



Spring 2025 Newsletter

Welcome to the Spring 2025 newsletter! In this edition, we are excited to kick off the first in a series of interviews with chapter members, starting with longtime AMWA member Theresa Singleton, PhD. Please let us know if you have suggestions for other members you would like to see highlighted in future editions of the newsletter. For this, and all other content, we welcome your feedback, suggestions, and contributions.

Claudia Prahst, President
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Chapter Member Q&A
Meet Theresa Singleton, PhD



Theresa Singleton has been a medical communicator for more than a decade and is the owner and principal scientific writer at Singleton Science, LLC. She holds a PhD in microbiology and immunology from Boston University, and she completed a postdoctoral fellowship in mucosal immunology at Boston Children's Hospital. Theresa credits her business success to recognizing challenges as opportunities. She wishes to share her experiences and help others to thrive in the field. *Theresa will be hosting the roundtable "Money Matters in the Freelance World" at the AMWA New England Chapter Spring Roundtables on April 6, 2025.*

When did you join AMWA?

I learned about AMWA in 2010 during a career panel hosted by the Boston Children's Hospital postdoc office. I became a member shortly after that event.

What type of medical writing do you specialize in?

As a freelancer, I specialize in writing and editing peer-reviewed journal articles for the biotech/pharma industry and plain language summaries of science and health information for nonprofits. I write and edit scientific communications for scientists, healthcare professions, and general audiences.

During my postdoc, I was excited to find a career that would allow me to use my knowledge of biomedicine to craft scientific messages, thus combining science with my longtime interest in writing. Bringing my writing and editing skills to bear on scientific topics has fueled my freelance career for more than a decade.

What advice would you give someone new to medical writing?

Medical writing is a broad term that encompasses a variety of specialty genres. Talk with medical writers who work in different areas to learn what most interests you, such as non-regulatory scientific publications, regulatory, pharma advertising, continuing medical education, and health communication.

What's one thing that most people may not know about you?

I've been taking conversational Italian lessons with the hope of one day retiring to southern Italy. *Una ragazza può sognare!*

Join Our Peer Mentoring Circle Program!

The new **Peer Mentoring Circle Program** is an opportunity for medical writers to connect, share insights, and learn from each other!

This pilot program aims to facilitate and support the exchange of diverse experiences, skills, and knowledge among medical writers of all subfields and experience levels. The circle topics will vary based on participant interest. While we encourage online meetings, peer mentoring circles can determine if in-person meetings are feasible.

The program will meet monthly from October 2025 to April 2026, with a time commitment of 1-3 hours per month. Register [here](#) by March 15, 2025.

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Massachusetts General Hospital Tour and Dinner](#)

Date: Thursday, April 3, 2025, 5:30 p.m. tour followed by 6:30 p.m. drinks and dinner

Location: Mass General Hospital Main Campus, 55 Fruit St., Boston

Join us for an exclusive tour of the historic Ether Dome at Mass General Hospital. This iconic site was the location of the first successful public demonstration of surgical anesthesia using ether in 1846, revolutionizing surgery. Please preregister [here](#).

Networking Event in Belfast, Maine

Date: Saturday, April 5, 2025, 11 a.m.

Location: Belfast Community Co-Op, 123 High St, Belfast, Maine

Come visit beautiful Belfast, Maine, and get to know current and aspiring medical writers! This networking event will take place at the café area of the Belfast Community Co-Op.

Contact [Sam Entwisle](#) (entwisle5@gmail.com) to register.

[Spring Roundtables](#)

Date: Sunday, April 6, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Location: Hilton Garden Inn, 450 Totten Pond Road, Waltham, Mass

This popular event will feature a leisurely brunch followed by lively roundtable discussions led by knowledgeable AMWA members who will share their insights, offer valuable advice, and answer questions.

Click [here](#) to learn more and to register by March 28, 2025.

Networking Event in Lexington, Mass.

Date: Friday, May 9, 2025, 12:30 p.m.

Location: Craft Food Halls - Revolution Hall, Maguire Road, Lexington, Mass.

Network with fellow medical writers over drinks and food in Lexington. We will meet outside at tables in

consists of several restaurants. You order directly online ahead of time or in person. (We suggest online ahead of time because it is faster.) Then come eat together and chat!

RSVP by May 4, 2025 to Andrea Gwosdow at andrea@gwosdow.com.

Networking Event in Newburyport

Date: Monday, March 31

Location: Brown Cow, Newburyport, Mass.

Members of AMWA-NE are invited to this midday networking lunch to connect with colleagues and share tips on the dynamic medical writing industry. To learn more and RSVP, please contact Thomas Mitchell at tmitchell@techwritersplus.com.

Connect with Members Locally!

The New England Chapter organizes local events for members to meet each other in different parts of New England, and we'd like to invite you to events near you. If your city, town, or ZIP code isn't in the national AMWA membership database, we don't know which local events might be most convenient. You can update your AMWA member profile to include your location, by signing in at www.amwa.org. Then click on MY PROFILE on the menu bar, select the edit icon next to CONTACT DETAILS, add or update your location, and save the changes. Thanks!

We Want to Hear Your News!

If you started a new position, published a book, presented at a conference, or have other big news to share, we want to hear about it! Please send your updates to newsletter@AMWA-NE.org.



New England Chapter members enjoyed a networking dinner during the 2024 Annual AMWA Conference in New Orleans.



Local AMWA members enjoyed dinner and conversation in downtown Boston at the holiday party.



S. Patrick Murphy (center) and Heather Duncan (right) shared their expertise on making graphical abstracts for publication with New England Chapter members. Shown here with Caroline McLachlan (left).

CONTENT FROM OUR MEMBERS

Don't Wait: Learn Why You Procrastinate and Do Something About It!

by Margaret Burke

Do you procrastinate or know someone who does? Learn what causes some people to lean into procrastination and get some helpful tools for overcoming this habit. Want to learn more or share your own tips? Join us at the spring roundtables on April 6 in Waltham, when Margaret will further explore this topic.

Interested in showcasing your work on our website? We are looking for short articles (800-1,000 words) from our members related to medical writing or health care. Contact newsletter@AMWA-NE.org if you are interested.

Congratulations to the Judy Linn Membership Award Winner!

Congratulations to Danielle Sanchez, the most recent winner of the Judy Linn Membership Award. The AMWA New England Chapter awards a one-year free membership in AMWA (which includes chapter membership) to qualified newcomers to the field. The chapter may give as many as three membership awards annually.

[Learn more about the award](#) and see if you might be a candidate!



Debbie von Rechenberg presents the Judy Linn Membership Award to Danielle Sanchez.

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Interested in getting more involved with the AMWA New England Chapter? We have many types of volunteer opportunities. To learn more email Claudia Prahst, chapter president at president@amwa-ne.org.

Welcome New Members!

Jodi Hyer, Megan Lang, Laurel Curran, Victoria Brown, Tejumola Adegoke, Christina Aungst, Anna Valentine, Kathryn McBride, Timothy Henion, Aarathi Balijepalli, Janelle Koppenhaver, Matthew Rich, William Brandel, Colleen Higgins, Jamie Spagnuolo, Kirsha Forte, Michael Jasper, Elena Ancheeva, Jameelah Hegazy, Sanjana Kangabam, Lila Fakharzadeh, Emily Chaves, Sam McGullam, Irene Knorn, Jill Patruno, Andrea Morrissey, Rachelle DiMedia, Debra Bloom, Alyssa Neuhaus, Shyam Panthi, Kim Ledoux, Elina Choi, Danielle Sanchez, Catherine Kaplan, Mark Battista, Roberto Alers-Velazquez, Amy Watt, Andrea Mark, Anthony Li, Sukhman, Shergill, Allison Williams, Megan McPhillips, Zoie Magri, Kanika Jain, and Alana Ross



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