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### Profile

Following a comprehensive career in the field of publishing and completion of a graduate program focused on natural resources and the environment at the University of Florida, I am available to apply my editorial, writing, and publishing skills to assist researchers and educators to better communicate environmental issues, particularly those related to climate change. With a bachelor's degree in Mass Communications and a master's of science in Interdisciplinary Ecology, I have a diversified foundation in ecological studies and tools for investigating and writing about a variety of topics including climate change and the environment.

I have editorial background in other subjects as well, including business and real estate, medicine, social issues, ecology and environment, climate change, psychology, philosophy and religion, and fiction. I am available to help others research, craft, and refine communication materials for dissemination to the public, policymakers, and interdisciplinary academia.

### Skills

I have experience and expertise in publication project management, editorial direction, marketing and public relations, developmental editing and publishing, copyediting, writing, and ghost writing. Additionally, I have experience in business and employee management, business and organizational development, and volunteer recruitment and management. Other skills include leadership and collaborative decision making, conflict resolution, proficiency in Microsoft Word and working abilities in other programs, competent research abilities, and some training in qualitative analysis.

### Experience

Freelance Writer and Editor, Wordcreek Press, Gainesville, FL ▪ 1991 TO PRESENT

Teaching Assistant, College of Journalism and Communications, University of Florida, Gainesville FL ▪ School Year 2010–2011

Editorial Director, Center for Applications of Psychological Type, Gainesville FL ▪ 2001 to 2010

Writer-in-Residence, Arts in Medicine, Gainesville FL ▪ 1995 to 2000

Marketing Consultant and Writer, Incentives Inc. Marketing Group, Naples FL ▪ 1991 to 1994

Founder and Publisher, *Florida Business Southwest (Business View of Southwest Florida)*, Naples FL ▪ 1982 to 1991

Editor and Journalist, *Naples Now Magazine*, Naples FL ▪ 1980 to 1982

Journalist, *Naples Star*, Naples FL ▪ 1978 to 1980

## Education

University of Florida, Gainesville FL ▪ Master of Science in Interdisciplinary Ecology ▪ 2014

University of South Florida, Tampa FL ▪ Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communications ▪ 1976

High School ▪ Sparta NJ ▪ 1970

## Professional Affiliations

Natural Resources Leadership Institute Fellow (NRLI) Class XII, Gainesville FL ▪ 2013

Prairie Project Graduate Fellow, University of Florida, Gainesville FL ▪ 2011

Board of Directors, Florida Native Plant Society, Paynes Prairie Chapter, Gainesville FL ▪ 2010/2011

Board of Directors, High Speed Rail Task Force, Naples FL ▪ 1988/1989

Vice President, Economic Development Council of Collier County, Naples FL ▪ 1986 THROUGH 1988

Vice President, Naples Area Chamber of Commerce, Naples FL ▪ 1986 THROUGH 1988

Board of Directors, Florida Magazine Association, Florida ▪ 1985/1986

## Publications

### ARTICLES (SELECTED)

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Despite Heavy Rain, Drought Continues to Affect Florida Springs and Rivers. 2012. *Earth Island Journal*, July 30.  
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[http://www.earthisland.org/journal/index.php/elist/eListRead/fountains\\_of\\_life\\_in\\_peril/](http://www.earthisland.org/journal/index.php/elist/eListRead/fountains_of_life_in_peril/)

[Fountains of Life: A Look at Florida's Springs from Sacred Waters to Green Slime](#)  
*State of Water*, April 2012.

[Weather, Water, and Climate Change](#) *State of Water*, April 2012.

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[Rash Action](#). 2010. *The Bark* 60: 50–53.

[Juliette of the Herbs](#). 2010. *The Bark* 59: 54–57.

Good Neighbors. 2007. *Communities Magazine* 137: 30–32.

Deepak Chopra: Using Your Body's Intelligence. 1993. *Unity Magazine*.

Risky Business: The Health Insurance Mess. 1992. *The Post* 1 (19).

#### CHAPTERS IN BOOKS

Sommer, E. K. 2002. Beacons of the Night. In *Sacred Feathers: The Power of One Feather to Change Your Life*, ed. Maril Crabtree. Avon MA: Adams Media Corporation.

Sommer, E. K. 1999. A Simple Way. In *Consider the Lilies: Exploring the Simple Life*. Unity Village MO: Unity.

Sommer, E. K. 1997. Receiving the Gift of Sensitivity. In *A Circle of Prayer*, ed. Holly Bridges. Berkeley CA: Wildcat Canyon Press.

#### EDITORIAL PROJECTS (SELECTED)

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<http://www.sfrc.ufl.edu/4h/Story/Mangrove/MangroveIndex.htm>

Zeisset, R. 2009. *Statistics and Measurements*. Gainesville FL: CAPT.

Monroe, M., L. McDonnell, and A. Oxarart. 2007. *Wood to Energy: Biomass Ambassador Guide*. Gainesville FL: University of Florida, IFAS Cooperative Extension.

Monroe, M. C., L. V. McDonell, and L. A. Hermansen-Baez. 2006. *Changing Roles: Wildland-Urban Interface Professional Development Program*. Gainesville FL: University of Florida.

Hofer, S. 1998. *Collecting and Classifying Coloured Diamonds*. New York City: Ashland Press.

Perlmutter, D. 1997. *LifeGuide*. Naples FL: LifeGuide Press.