

# Thomas Sumner

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## SCIENCE JOURNALIST

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I am a science communicator and journalist in New York City. My reporting on science research and policy has appeared in *Science Magazine*, *Science News*, FoxNews.com, Business Insider, *The San Jose Mercury News*, and other publications. While my research background is in physics and space weather, I am spellbound by everything from smartphone-powered satellites to beaver dams. I create inviting and engaging scientific storytelling through infographics, images and methodical reporting.

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## CAREER

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### Simons Foundation

*Staff Writer*

Penned press releases, conducted interviews and crafted multimedia about cutting-edge research sponsored by the Simons Foundation, one of the largest funders of basic scientific research such as astrophysics and mathematics in the United States

New York City

May 2017 – Present

### Science News Magazine

*Earth and Environmental Sciences Reporter*

Covered the earth and environmental sciences beat for print and digital editions, scouring journals, talks and current events for original stories. Scoops consistently generated significant outside coverage, such as the fracturing of the Larsen C ice shelf

Washington, DC

July 2014 – May 2017

### Science Magazine

*News Intern*

Reported on scientific research and policy for *Science Magazine's* news website and print magazine, such as precision electron mass measurements and genome encryption; Stories regularly featured on Slashdot, Reddit and other news aggregators

Washington, DC

Jan – July 2014

### American Geophysical Union

*Science Writing Intern*

Wrote press releases and blog posts on topics such a lost Apollo-era experiment. Organized press conferences and social media for AGU's Fall Meeting. Press releases covered by ABC News, Wired, *Science News*, the *Washington Post* and others

Washington, DC

June – Dec 2013

### Stanford University

*News Service Intern*

Stanford, CA

March – June 2013

### The Californian

*Science-Writing Intern*

Salinas, CA

Jan – March 2013

### Inside Science News Service

*Newsriting Intern*

College Park, MD

Sept – Dec 2012

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## EDUCATION

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### University of California, Santa Cruz

Science Communication Graduate Certificate, June 2013

Santa Cruz, CA

### University of California, Santa Cruz

Physics Bachelor of Science, June 2012

Santa Cruz, CA

- College Service Award; Social Justice and Community Leadership Award
  - Research assistant for NASA space weather mission
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## TECHNICAL SKILLS

SEO (Certificate), WordPress, HTML, CSS, PHP, Audition, Photoshop, InDesign, Tableau, Smartsheets and more

## MEMBERSHIPS

National Association of Science Writers (NASW)  
Science Writers in New York (SWINY)