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Comprehensive science research and dynamic science writing

Objective: To help clients convey their discoveries to a wider audience for a wider impact.

SKILLS

- Research**
- A current focus on science research, with 10 years of professional reference experience on a wide variety of topics
- Writing**
- Clear, comprehensive research summaries with appropriate citations
 - Strong writing skills, developed from teaching English language
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EXPERIENCE

Freelance Science Writer, Carrboro, NC 2014-present

- Thorough, high-quality research to bolster reports.
- Clear, concise writing to communicate with other scientists and the public.
- Serving diverse clients including universities, professional societies, non-profits and research institutes.

MentalFloss.com 2008-2014

Researcher and Columnist

- Fact-checked articles prior to publication.
- Researched diverse topics, including flashmobs, C.S. Lewis, and celebrity road rage, for writers.
- Wrote "At the Libraries," a regular feature, for 3 years.

Wake County Public Libraries, Knightdale, NC 2005-2011
Librarian I

- Provided professional reference services for the general public, including specialized and sensitive topics, from public and private databases.
- Maintained the area of the WCPL website devoted to children, including chairing its committee and overseeing a user-centered redesign.
- Collaborated with several community organizations to develop large-scale public events celebrating libraries and literacy.

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 2003-2005
Academic Affairs Library

- Ordered, received, and cataloged books in Slavic and East European languages.

Bell Language School, Brooklyn, NY 2002-2003
English as a Second Language Instructor

- Taught English grammar, conversation, and reading comprehension to adults from diverse backgrounds.

EDUCATION

M.S. in Library Science

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 2005

B.A., History

Vassar College, 1999