
Times Facts

Lisa joined the *Times* in 2000 as a general assignment reporter in Clearwater. She then covered Pinellas County government for two years before becoming the medical and healthcare writer. She has covered several major news stories, including the Terri Schiavo case.

Talking Points

- Infectious Disease • HIV/AIDS • Hormone Replacement Therapy
- Evaluating Medical Evidence • Obesity

Lisa has made occasional TV appearances on a variety of topics.

Education

Lisa earned her bachelor of arts degree from Bryn Mawr College where she majored in English and minored in political science.

Background

Lisa grew up in North Carolina, where she was valedictorian of her high school and originally planned to become a doctor. She was a stringer for the *Philadelphia Inquirer* during and after college. Her first permanent journalism post was at *The Sun News* in Myrtle Beach, SC, where she covered Hurricane Hugo before moving to *The State*, in Columbia, SC. In Columbia, Lisa covered courts and worked on the paper's investigative team. She wrote extensively about the Ku Klux Klan burning black churches, the state's lax system for punishing bad lawyers and other legal issues. Lisa came to Florida in 1999, spending a year at the *The Tampa Tribune* before joining the *Times* in 2000. She became the newspaper's medical writer in June 2003.

Awards

Lisa and a colleague won a Silver Gavel Award from the American Bar Association. She also has received several South Carolina Press Association awards, and her work has been recognized by the Southern Journalism Awards.

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