

# SUMEET KULKARNI

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## WRITING EXPERIENCE

### Positions

- AAAS Mass Media Fellow, *The Los Angeles Times* (June - August 2022)  
I pitched, reported on, and wrote 11 science stories over a period of 10 weeks for the LA Times' science desk. I did my own fact-checking and obtained independent perspectives on contentious issues. I interviewed over 30 diverse sources from a variety of backgrounds, such as researchers, students, medical doctors, patients, a state assemblymember, and even Bill Nye, the Science Guy! Link to all of my LAT stories: <https://www.latimes.com/people/sumeet-kulkarni>
- Author and Editor, *Astrobites* (January 2020-present)  
I am a regular author for Astrobites, a team of astronomy graduate students who write and edit science summaries of new research papers aimed at undergraduate students. Link to all posts: <https://astrobites.org/author/skulkarni/>
- Science Journalism Intern, *India Bioscience* (Summer 2019)  
I got introduced to the craft of science writing and wrote 3 News and 1 Feature article during this 3-month remote internship with India's leading life sciences communication outlet. Link to all articles: <https://indiabioscience.org/authors/SumeetKulkarni>
- Editor, *LIGO Magazine* (December 2020-present)  
As part of the team of editors for the bi-annual magazine of the LIGO Scientific Collaboration, I commission and edit stories about science as well as the social and professional aspects of life in this big collaboration.

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- Attended the National Association of Science Writers (NASW) annual **ScienceWriters conference** in 2021. Reported on a session on Wildfires and Climate Change through a podcast, to be published soon in the NASW Student Newsroom.
- Co-chair of **Comscicon-Atlanta**, a local chapter of the Conference on Science Communication in March 2021 for science graduate students across the southeastern United States. For this, I organized a panel discussion on 'Interviewing for science stories' and hosted Maryn McKenna (WIRED) as the Keynote speaker.

## EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Candidate, Physics & M. Ed., Science Curriculum and Instruction

The University of Mississippi

August 2017 - Present Oxford, Mississippi

Bachelor of Science & Master of Science (Integrated B.S.-M.S.)

Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER)

August 2012 - May 2017 Pune, India

## MULTIMEDIA SKILLS

Graphics: Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop

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Audio/Video: Audacity, Adobe Premier Rush

Microsoft Office Suite

Web: HTML5, WordPress

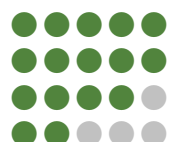
## LANGUAGES

English

Marathi

Hindi

French



**Astrophotography:** My most recent hobby has been clicking beautiful pictures of the Milky Way, the Moon, the Planets and other starscapes. Check out my Astrophotography portfolio:

<https://sumeet-astrophoto.myportfolio.com/>