Nidhi Sharma

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Experience:

<u>Associate News Editor</u> *CEP Magazine*, New York, N.Y.

July 2018 Aug. 2021

- Oversaw production, assignment, editing, and writing of short news section for the American Institute of Chemical Engineers' monthly science magazine, *CEP Magazine*, to transform complex scientific research into short news
- Covered topics such as COVID-19, solar energy, drug development, CRISPR gene editing, and bioplastics. Wrote 2,000-word, narrative piece on women in science, interviewed Nobel Laureate Francis Arnold
- Created magazine layouts and original graphics through Adobe InDesign and Adobe Illustrator

Freelance Writer May 2018 Present

- Wrote stories translating scientific literature into humorous news stories for *Live Science*, including "What Would Happen if You Drank Five 5-Hour Energy Drinks at Once?" and "The II Strangest Pregnancy Trends"
- Published article on air pollution during COVID-19 in New York City at nonprofit magazine, Emagazine.com
- Contributed to Avocado brand online lifestyle magazine

Staff Writer (Intern) RVA Magazine, Richmond, Va.

Aug. 2017 Dec. 2017

- Specialized in climate and science writing. Covered Richmond's ongoing opioid crisis by visiting drug clinics and interviewing active users, wrote about environmental education, and profiled science journalist Steve Nash
- General news stories included article on protests against local confederate statues, as well as an opinion piece on the same topic

Staff Writer Capital News Service, University of Richmond

Jan. 2017 May 2017

- Covered the Virginia General Assembly and local politics for university-run wire service
- Published stories on various bills concerning science education, energy conservation, and published data-based story examining links between race and poverty in de facto segregated Henrico County

Research Scholar Queen Mary University of London, London, England

Sept. 2016 Dec. 2016

• Studied snail populations in forest ecosystem of South England

Founder "Mobile Warming," at mobile-warming.tumblr.com

May 2016 Aug. 2016

• At 18, founded science blog that covered local climate change and warming sea levels in the Florida Keys

Research Assistant University of Richmond

May 2015 Aug. 2017

• Conducted field research on marine sponges in the Florida Keys to study feeding patterns and the effect of rising ocean temperatures. Funded by the National Science Foundation

Radio Show Host WDCE Radio Station, University of Richmond

Jan. 2015 Dec. 2017

• Broadcasted weekly college radio show on the topic of new music and music events

Science, Math and Research Training Scholar University of Richmond

Aug. 2014 May 2015

• Studied the chemical, biological and social factors of the HIV/AIDS epidemic and antibiotic resistance

Education:

M.A. in Journalism, Science Concentration; Columbia University School of Journalism, N.Y., May 2022

Specialized in climate and environmental reporting. Graduate-level work in ecosystem ecology, climate change law, and space mining/exploration. Wrote 10,000-word longform thesis on sea level rise in the Outer Banks, N.C., conducted over 30 interviews during week-long reporting trip, and tackled complex story structure.

Dual Major, B.S. in Biology and Journalism; University of Richmond, Va., May 2018

Cum laude in coursework such as physics, statistics, molecular biology, epidemiology, evolutionary biology and cancer biology. Also took six journalism courses, including news writing and literary journalism. Developed interest in literary journalists such as John McPhee.