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EDUCATION

Washington University in St. Louis *Ph.D., Plant Biology*, 2017

Case Western Reserve University *B.S. Biology; B.A. Chemistry, summa cum laude*, 2012

CURRENT POSITION

Science writer—*University of Wisconsin–Madison*, 2017 - present

- Responsible for finding, reporting, writing and editing stories of scientific research across campus for campus websites, blogs, newsletters and magazines
- Storyteller sharing the university's research with internal and external audiences through news releases, features, profiles and histories
- Edit stories from departmental communicators for publication
- Build relationships with local and national journalists to place stories. Coordinate expert sources for media outlets. Provide media training to scientists
- Perform issues and crisis communication on scientific topics
- Manage social media accounts and contribute to multimedia projects
- Organize campus-wide and external professional groups and outreach events

Freelance writer—*Isthmus*, 2017 – present

- Write stories on Wisconsin culture and Madison personalities for weekly newspaper
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EXPERIENCE

AAAS Mass Media Science & Engineering Fellow—*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, 2015

- Full-time science reporting intern on the newspaper's local desk.
- Covered university research and local scientific institutions and found science angles to local-interest stories, including the physics of illegal baseball pitches and how a local brewery produces gluten-free beer. Focused on environmental coverage, such as monitoring invasive and endangered species and the health of area waterways.

Freelance writer—*Washington University in St. Louis and Donald Danforth Plant Science Center*, 2015-2016

- Wrote multiple press releases covering nickel-based chemistry, farming amoebae, plant circadian rhythms, and photosynthesis, among other topics

OUTREACH & MULTIMEDIA

Multimedia projects

- Produced or contributed to multiple animated and live videos to share my research during graduate school, including with Washington University press office and the biology outreach organization iBiology

Outreach

- Wrote and presented original plant science presentations for local gardening groups
- Co-organizer of Science on Tap–Madison; formerly assistant organizer of Science on Tap at Washington University in St. Louis