

Curriculum Vitae

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Jon Cohen has covered infectious diseases for 15 years, traveling extensively through the United States, Europe, Asia, Africa, and Mexico. Cohen began writing for *Science* in 1990, becoming one of the world's leading HIV/AIDS reporters. In addition to reporting on a wide range of scientific and medical topics for *Science*, Cohen has done in-depth, investigative stories about the National Institutes of Health, biodefense, tobacco industry funding of science, the troubled vaccine industry, credit battles, the genomics revolution, and the science press itself. He also has written for the *New Yorker*, *Atlantic Monthly*, *Talk*, *Discover*, the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, *Smithsonian*, *Slate*, *New Republic*, *Surfer*, and other publications. In 2003, the Kaiser Family Foundation awarded Cohen a mini-fellowship to cover travel costs of an extensive series for *Science* about HIV/AIDS in Asia. Cohen in 1998 received a Sloan Foundation grant to complete *Shots in the Dark: The Wayward Search for an AIDS Vaccine*, which was published by W.W. Norton in January 2001. *Shots in the Dark* won the Science and Society journalism award from the National Association of Science Writers. His 1997 *Science* article about the rise and fall of an AIDS research program in the former Zaire won the international health reporting award from the Pan American Health Organization. From 1986-1990 he was senior editor at the *City Paper* in Washington, D.C. He earned a B.A. in 1981 from the University of California, San Diego, where he majored in science writing. Cohen lives in Cardiff-by-the-Sea, California, with his wife, a TV documentary producer, and their three children.

Education

B.A. in scientific writing, University of California at San Diego, 1981

Work Experience

1984-85 Voice of America, Newswriter, Special English
1986-1990 *Washington City Paper*, Senior Editor
1990-1993 *Science*, Contributing Correspondent
1993-1999 *Science*, Staff Writer
1999-Present *Science*, Contributing Correspondent
1980-Present *Freelance*

Articles have appeared in *The Atlantic Monthly*, *The New Yorker*, *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, *Slate*, *Technology Review*, *The New Republic*, *The Washington Monthly*, *Talk*, and *Smithsonian*.

Books

Shots in the Dark: The Wayward Search for an AIDS Vaccine, W.W. Norton, 2001

Awards

Science and Society Award 2002, First Place Book, National Association of Science Writers, *Shots in the Dark*

International Health Reporting 1998, First Place, Pan American Health Organization, "The Rise and Fall of Projet SIDA," *Science* (November 28, 1997)