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## Education

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### Boston University – May 2017

M.S. in Science and Health Journalism

Courses included: Science Video Production, Narrative Writing, Feature Writing, Science News Writing, Data-Driven Reporting

### University of Arizona – May 2016

B.S. in Neuroscience and Cognitive Science with an emphasis in Neurobiology — *summa cum laude*

Medical Journalism Thematic Minor and Biochemistry Minor

## Science Journalism Experience

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### Science Writing Intern, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts

Summer 2015

- Reported health stories regarding the Brigham and Women's Hospital and its clinical staff.
- Wrote features and profiles on published research findings, medical innovations and procedures.
- Contributed to the hospital's internal publication, *BWH Clinical & Research News*.

### Science Reporter, Arizona Daily Wildcat, Tucson, Arizona

2014-2015

- Reported health stories for the University of Arizona campus newspaper, a daily circulation of 7,000.
- Wrote features on surgeries, medical procedures and research findings.

## Science Experience

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### Research Assistant, University of Arizona, Drs. Leslie Tolbert & Lynne Oland, Tucson, Arizona

2015-2016

- Conducted research focused on understanding the development and function of glial cells in the brain; used the fruit fly *Drosophila melanogaster* as a model system for cellular investigations.

### Research Assistant, Harvard Medical School & MGH, Dr. Sara Lazar, Boston, Massachusetts

2014, 2015

- Researched meditation's cognitive effects using functional Magnetic Resonance Machine (fMRI)
- Expect to publish work on quantitatively measuring mindfulness using Grounded Theory Methodology.

### Research Assistant, University of Arizona, Dr. Charles Raison, Tucson, Arizona

2014-2015

- Researched raised core-body temperature as an alternative treatment for major depression.

### Volunteer, University of Arizona Medical Center ER, Tucson, Arizona

2013-2015

- Carried out simple, yet important, actions that improve patient satisfaction: admit and usher patients, answer questions, tend to patients with water, blankets, pillows. Support emergency doctors and nurses.

## Awards, Honors and Accomplishments

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- Phi Beta Kappa Academic Honor Society
- BrainFacts.org Blogger
- President, University of Arizona Physiology Club 2015-2016
- Vice-President, Nu Rho Psi Alpha Chapter at the University of Arizona 2013-2015
- Certificate of Merit for Outstanding Achievement in Journalism — University of Arizona School of Journalism 2013-2014

## Other Skills

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- Fluent in Farsi (Persian)
- Multimedia: film, audio, narration, writing, editing
- Adobe Premiere Pro CC
- Final Cut Pro X
- Basic HTML and CSS knowledge

## References (other references and clips upon request) Website: <http://www.darafarhadi.com/>

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