

GRAYCEN WHEELER

JOURNALIST

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EDUCATION

M.S., Science Communication

University of California, Santa Cruz
Santa Cruz, CA, US | 2022

Ph.D., Biochemistry

University of Colorado Boulder
Boulder, CO, US | 2021

B.S., Biochemistry

University of Oklahoma
Norman, OK, US | 2015

SKILLS

- Audio production & editing (Audacity & Adobe Audition)
- Interviewing & audio gathering
- Video production & editing (Adobe Premiere Pro & After Effects)
- Data processing & visualization (MATLAB, R, LaTeX, Bash, HTML/CSS)
- Fact-checking
- AP style

AWARDS

CASW Taylor/Blakeslee Fellowship,
2021 - 2022

Award for Innovative Service to the
CU Boulder Department of
Biochemistry, 2021

CU Boulder Award for Graduate
Teaching Excellence, 2016

EXPERIENCE

WATER REPORTER & REPORT FOR AMERICA CORPS MEMBER

KOSU RADIO | OKLAHOMA CITY, OK, US | JUN.. 2022 - PRESENT

As a staff reporter at Oklahoma City's NPR member station, I cover water stories from across the state. I produce spots and feature stories that air to KOSU's tens of thousands of listeners, and I write web posts to accompany them. In my first three months at KOSU, five of my stories have been the first or second most-read story on our website for the week.

NEWS INTERN

THE MONTEREY COUNTY HERALD | MONTEREY, CA, US | MAR.. 2022 - MAY 2022

I covered local science news stories as a general assignment reporter for the Herald.

SCIENCE MAGAZINE | WASHINGTON, DC, US | JAN. 2022 - MAR. 2022

I pitched and wrote articles about scientific research news for an international audience.

SCIENCE WRITING INTERN, PRESS & PUBLICATIONS

SLAC NATIONAL ACCELERATOR LABORATORY | MENLO PARK, CA, US | SEPT. 2021 - DEC. 2021

I wrote scientist profiles, news pieces and features about particle physics for SLAC and Symmetry Magazine.

FREELANCE SCIENCE WRITER & REPORTER

BOULDER, CO, US & SANTA CRUZ, CA, US | JUL. 2020 - MAY 2022

My writing has appeared in Symmetry Magazine, the San Jose Mercury News, Eos Magazine, Mongabay, the Santa Cruz Local, Good Times and other outlets.

PODCAST HOST, EDITOR & PRODUCER

BUFFS TALK SCIENCE | BOULDER, CO, US | APR. 2018 - DEC. 2020

I hosted, produced and promoted 66 biweekly episodes that often drew 400 listeners. Each episode featured science news stories and interviews with local researchers.

SENIOR EDITOR/ BLOG WRITER

SCIENCE BUFFS | BOULDER, CO, US | SEP. 2017 - JUL. 2021

As one of three senior editors, I took pitches from blog writers and worked with them on stories. Since Science Buffs is a blog for science students who want to develop science communication skills, I helped teach storytelling, interviewing and podcasting to new bloggers

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Founder & EIC of CU Boulder Dept. of Biochemistry monthly newsletter, 2020-21
- Virtual conference moderator for Keystone Symposia on Molecular & Cellular Biology
- Programming organizer for ComSciCon Flagship, 2020
- Chairperson and lead organizer of ComSciCon Rocky Mountain West, 2019
- Selected speaker for Ignite Boulder, 2019
- Desk agent and tour guide at Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History, 2013