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Science Reporter • Editor • Author

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EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology
M.S., Science Writing

Cambridge, MA
Sept. 2017

Northwestern University
B.A., Anthropology and Geography

Evanston, IL
June 2004

BOOKS

Author, *National Parks of Costa Rica* (Cornell University Press, 2015)

Editor, *The Birds of Costa Rica: A Field Guide, 2nd ed.* (Cornell University Press, 2014)
Birds of Botswana (Princeton University Press, 2015)
Peterson Field Guide to Birds of Northern Central America (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2016)

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

NOVA | PBS
Science Editor

Boston, MA
Aug. 2019 - Present

Assign and edit all text news stories for NOVA's digital platform. Ensure that content across NOVA platforms meets strict journalistic standards. Oversee fact-checking for broadcast documentaries; develop fact-checking processes for digital videos and text reporting.

NOVA | PBS
Associate Researcher

Boston, MA
May 2018 - Aug. 2019

Fact-checked all NOVA science documentaries. Worked with producers and editors to develop science content for upcoming films; wrote supporting program materials.

Independent Science Reporter

Aug. 2017 - Present

Report science, health, and environment stories, with a partial focus on Latin America. Clients include MIT Technology Review, Audubon, and Yale Climate Connections.

NOVA | PBS
Digital Editorial Intern

Boston, MA
May - Sept. 2017

Pitched and wrote science news stories ranging from brief summaries to reported features for NOVA Next. Reported on new research and emerging technologies, covering political, economic and public health angles.

MIT Graduate Program in Science Writing
Video Production Assistant

Cambridge, MA
Feb. - May 2017

Assisted in filming and editing videos for the Science Philanthropy Alliance on the importance of basic research. Edited interview footage and acquired archival material.

MIT Sloan Sustainability Initiative
Writer & Research Assistant

Cambridge, MA
Sept. - Dec. 2016

Wrote copy for website and newsletters, including profiles, internship round-ups and event summaries. Developed style guidelines for website copy and edited promotional material.

The Tico Times
Interim General Manager

San José, Costa Rica
May - Aug. 2016

Oversaw editorial, sales, and administrative operations during a time of major transition; took steps to improve communication between departments and streamline operations. Developed a reengineering plan for the newspaper that meant rethinking revenue streams and overhead costs as well as the paper's editorial mission as a digital-only publication. Defined the (new) position and initiated the search for a permanent general manager.

The Tico Times
Publications Manager

San José, Costa Rica
June 2015 - Aug. 2016

Launched and led the Times' publishing division. Drew on the paper's network of writers and 60 years of reporting to develop book projects related to Costa Rican culture. Managed all phases of publishing, including project development, editing, design, printing, marketing, sales, and distribution within Costa Rica and abroad.

Zona Tropical Press
Editor & Project Manager

San José, Costa Rica
Oct. 2012 - June 2015

Edited and managed production of English-language and bilingual natural history books, including field guides, photography books, and children's books. Led project development for various titles in collaboration with co-publishers Princeton University Press and Cornell University Press. Managed international teams of authors, illustrators, photographers, science editors, translators, cartographers, and designers to bring book projects to completion on time and within budget. Developed editing standards for each project; wrote front and back matter as needed. Was both author and project manager of *National Parks of Costa Rica*, the company's most ambitious nature photography book.

Common Ground International
Immersion Program Coordinator & Leader

Heredia, Costa Rica
Jan. 2010 - Sept. 2012

Coordinated Spanish immersion programs for U.S. health care professionals. Identified the company's ethically questionable medical outreach practices in Costa Rican communities. Spearheaded ethics evaluation of the outreach model, leading to the overhaul of the company's mission and approach to community work. Helped visiting professionals understand, and communicate within, the local medical context.

Common Ground International
Medical Spanish Instructor

Lafayette, CO
Nov. 2008 - Dec. 2009

Taught medical Spanish to health care professionals in Denver-area hospitals. Courses focused on medical vocabulary, basic patient-provider conversation and cultural awareness in communication with Spanish-speaking patients.

SKILLS

- Spanish (fluent)
- Editing
- Fact-checking
- Research
- Public records requests
- Project management
- WordPress
- Hindenburg audio software
- Adobe Premiere Pro
- Adobe Lightroom
- Microsoft Office Suite

ACTIVITIES

Moderator, MIT Faculty Forum online: AI and the Future of Medicine, June 2018.