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Science Journalism Experience

- Contributing Writer, Epilepsy Foundation, Phoenix, Arizona** Nov. 2017-present
- Summarize newly released research articles from the journal *Epilepsy & Behavior* for the general public.
 - Articles are published at www.epilepsy.com, which has a monthly readership of over 1 million.
- News Writing Intern, MIT News, Cambridge, Massachusetts** Summer 2017
- Wrote profiles on ten Massachusetts Institute of Technology graduate students from a wide variety of disciplines.
- Science Reporter, Boston University News Service, Boston, Massachusetts** Jan. 2017-May 2017
- Covered breaking news and published multimedia and feature stories during my master's degree program.
- Health 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 new research findings, medical innovations and procedures.
- Health Reporter, Arizona Daily Wildcat, Tucson, Arizona** Jan. 2014-Jan. 2015
- Reported health stories for the University of Arizona campus newspaper, a daily circulation of 7,000.
 - Wrote features on patient surgeries, medical devices and science research.

Health and Science Experience

- Research Fellow, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, Massachusetts** June 2017-present
- Collaborating with Dr. Ekkehard Kasper from the Dept. of Neurosurgery for a research paper on stereotactic radiosurgery as a treatment for intraventricular meningiomas.
- Volunteer, Ryan House, Phoenix, Arizona** Sept. 2017-present
- Provide much-needed respite and palliative care at Ryan House, a freestanding pediatric hospice center, that functions as a home away from home for children with life-limiting conditions.
 - Entertain kids by playing piano, video games or take part in any other activities the children desire.
- Research Assistant, University of Arizona, Drs. Leslie Tolbert & Lynne Oland, Tucson, Arizona** April 2015-May 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** Summer 2014, 2015
- Investigated meditation's cognitive effects using functional Magnetic Resonance Machine (fMRI).
 - Expect to publish work on linguistic analysis of people that practiced mindfulness-based cognitive therapy.

Education

University of Arizona College of Medicine — Phoenix – May 2022 (expected)
Doctor of Medicine (MD) Candidate

Boston University – May 2017
M.S. in Science and Health Journalism

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

Awards, Honors, Skills and Accomplishments

- Phi Beta Kappa Academic Honor Society, 2015
- Vice-President, Nu Rho Psi (national honor society in neuroscience) at the University of Arizona, 2015-2016
- President, University of Arizona Physiology Club, 2013-2015
- Certificate of Merit for Outstanding Achievement in Journalism — University of Arizona School of Journalism, 2013-2014
- Fluent in Farsi (Persian)
- Multimedia: film, audio, narration, writing, editing (Adobe Premiere Pro CC and Final Cut Pro X)
- Basic HTML and CSS knowledge

(references and clips upon request)