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SCIENCE JOURNALIST

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.

CAREER

Simons Foundation

Staff Writer

New York City

May 2017 – Present

Penned press releases, articles and reports about cutting-edge research supported by the Simons Foundation, such as the discovery of a planet-eating star, which generated 65 news articles. Contributed to web development and multimedia projects

Science News Magazine

Earth and Environmental Sciences Reporter

Washington, DC

July 2014 – May 2017

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

Science Magazine

News Intern

Washington, DC

Jan – July 2014

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

American Geophysical Union

Science Writing Intern

Washington, DC

June – Dec 2013

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

Stanford University

News Service Intern

Stanford, CA

March – June 2013

The Californian

Science-Writing Intern

Salinas, CA

Jan – March 2013

Inside Science News Service

Newswriting Intern

College Park, MD

Sept – Dec 2012

EDUCATION

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)