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has been fortunate enough to photograph brain surgery and the first hand-transplant at UCLA. Currently, Johansson is working on a book project of people living in different climate zones.



Gina Shaw has been writing about medicine, health, and science for nearly 15 years and is the author of *Having Children After Cancer* (Ten Speed Press/Random House). She has written for *Neurology Now*, *Neurology Today*, *Redbook*, *Woman's Day*, and *WebMD*, among others. Shaw became personally invested in neurology after her grandmother and great-aunt died with Parkinson's disease and her mother passed away with an undiagnosed combination of dementia and a movement disorder. "Watching a neurologic disease slowly erase the essence of a person you love is heartbreaking," she says. For this issue, Shaw takes a close look at health insurance exchanges.



Brian Stauffer lives in the San Francisco Bay area with his wife, Alina, and their two sons, Andrés and Julian. Featured in publications including *The New York Times*, *TIME Magazine*, *The New Yorker*, *Rolling Stone*, *Esquire*, and over 300 others worldwide, Stauffer's illustrations are best known for their conceptual take on social issues.

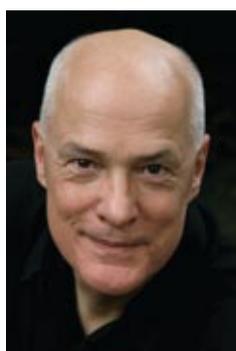
human brain. In "Living Well: University of Google," Valeo explains how to find trustworthy medical information online.



Catherine Wolf, Ph.D., has been writing for *Neurology Now* for five years. She has had amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease) for 15 years and been on a ventilator for 10. Wolf writes with a scanning keyboard and an infrared switch activated by raising her eyebrows. In "Join the Cause," she describes her personal experience of taking the leap from patient to advocate and provides useful tips for readers to do the same. Wolf writes poetry and holds a Ph.D. in psychology from Brown University.



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