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Science Writer ● Fact Checker ● Researcher

Experience

Science Writing Intern

American Geophysical Union, Public Information Office, Washington DC Oct 2015 – Feb 2016
Wrote blogs and press releases covering science published in AGU research journals. Coordinated with other institutions to issue joint press releases. Handled content management for the [GeoSpace blog](#), and edited and posted guest blog posts. Assembled and issued AGU's weekly press alert: "This Week from AGU". Created and scheduled weekly social media alerts on Twitter, Facebook and Google+ highlighting recently published research. Managed AGU's social media channels for the AGU's 2015 Fall Meeting and the 2016 Ocean Sciences Meeting.

Freelance Fact Checker & Researcher

Science News May 2016 - present
Fact checked and proofread articles going to print.

Seth Mnookin Sep 2015 – Oct 2015
Conducted research for a forthcoming book (referred to Seth Mnookin by Pagan Kennedy)

Pagan Kennedy: "Inventology" Oct 2014 - Mar 2015
June 2015 - July 2015
Fact checked parts of the manuscript for Pagan Kennedy's book: "Inventology", totalling 110 hours. Acknowledged in Kennedy's book as one of "the most stalwart fact checkers" she worked with.

Holt Productions, Waban, MA Mar 2014 - July 2014
NOVA|PBS: "Can Alzheimer's Be Stopped?"
Researched various topics related to Alzheimer's disease (such as current treatments, medical research, scientific research, and causes) under tight deadlines. Synthesized science and created summaries of each topic, updated topic documents as new information was uncovered. Participated in and assisted with on-location and phone interviews with various Alzheimer's experts. Transcribed interviews. Conducted additional research, writing, and editing as needed. Helped edit the first draft of the show outline.

Freelance Science Writer Jan 2014 – Oct 2014
Freelance writer responsible for researching, pitching and writing various print and web stories for Popular Science, World Science Festival, and Beacon Reader.

Print Editorial Fellow

Popular Science, New York, NY Mar 2013 – Aug 2013
Wrote stories for 'Megapixels', 'Headlines' and 'How 2.0' in the front and back of the book. Pitched and wrote online articles to accompany print pieces. Worked with senior editors to vet freelance pitches and story ideas. Provided editorial assistance, conducted research, and worked on special projects as needed. Wrote a guide to finding free photos for use in print and online content creation.

Senior Blog Editor

Izilwane.org (now *Voices for Biodiversity*), El Prado, NM May 2012 – Jan 2013
Edited, proofread, fact-checked, and sourced media for more than 60 blog entries about biodiversity and environmental issues. Coordinated blog assignments and posts for blog.izilwane.org and guest posts for *National Geographic Newswatch*. Managed the blog team and mentored new bloggers while developing blogging guidelines to increase quality and consistency across the site.

Science Journalism & Multimedia Intern

Biodiversity Research Institute, Gorham, ME June 2012 - Aug 2012
Wrote and edited press releases and other promotional literature in collaboration with Communications Director. Storyboarded, filmed, and edited a video outlining the goals of the Center for Loon Conservation.

Education

Boston University, M.S. in Science Journalism

Awarded Jan 2013

Georgia State University, B.S. in Biology, Minor in Chemistry

Awarded Dec 2006

Memberships

National Association of Science Writers

DC Science Writers Association

References

Nanci Bompey, Public Information Manager, American Geophysical Union, nbompey@agu.org

Pagan Kennedy, New York Times Columnist, Author, Journalist, paganken@gmail.com

Susannah Locke, Editor, Vox, susannah.locke@gmail.com