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**Summary Of  
Qualifications**

- **Writing and editing for diverse audiences:** short form science news articles, long form science journalism stories, scientific publications
  - **Project management:** highly skilled at organization and planning; data collection, assessment and problem-solving; leadership and teamwork
  - **Social media and web:** experience with Wordpress, Contentful, Twitter, Facebook, MailChimp, Instagram, Weebly, Google Analytics
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**Education**

- **Ph.D. | Michigan State University** | East Lansing, MI | April 2018  
Department of Plant Biology; Ecology, Evolutionary Biology, & Behavior Program
  - **B.A. | Illinois Wesleyan University** | Bloomington, IL | May 2011  
Environmental Studies (Ecology and Environmental Policy) *Magna Cum Laude*
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**Professional  
Experience**

- **Editor** | *Discover Magazine* | Assistant, 2018-2019; Associate, 2019-present  
Fielded dozens of daily pitches, assigned and edited stories from freelancers for features, columns, and discovermagazine.com • Balanced fiscal year budget for story commissions across discovermagazine.com and astronomy.com (Feb-Sep 2020) • Developed, reported and wrote compelling science stories for web and print • Wrote scripts, storyboarded footage and performed in YouTube videos
  - **AAAS Mass Media Fellow** | *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* | 2018  
Received extensive media and journalism training geared at scientists • Wrote a wide range of science news articles, with a local bent, for city newspaper
  - **Amateur webmaster, social media manager, & communicator** | 2013-2018  
Maintained personal site (Weebly), website for departmental grad student organization (Mura), and social media feeds for graduate program (Twitter) and community chorus (Facebook and Twitter) • Gave 4 public pop-science talks
  - **Instructor** | Integrative Studies in Biology, Michigan State University | 2015-2018  
Turned provided materials into engaging weekly biology labs for non-majors
  - **Graduate Researcher** | Michigan State University | 2012-2018  
Designed and executed a 6-year research program • Managed and analyzed extensive datasets in Excel and R • Mentored 5 undergraduate assistants • Developed a timeline and budget • Presented findings to scientists and practitioners • Wrote scientific papers for publication
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**Selected Honors**

- **Early Career Publication Award** | ESA Restoration Ecology Section | 2020
  - **Graduate Student Policy Award** | Ecological Society of America | 2017  
Awarded trip to D.C. for training in science policy and congressional visits
  - **Runner-up, 18+, International UWE Bristol Science Writing Contest** | 2016
  - **National Science Foundation Graduate Student Research Fellowship** | 2013
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