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SAMPLE ARTICLES

***Slate*: “How an Evangelical Creationist Embraced Evolution.”** [December 2015]

Profile of an unusual young Evangelical. Winner of the 2016 Wilbur Award for Best Online News Story.

***The Atlantic*: “A Bionic Eye That Restores Sight.”** [August 2014]

Researchers have created the first working artificial retina. Cited by USC Keck Medicine.

***The New York Times*: “Organic strawberries? Not so much.”** [Sept. 2011]

An investigation into why California’s organic strawberry industry still uses toxic chemicals that destroy the ozone layer. Picked up by *Mother Jones*, *Grist*, and *Marketplace*.

EXPERIENCE

***Slate Magazine* Editorial Assistant** [Feb. 2015–Present]

- Pitches and writes science and food-themed features for a daily newsmagazine with more than 4 million readers.
- Reports weekly for breaking news section, special editorial packages, and 2016 election coverage.
- Assists with production and editing of tech and business sections.

D.C. Science Writers Association, Social Chair [Jan. 2015–Present]

- Plans annual events and meetings to build membership for Washington, DC’s professional science writer organization.
- Moderates conference panels including “How to Up Your Editing Game” and “How to be a More Discerning Reporter.”

***Moment Magazine* Reporter & Web Editor** [April 2014–Feb. 2015]

- Reported at the intersection of science, religion, and culture. Stories republished in *Slate* and *Huffington Post*.
- Produced and edited daily website, weekly newsletter, bi-monthly glossy magazine, and social media.

***WIRED* Editorial Research Fellow** [Jan.—July 2012]

- Fact-checked pop culture section using a combo of database research, primary sources, and professional charm.
- Produced sidebars, statistics, and research for feature articles. Managed Twitter account.
- Generated vast number of story pitches, many of which were actually published.

***California Magazine* Editorial Intern** [May–August 2012]

- Wrote science-themed articles for UC Berkeley’s alumni quarterly. Crafted headlines, sidebars, and fun facts.

***The New York Times* Online Intern** [Jan.—August 2011]

- Produced weekly articles on science and education for *NYT Bay Area Blog* and *The Choice Blog*.
- Covered Bay Area schools, farmers’ markets foodies, and genetic testing controversies at UC Berkeley.

***The Daily Californian* Editor and Reporter** [Feb. 2007–April 2010]

- Managed a team of 25 reporters for daily coverage of UC Berkeley and the University of California system.
- Taught student-run workshop course on investigative journalism. Covered cool science on campus.

EDUCATION

Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University, MSJ [Dec. 2013]

Master’s program focusing on science reporting and magazine writing/editing, culminating in thesis on the use of narrative techniques in science writing. Recipient of Comer Scholarship for Health & Science Writing.

University of California, Berkeley, B.A. in English and Rhetoric [May 2011]

Double-major published in undergraduate literary journal *The Folio*. Leadership roles at *The Daily Cal*, Berkeley Student Cooperative, and Democratic Education at Cal. Note-taker for Disabled Students’ Program.

SKILLS

- **Media:** Adobe Photoshop, Final Cut Pro, Audacity, photography
- **Social:** WordPress, Twitter, basic HTML/CSS, blogging/chats, GIFs
- **Research:** Fact-checking, FOIA, databases, academic research, transcription
- **Speaking:** Science writing speaker at Johns Hopkins University, Medill School of Journalism, California College of the Arts, Religion Newswriters Association