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Professional Summary

Award-winning science communicator with 15+ years of experience in technical and scientific writing and copyediting. Social media expert able to craft tweets, blog posts, articles, print media, and video scripts that engage the public's scientific curiosity. Archaeologist who researches human skeletons in ancient Europe.

SciComm Experience

Forbes

Senior Contributor

2015-present

- Contracted contributor with 5+ pieces published per month on archaeology, anthropology, history, forensics, and classical civilization
- 6.6 million total visitors and 9.3 million pageviews to date, over 325 published pieces
- Honed skills at identifying news-worthy stories drawn from journal TOCs, conference proceedings, and press releases
- Created news by writing up new research that piqued the interest of other outlets, causing a chain reaction in media interest
- Listed among Forbes Science's top 3% of contributors in content and reader interest

Mental Floss

Freelance Writer

2016-2018

- 17 pieces written for the online version of this pop-sci magazine
- Pieces include essays, topical news items, and listicles
- Pitched numerous pieces successfully; also accepted editor assigned pieces

Science Uncovered

Science Writer

2013-2014

- Answered anthropology, archaeology, evolution, and history questions posed by the public in the "Ask A Scientist" column of this British pop-sci magazine by Focus Publishing
- Contributed 2-3 answers each month for the entire run of the magazine
- Honed skills at writing very short (c. 80-word) explanations aimed at the general public

W.W. Norton Press

Technical Writer

2008-2013

- Wrote chapter quizzes, learning objectives, and interactive questions for the online, student-facing website for the anthropology textbook *Our Origins*, editions 1-3.
- Wrote chapter quizzes, summaries, outlines, and learning objectives for the online, student-facing website for the anthropology textbook *How Humans Evolved*, editions 5 and 6.
- Wrote chapter quizzes, outlines, concept questions, and metacontent for the online, student-facing website for the anthropology textbook *Essentials of Physical Anthropology*, editions 1 and 2.

SciComm Awards

Excellence in Public Education Award

Society for American Archaeology

2017

New Directions Award in Public Anthropology

American Anthropological Association

2016

Academic Experience

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Teaching (Adjunct) Assistant Professor, Anthropology

2018-present

University of West Florida

Assistant / Associate Professor, Anthropology

2012-2018

Academic Education and Training

PhD in Anthropology (Bioarchaeology specialty)

University of North Carolina

2010

Chapel Hill, NC

MA in Classical Archaeology

University of North Carolina

2005

Chapel Hill, NC

MA in Anthropology

East Carolina University

2002

Greenville, NC

BA in Latin and Classical Archaeology

University of Virginia

1999

Charlottesville, VA