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## Journalism Experience

### **Master's Project**

**2018-2020**

- WordPress website “[Speaking Science-ese](#)” dedicated to interviews of science communicators, researchers, policy influencers and the public about their experiences and thoughts on the ways we communicate science.

### **Independent Study**

**2018-2020**

- *Spring 2020*: Research and presentation of “[Art, Music, and Poetry as a Means of Conveying Information about the State of the Planet](#)” at the Southwest Popular/American Culture Association Conference in Albuquerque, NM [[program](#)].
- *Spring 2019*: Teaching assistant in Environmental Journalism course providing geoscience and environmental science background and expertise to JOUR 455/555 students.
- *Fall 2018*: Conducting historical journalism research, formatting a paper in Chicago Style; WordPress website “[On the Same Sage](#)” a science journalism, geology and historical blog.

### **Science Journalism**

**2017-2020**

- “[Mahogany on the Decline](#)” Western National Parks Association website and *Your American West* newsletter.
- “[Outfoxing the Red Fox](#)”; Western National Parks Association website.
- “[How veterinary medicine can translate to human healthcare](#)”; *ZooView* magazine.
- “Trickling Tinajas in Saguaro National Park” pending publication on Western National Parks Association “Research Matters!” website.

### **Madden Media**

**2019 Fall**

- Editorial Intern for the content department of a travel marketing agency.
- *Print Editorial*: verification, fact-checking, proofing, writing copy, flowing in copy via InDesign.
- *Online Content*: shadowing client calls, outlining stories, writing keyword-optimized metadata, reviewing and editing stories, writing stories and listing descriptions for internal sites.
- *Published work*: [Tucson Taste Buds: The Blacktop Grill](#), [Greet the Season in Independence](#), [Wagging Tails & Water Bowls](#), [The Wickedest History of Wholesome Jerome](#), [Trade Boredom for Board Games](#), [Leave No Stone Unturned](#).

### **Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History**

**2019 Summer**

- Communications Leader for the summer Academic Resource Center intern team.
- Intern of the Day features, editing and updating external NMNH internship project pages, drafting summary report to primary donor, Interns and Fellows section of the Natural History board book, revising the 2019-2020 Smithsonian Opportunities for Research and Study (SORS) Guide, assisting with organization of behind-the-scenes tours, workshops, and lunch events.

## Other Work Experience

### **Geosciences Graduate Teaching Assistant**

**2018-2020**

- *Spring 2020*: Responsible for running and grading three-hour Friday lab section for 12-15 students in GEOS 251 Physical Geology, including lab exams. Assisted with transfer to fully online format due to pandemic.

- *Fall 2018, 2019:* Assisted during thrice weekly lectures and with grading of assignments for 270+ students in GEOS 170, occasionally taught lecture, held weekly office hours.

### **Mineral Evolution Research**

**2017-2018**

- Research of tectonic settings and ages of mineral localities to understand changes in minerals over geologic time. Maintaining data spreadsheets and inputting them into the database.

### Education

#### **University of Arizona**

**2020**

M.A. Science and Environmental Journalism, GPA: 4.0

#### **University of Arizona**

**2018**

B.S. Geology, minor in Planetary Science, GPA: 3.632

### Skills

- Proficient in Photoshop, WordPress, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, Pinterest, Snapchat, Microsoft.
- Proficient in news and feature writing, website management, copyediting, verification, and event coordination. Extensive travel experience.
- Basic photography, Adobe, InDesign, Python.
- Fluent in Ukrainian language, history, and culture.

### Awards and Honors

#### **Graduate Awards**

**2018-2020**

Douglas D. Martin Award for Integrity and Courage in Journalism (2019-2020), Douglas D. Martin Scholarship (2019-2020), Milburn William Memorial Scholarship (2019-2020), John Peter and Anna Zenger Fellowship (2018-2020), Excellence in Science and Environmental Journalism Award (2018-2019).

#### **Honors College Undergraduate Awards**

**2015-2018**

Highest Academic Distinction (Spring 2018), Dean's List with Distinction (Fall 2016 & Fall 2017), Dean's List (Spring 2015).

#### **National Merit Full Academic Scholarship**

**2014-2018**

### Community Involvement

#### **100% Engagement Project**

**2016-2017**

Society of Earth Science Students (SESS) partnership with Martha Cooper Library. Writing, establishing and running the first set of weekly sessions to introduce STEM topics to underserved youth.

#### **Study Abroad Orvieto, Italy**

**2017 Summer**

7 weeks of cultural immersion, programming classes in Python, data manipulation and analysis. Traveling, budgeting, utilizing resources and group dynamics/accessibility.

#### **Zircon Age-Dating Research Honors Project**

**2014-2015**

Use of Laserchron mass spectrometry to study oldest minerals on Earth from Jack Hills, Australia. Presented at GeoDaze conference (April 2015). Coverage in Arizona Daily Star.

#### **Ukrainian Heritage School, Jenkintown, PA**

**2000-2012**

Graduated two years early, Distinguished Honors GPA: 4.0. Received 12 matriculated college credits.

### **Memberships**

Kappa Tau Alpha National Honor Society (2020-present), SESS (2014-2018), UA Ballroom Dance Club (2014-2018, Fundraising Chair 2015-2016), PLAST Ukrainian Scouting Organization (2001-present).