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Since 2004, Laurie Garrett has been a senior fellow for global health at the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) in New York. Ms. Garrett is the only writer ever to have been awarded all three of the Big “Ps” of journalism: the Peabody, the Polk, and the Pulitzer. Her expertise includes global health systems, chronic and infectious diseases, and bioterrorism.

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She graduated with honors in biology from the University of California, Santa Cruz. She attended graduate school in the Department of Bacteriology and Immunology at University of California, Berkeley, and did laboratory research at Stanford University with Dr. Leonard Herzenberg. During her PhD studies, she started reporting on science news at KPFA, a local radio station. The hobby soon became far more interesting than graduate school, and she took a leave of absence to explore journalism. At KPFA, Ms. Garrett worked on a documentary, coproduced with Adi Gevins, that won the 1977 George Foster Peabody Award.

After leaving KPFA, Ms. Garrett worked briefly in the California Department of Food and Agriculture, assessing the human health impacts of pesticide use. She then went overseas, living and working in southern Europe and sub-Saharan Africa, freelance reporting for Pacifica Radio, Pacific News Service, BBC Radio, Reuters, Associated Press, and others. In 1980, she joined National Public Radio, working out of the network’s San Francisco and, later, Los Angeles bureaus as a science correspondent. During her NPR years, Ms. Garrett received awards from the National Press Club (Best Consumer Journalism, 1982), the San Francisco Media Alliance (Meritorious Achievement Award in Radio, 1983), and the World Hunger Alliance (First Prize, Radio, 1987).

In 1988, Ms. Garrett left NPR to join the science writing staff of *Newsday*. Her *Newsday* reporting has earned several awards, including the *Newsday* Publisher’s Award (Best Beat Reporter, 1990), Award of Excellence from the National Association of Black Journalists (for “AIDS in Africa,” 1989), Deadline Club of New York (Best Beat Reporter, 1993), First Place from the Society of Silurians (for “Breast Cancer,” 1994), and the Bob Considine Award of the Overseas Press Club of America (for “AIDS in India,” 1995). She has also written for many publications, including *Foreign Affairs*, *Esquire*, *Vanity Fair*, the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Washington Post*, and *Current Issues in Public Health*. She has appeared frequently on national television programs, including ABC’s *Nightline*, *The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer*, *The Charlie Rose Show*, *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, *Dateline*, *The International Hour* (CNN), and *Talkback* (CNN).

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