

Sarah C.P. Williams

Motivated journalist with a passion for science.

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Science journalist with previous writing and editing experiences at a range of publications using multiple forms of media. Exceptional organizational skills and a clear record of meeting tight deadlines. Enterprising and ethical researcher; effective at tracking down sources and information for stories. Able to explain complex ideas to a lay audience in a concise and engaging way.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Freelance Science Writer

Honolulu, HI / May 2011- current

- I cover a variety of biomedical and scientific findings for publications including *Nature Medicine*, *ScienceNOW*, *MyHealthNewsDaily.com*, the National Institutes of Cancer, the University of Hawaii Cancer Center, *BioTechniques*, and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. I write brief news articles as well as in-depth feature articles and trend stories.

Howard Hughes Medical Institute

Assistant Editor, *HHMI Bulletin* / Jan 2008 to May 2011

- Assisted in overall production of each issue of the quarterly *HHMI Bulletin*. Helped with story planning, content creation, art direction, and copyediting.
- Regularly wrote feature articles for the magazine, including pieces on prostate cancer, cholesterol drugs, cellular membranes, and profiles of researchers.
- Planned and produced multimedia content for the *Bulletin* website and iPad app, including photo slideshows, audio slideshows, and interactive Flash pieces.
- Managed the *Bulletin* mailing lists. Used metrics and surveys of these subscriber lists to track readership.
- Worked on other HHMI projects including research summaries for HHMI.org and the HHMI annual report.

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Johns Hopkins University / Jan 2003 to May 2006

- Received funding to pursue independent biochemistry research under the mentorship of Dr. Blake Hill. Was a co-author of a paper on mitochondrial dynamics published in the *Journal of Biological Chemistry*.

SCIENCE WRITING INTERNSHIPS

Science News Magazine / Sept 2007 to Dec 2007

- Wrote feature articles on the dead zone in the Gulf of Mexico and genetic prenatal testing, as well as many shorter news articles.

Yale School of Medicine / June 2007 to Aug 2007

- Wrote for *Yale Medicine* magazine, and the *Medicine@Yale* newsletter.

ScienceNOW / Apr 2007 to June 2007

- Weekly news articles for *Science*'s website. Covered research on pulmonary fibrosis, the origin of potatoes, and how frogs made it to the Caribbean.

Stanford School of Medicine / Jan 2007 to Apr 2007

- Wrote press releases and magazine articles on topics including in vitro fertilization, the Atkins diet, and the use of war metaphors in medicine.

The Monterey County Herald / Sept 2006 to Dec 2006

- Reported for the daily newspaper, covering issues such as deep sea research, a hospital expansion, and the environmental impact of pesticides.

Living on Earth / June 2005 to Aug 2005

- Researched stories for the "Notes on Emerging Science" section of this show, which airs on NPR.

EDUCATION

UC Santa Cruz
Certificate in Science Writing

Johns Hopkins University
B.A. Biology

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

National Association
of Science Writers

D.C. Association of
Science Writers (Board
Member 2010-2011)

AWARDS

2009 DCSWA Science
Newsbrief Award

2007 Merck Science Journalism
Student Award

TOOLS

HTML
CSS
Soundslides
Audacity
Microsoft Office

SKILLS

Thorough reporting
Engaging writing
Detailed copyediting
Organized and deadline-oriented
Creative multimedia production
Audio recording and editing
Explaining complex ideas concisely