

Celia Viggo Wexler

Professional Experience

Union of Concerned Scientists:

Senior Washington Representative, Union of Concerned Scientists, 2007 to the present

Common Cause:

Vice President for Advocacy: 2004 to 2007

Director of Research: 2002-2004

Director, Agency Watchdog Project, 1999-2002

Senior Lobbyist and Policy Analyst: 1997-1999

Legislative Director, New York Common Cause: 1989-1993

Consultant to Common Cause New York: 1994-1995

Journalism Experience:

Author, *Out of the News: Former Journalists Discuss a Profession in Crisis*, McFarland, 2012

Reporter, *American Banker*, Washington, D.C.: 1996

Copy editor, *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*: 1995-96

Bureau Chief, *American City Business Journals*, Albany, NY: 1986-89

Senior Reporter / Columnist, *City Newspaper*, Rochester, NY: 1984-85

Suburban reporter / feature writer, *Times-Union*, Rochester, NY: 1983-84

Banking and labor reporter, *Courier-Express*, Buffalo, NY: 1981-82

Business Editor, *Journal and Courier*, Lafayette, Indiana: 1979-81

Free-lance contributor to: *TheNation.com*, *The Washington Post*, *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, *In Pittsburgh*, and *Pittsburgh Business Review*: 1993 - present

Honors and Awards:

- **Institute for Alternative Journalism:** Grant to do a special report, *Forgotten Americans*, following the lives of six laid-off workers in Western New York four years after they lost their jobs.
- **Press Club of Western Pennsylvania Golden Quill Awards:** Certificate of Excellence for investigative reporting on the politics of gambling in Pittsburgh.
- **New York State Bar Association:** Certificate of Merit for coverage of legal issues in New York State.
- **New York Press Association:** First-place award for coverage of business, financial and economic news.
- **Buffalo Newspaper Guild Page One Competition:** First-place award for reporting on the strike of the Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization.
- **Buffalo Newspaper Guild Page One Competition:** Honorable mention for consumer reporting.

Education

M.A., Point Park University, Pittsburgh. Named “Outstanding Graduate Student” in Journalism and Communications; received scholarship from American Association of University Women and the Kathleen Bland Scholarship from Point Park.

B.A., *summa cum laude*, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada. Earned one of the highest honors awarded to a student of English Literature in Canada, the Governour-General’s Medal.