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PROFILE

Health communicator with expertise in creative storytelling and health literacy. Expertise in translating complex ideas into clear, engaging narratives across articles, reports, websites, visuals, and social media.

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Freelance Health Writer and Editor

Sept 2025-Present

- Craft content for nonprofits and public health organizations.
- Research, pitch, and write articles on topics such as adolescent and child health, loneliness, healthcare, and more.

Trailhead Institute

April 2024-Sept 2025

Senior Communications Coordinator

- Write, edit, and publish articles and blog posts after extensive research and interviews with internal staff and external partners to highlight systems change and equity-focused public health work across Colorado.
- Copyedit and provide guidance on lengthy reports (between 20-85 pages).
- Design and write engaging content for one-pagers, fact sheets, presentations, and talking points with expert editing, proofreading, and messaging guidance.
- Create copy and graphics for engaging and inspirational LinkedIn content that follows best-practices and helped gain almost 1K followers.
- Advocate for language changes based on health literacy and plain language principles for broader reach.
- Center values-based messaging and transformative narrative practices in communicating about public health, environmental health, racism, and equity.

United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

Jan 2023-Sept 2023

Malaria Communications and Public Affairs Intern for U.S. President's Malaria Initiative (PMI)

- Pitched ideas, wrote articles, and published blog posts on PMI.gov, Exposure, and Medium to advertise health successes and stories in collaboration with multiple teams.
- Edited speeches and press releases – including those released by high-level government officials, such as former U.S. President Joseph Biden – to ensure accuracy, thematic consistency, grammar, and flow.
- Created and distributed newsletters using GovDelivery to share new content with 87K+ PMI subscribers.
- Created social media calendar and drafted content in English, French, and Portuguese (in collaboration with native speakers) for key events, report releases, articles, and more for PMI, USAID, and global partner accounts.

PCI Media Impact

July 2022-Jan 2023

Media Programs Intern

- Authored research reports and proposals, including extensive literature reviews and interviews, for new projects on family planning in Zimbabwe and gender-based violence prevention in rural Honduras.
- Drafted a social media package for the UNICEF Spotlight Initiative in the Caribbean to empower women and girls and prevent gender-based violence.
- Reviewed scripts, casting submissions, and video cuts for the Juvenile Justice Innovation and Impact Network (JJIN) project to improve sexual health education among youth in the juvenile justice system in New Mexico.

Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Sept 2021-Jan 2023

Health Communication Consultant

- Built and executed social media campaigns through research on behavior change frameworks, surveys, focus groups, key informant interviews, pre-testing of materials, and monitoring to attract viewers and sustain views.
- Created brochures, fliers, and scripts to promote healthy behaviors.
- Wrote design document and script for 10-episode TV series. Education component included resilience building skills in 1st and 2nd generation South Asian women exposed to family violence in childhood.

Credo Espoir, Literature and Art Magazine

May 2017-July 2021

Co-Founder, Chief Editor, Social Media Manager

- Managed and published 7 well-received issues of original poetry, prose, and visual art from global contributors.
- Collaborated in website creation and management to advertise submission periods, publish new blog posts, and keep information timely and accurate.

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Photographer

Jan 2022-Present

- Photograph community members for headshots, graduation photos, personal portraits, events, and concerts.

Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Oct-Dec 2022

Teacher's Assistant for Health Literacy: Challenges and Strategies for Effective Communication

- Graded assignments and provided added support for students on multiple projects related to health literacy.

Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

July-Oct 2022

Researcher

- Edited videos for the <https://covid.letstalkshots.com/> website to increase COVID-19 vaccination rates.

AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps, National Service Program

Oct 2020-June 2021

Team Member, Assistant Team Leader

- Served on a team of eight people and worked for various organizations (e.g., FEMA, Habitat for Humanity, YMCA, Community Organized Relief Effort...) full-time in California, Montana, and Utah.

University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus

Feb 2019-May 2020

Researcher

- Analyzed mouse models to research the role of mutant p53 in initiating melanomagenesis.

EDUCATION

Master of Science in Public Health, Health Education & Health Communication

Jan 2023

Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, MD

Bachelor of Science, Molecular Biology; Minors: International Studies, Chemistry

June 2020

University of Denver, Denver, CO

EXHIBITIONS AND AWARDS

- Denver Art Museum Photography and Memory Project Community Spotlight Exhibition, Nov 2021-Feb 2022
- Congressional Award, 2021
- University of Denver Photography and Memory Project Community Magazine and Project Documentary, 2020
- 2020 Featured Artist (Photography) in the Vicki Myhren Gallery, School of Art and Art History

Certifications

Mental Health First Aid

Oct 2024

National Asian American Pacific Islander Mental Health Association (NAAPIMHA)

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Professional writing and editing, research, fact checking, creative writing, website content management, graphic design, photography, social media communications, strategic communications