental Health*, edited by Sharna Olfman (Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger, 2015).

Whitaker R. "Medical Reporting" in *Specialist Journalism*, edited by Barry Turner and Richard Orange. (New York: Routledge, 2013.)

Whitaker, R. "Weighing the Evidence: What Science Has to Say about the Prescribing of Antipsychotics to Children," in *Drugging Our Children*, edited by Sharna Olfman (Westport, Ct.: Praeger, 2010.)

Whitaker, R. "Creating the Bipolar Child," in *Bipolar Children*, edited by Sharna Olfman (Westport, CT: Praeger, 2007.)

Whitaker, R. "Reality Check," in *Pharmacological Treatments of College Students with Psychological Problems*, edited by Leighton Whitaker (Binghamton, NY: Haworth Press, 2007).

Journal articles:

- Whitaker, R. "Viewpoint: Do antipsychotics protect against early death? A critical view." *Psychological Medicine*, 50 (2020): 2643-2652.
- Whitaker R. "Bitter Pills." *RSA Journal*, Autumn 2011.
- Whitaker, R. "Anatomy of an Epidemic: Psychiatric Drugs and the Astonishing Rise of Mental Illness in America." *Ethical Human Psychology and Psychiatry* 7 (2005): 23-36.
- Whitaker, R. "The Case Against Antipsychotic Drugs: A 50-Year Record of Doing More Harm Than Good." *Medical Hypotheses* 62 (2004): 5-13.
- Whitaker, R. "Atypical Antipsychotics: A Modest Advance in Treating Schizophrenia." *Spectrum Life Sciences*, February 11, 2000.
- Whitaker, R. "Outlook for Depression: Has the Magic Bullet Approach Run Its Course?" *Spectrum Life Sciences*, December 12, 2001.

Other non-fiction writing:

Freelance articles for *The New York Times*, *The Boston Globe*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *Fortune*, *Adirondack Life*, *Popular Science*, *Omni*, *Longevity*, *Technology Review*, *Compuworks*, *Fitness*, *Walking*, *RSA Journal*, *Unherd*, and *Dolentium Hominum*.

Fiction:

Short stories in more than 15 literary magazines, such as *The Indiana Review*, *Columbia*, *Black Warrior Review*, and *Florida Review*

AWARDS/Recognition**Books**

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| 2010 | <i>Anatomy of an Epidemic</i> : U.S. Investigative Reporters and Editors Association Award, best book. |
| 2008 | <i>On the Laps of Gods</i> : Named by the <i>San Francisco Chronicle</i> as one of the "best nonfiction" books of 2008. |
| 2007 | <i>On the Laps of Gods</i> : Anthony J. Lukas "Work-in-Progress" award. |
| 2004 | <i>The Mapmaker's Wife</i> : Selected by the American Library Association as one of the best biographies of 2004. |

2002 *Mad in America*: Selected by *Discover* magazine as one of the best science books of 2002, and by the American Library Association as one of the best histories of 2002.

Journalism

1998 George Polk Award for Medical Reporting
 1998 National Association of Science Writers, Best Magazine Article
 1998 Finalist for Pulitzer Prize, Public Service
 1998 National Institute of Health Care Management Journalism Award
 1998 Finalist for The Goldsmith Prize for Investigative Reporting
 1994 New York State Associated Press, first place, Depth Reporting
 1994 American Aging Association Excellence in Journalism Award
 1994 Hearst Writing Contest Award, first place, Enterprise Reporting
 1992 New York State Publishers Award, first place, Community Service
 1992 New York State Associated Press, second place, Depth Reporting
 1992 Hearst Writing Contest Award, first place, Community Service
 1989 New York State Publishers Award, first place, State Coverage
 1987 New York State Associated Press Award, second place, Business Coverage

INVITED LECTURES

More than 350 invited lectures, grand rounds presentations, and keynote talks at medical schools, universities, and professional conferences, and to community groups. Lectures given throughout the United States and Canada, and in Iceland, Ireland, England, Wales, Scotland, Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Belgium, Netherlands, France, Germany, Switzerland, Spain, Italy, the Vatican, Greece, Czech Republic, Israel, New Zealand, Australia, India, Guadeloupe, Mexico, Colombia, Paraguay, Argentina, and Brazil.