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MISSION

To support your communications to recipients with linguistically and culturally perceptive writing and editing, so that your intended audiences *will pay attention*.

SOCIOLINGUISTIC STRENGTHS:

Recognizing the importance of clinical *and* cultural contexts to audiences' acceptance of your message

EDUCATION

PhD, University of Pennsylvania (Linguistics)

MA, University of Chicago (Linguistics)

BA, Long Island University (English)

MEDICAL EDITING and WRITINGS, selected

1996-present: Medical editor, medical linguist, writer, researcher, and language consultant:

- **Editing documents** (peer-reviewed articles, curricula, book chapters, etc.) of clinical investigators. This work requires knowledge of all major style guidelines; e.g. *AMA*, *Chicago*, *CSE*, *APA*, and others; and expertise in crafting and editing documents to conform to American, British, or Commonwealth norms.
- **Linguistic consulting; selected assignments:**
Consultant to the American Medical Association during production of the 9th edition of their *Manual of Style* (name is cited in the Acknowledgments)
Lexicographic consultant to the 4th edition of the *Dictionary of Epidemiology*, ed. John Last, published by Oxford University Press (name is listed on title page)
- **Writings on medical and health communication Selected :**
"STID? The case for a new term". November 2016.
www.ashasexualhealth.org/stid-the-case-for-a-new-term/
Co-author in: D. Steiner et al. Performance of the Manchester Triage System in Adult Medical Emergency Patients: A Prospective Cohort Study. *Journal of Emergency Medicine*. 2015 Oct 9. pii: S0736-4679(15)00938-5. doi: 10.1016/j.jemermed.2015.09.008.
"The meaning of correct usage in an age of globalisation", *Weekend Post* (Botswana), 15 March 2014. www.weekendpost.co.bw
"Affluenza: How to be sick without being sick", www.kevinmd.com, 1 February 2014.
"Four linguistic reasons to leave 'patient' alone", www.kevinmd.com, 30 November 2013.
Book: *Sick English: Medicalization in the English Language*, 2012. [Being updated and expanded for 2nd edition, to include a special chapter on "Syndrome"]
"The Enigmatic Semicolon," *The Vocabula Review*, 11(7), July 2009. [Also available for free viewing on my website, www.medlinguistics.com]
"Understanding and Managing the Fluctuation between *preventive* and *preventative*," *AMWA Journal* (Journal of the American Medical Writers Assn.), Summer 2001, pp. 4-5.
"The Language of Eponyms," *Journal of the Royal College of Physicians, London*, Vol. 30, No. 2, 1996, pp. 174-177.

MEMBERSHIPS

Union of Concerned Scientists; American Civil Liberties Union; Kiwanis Intl; Northeast Ohio PC Club