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SUMMARY

Innovative science communicator who has produced media for National Audubon Society, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, and the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center. Proactive problem solver known for adapting to stressful situations and balancing complex projects, in the field and on the page.

EDUCATION

Master of Journalism in Science and Environmental Reporting June 2022

Northwestern University, Chicago, Ill.

- Accepted to week-long climate reporting trip to New Orleans February 2022
- Courses in narrative storytelling, coding, videography, data, and field work

Bachelor of Arts in Editing & Publishing and Creative Writing (double major) May 2021

Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, Pa.

- University of Amsterdam, study abroad Fall 2019

MEDIA EXPERIENCE

Communication and Outreach Assistant April 2025-October 2025

National Audubon Society, Seabird Institute, Rockland, Maine.

- Write social media posts, articles, and support weekly Seabird Island News publication, growing website traction by 73% in one month
- Serve as the point person and moderator for operating remote explore.org wildlife cam channels which includes creating featured content updates, running live virtual events with guests, and holding weekly office hours
- Work with Project Puffin Visitor Center Manager to support visitor center operations

Freelance writer and editor, hybrid October 2024-present

- Edit science fiction manuscripts of up to 30 pages for grammatical accuracy and clean copy
- Build relationships with researchers to develop informational writing for non-scholar audiences
- Clients include InVision Human Services and Pittsburgh Geological Society

Program Assistant May 2024-August 2024

Sea Education Association (SEA) and WHOI Sea Grant, Woods Hole, Mass.

- Worked with 70+ students on oceanography-related curriculum across Cape Cod
- Conducted event planning, campus preparation, student counseling, and tutoring programs
- Collaborated with blog editor to post campaigns for SEA's on-shore program blog

Science Writer & Communications Specialist August 2022-January 2024

Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tenn.

- Supported Oak Ridge Leadership Computing Facility by creating multimedia communications and evaluating industry trends
- Planned and executed directorate events and media campaigns, acting as supporting media staff

Remote Marketing Intern June 2020-September 2021

InVision Human Services, Wexford, Pa.

- Contributed to *InVisionary Newsmagazine* to increase awareness of company initiatives
- Collaborated on team of three to rebrand company website and redesign logo

Director (promoted) May 2020-June 2021

Forum for Undergraduate Student Editors (FUSE, Susquehanna Chapter), Selinsgrove, Pa.

- Organized meeting minutes and club activities for one meeting per week of 15 students

MEDIA EXPERIENCE (CONT.)

Student Writer/Intern

January-April 2020

Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL), District 12, Pa.

- Conducted on-site, in-person interviews with local farmers to showcase climate change issues
- Design and manage essay anthology to be delivered to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives
- *Project suspended in April 2020 due to COVID-19 Pandemic

Student Editor

May 2018-December 2020

Susquehanna University Department of English and Creative Writing, Selinsgrove, Pa.

- Wrote 8-9 features and designed 8-page departmental alumni newsletter every semester
- Managed schedule of alumni visits on behalf of the department
- Produced and archived email campaigns related to the newsletter to promote department events

Science Writing Intern

May-August 2019

Smithsonian Environmental Research Center (SERC), Edgewater, Md.

- Assisted in managing SERC's social media and blog, featured in Smithsonian-wide newsletter
- Spearheaded three media campaigns for environmental awareness of the Chesapeake Bay area
- Attended financial meetings on the National Mall

FIELD LEAD EXPERIENCE

Co-Field Trip Leader

March 2025

Geological Society of America, Erie, Pa.

- Co-lead Shifting Sands field trip, driving a van and educating groups of 20 on the local and geologic history of Presque Isle State Park

Co-Field Guide

October 2024

Slippery Rock University, Slippery Rock, Pa.

- Co-lead multi-day field trip for 17 undergraduate students to Chimney Bluffs State Park, Letchworth State Park, and Rushford Lake Recreation District
- Coordinated field trip meals, schedule, and large van driving on rough terrain

Student Field Assistant

Summers 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

Badlands Working Group, Slippery Rock University, Slippery Rock, Pa.

- Assisted in meal planning, scheduling logistics, and creating field guides for student field investigations course
- Lead hikes and educational curriculum for 20 undergraduate STEM students
- Managed safety, well-being, and educational goals for students

SELECTED ACCOLADES

Science Journalism Workshop Acceptance, Institute for Advanced Study, NJ.

July 2023

Science Journalism Merit Scholarship, Medill School of Journalism

Spring 2021

Bodie McDowell Scholarship, Outdoor Writers Association of America

Fall 2021