

David C. Padgham

Summary

- Communications professional with more than 10 years of experience conducting research, analysis, writing, and editing focused on science, health care, technology, and related public policy.

Core strengths

- Plain language writing and editing; adapting complex and often technical scientific information for a variety of audiences and reading levels in both digital and print formats.
- Managing and optimizing publication development and workflow, from content creation and submission, to peer review and revision, and on to publication and promotion.
- Stakeholder engagement and relationship management—for example, getting the most from authors, volunteer peer reviewers, editorial board members, and freelance editors.

Professional experience

Senior associate and managing editor, eGEMS

AcademyHealth, Washington, DC
August 2015 – Present

- My primary duties involve serving as the managing editor for **eGEMS**, AcademyHealth's open access, peer reviewed journal focusing on novel uses of electronic health data to advance research and quality improvement in health care. I oversee the publication of approximately 50 papers per year in both our general and special issues.
- In this role, I manage the journal's daily operations, including initial manuscript review, outside peer review, author revisions, copyediting, typesetting, proofreading, promotion, and more.
- I track our editorial workflow, including all paper metrics and analytics, and am constantly seeking new ways to optimize our processes and improve the experience for readers, authors, and other stakeholders.
- I coordinate all interactions with members of eGEMS' Editorial Board, our section editors, and our broad network of volunteer peer reviewers.
- In 2018, I managed the successful transition of eGEMS to a new publisher and a new, more modern, publication platform using the open source Journal Management System software.
- I have also been the lead author and designer on two editions of the **EDM Forum Review** and an AcademyHealth **policy brief** on health information interoperability.

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Education

Master's degree (MSLIS)

Library & Information Science
Catholic University of America
Washington, DC

Bachelor's degree (BA)

English Literature
Warren Wilson College
Asheville, NC

Technology Skills

Productivity & Collaboration

Google Drive
OpenOffice
SharePoint
MS Office
Dropbox
GitHub
Asana
Slack
Trello

Design & Development

Section 508
Photoshop
Wordpress
HTML, CSS
Linux/Unix
InDesign
Acrobat
Tableau
Drupal
SEO

Social Media

Facebook
Instagram
LinkedIn
Twitter

Independent consultant, writer, editor

Washington, DC

October 2014 – August 2015

- Analyzing, distilling, and adapting complex, often technical information for non-technical audiences for a variety of clients in the U.S. and Ecuador, including
 - AcademyHealth,
 - American Library Association, Office of Information Technology Policy, and
 - *Ecuador Terra Incognita*.
- Editing and correcting translations from Spanish to English.

Health/science editor

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, NIH, (Contractor), Washington DC Metro Area

September 2013 – October 2014

- Content editor for a [health information resource center](#) that is part of the National Institutes of Health.
- I performed substantive content reviews of written health materials aimed at patients with varying levels of literacy to ensure high quality, accuracy, consistency, and adherence to federal plain language guidelines.
- I was also a member of a small team working on a pilot project to improve and transition the Institute's health information into a more web, mobile, and social media friendly format.

Teacher, independent writer, editor

Quito, Ecuador

November 2011 – August 2013

- Teaching English as a foreign language and advanced writing at Universidad San Francisco de Quito and to a number of private students, including TOEFL and GRE preparation.
- Editing and proofreading travel guide translations for *Ecuador Terra Incognita*.

References

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Policy analyst

American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA), Bethesda, MD
June 2010 – November 2011

- AMIA is a not-for-profit membership organization dedicated to the development and application of medical informatics.
- I helped develop, write and produce AMIA's policy positions, statements and responses to calls for input from across the federal government, as well as content for the policy office's web and social media presence.
- I also supported the work of AMIA's volunteer policy committee and represented AMIA at key policy events in Washington, DC.

Policy director

Council on Competitiveness, Washington, DC
June 2008 – May 2010

- Managed a DARPA-funded project focused on demonstrating the value of computational modeling and simulation to companies within the DOD's supply chain.
- Performed research, writing, outreach, and project management—from giving presentations about the Council's work and industry success stories, to writing white papers and policy documents meant to influence government and industry.
- Supported both the Council's High Performance Computing Initiative and its Technology Leadership & Strategy Initiative.

Associate program officer

Computer Science and Telecommunications Board (CSTB),
National Academy of Sciences, Washington, DC
March 2006 – May 2008

- Managed a series of site visits to expose a volunteer committee of computer science experts to health care delivery sites across the U.S. as part of a **broader assessment** of the use of information technology in health care.
- Performed research, writing, and editing in collaboration with committee members and senior staff on salient topics in computing, information technology, Internet, and telecommunications policy.