

# Sarah J. Liez

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## EDUCATION

### The University of Pittsburgh

Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science, Bachelor of Arts in Public and Professional Writing, Minor in Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies, Certificate in Public Communication of Science and Technology  
GPA: 3.97/4.00  
Honors Joint Degree Program

### Pittsburgh, PA

*Fall 2019-Anticipated 2023*

**Relevant coursework:** Communication for Environmental Professionals; Ecosystem Ecology; Groundwater Geology; Atmosphere, Oceans, and Climate; Writing Arguments; Writing for the Public; Writing for the Sciences; Sustainable Cities (taken in Amsterdam, Netherlands)

**Relevant projects:** "A Systematic Review of the Rhetoric of Climate Change Skepticism" and Annotated Bibliography; "A Systematic Review of Sustainable Agriculture in the Netherlands"; Issue Brief on the Mariner East Pipeline; Proposal for Compost in University of Pittsburgh Dining Halls; Multi-Modal Project on Factory Farming

## SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS, & ACADEMIC HONORS

### Summa Cum Laude

*Anticipated Spring 2023*

University of Pittsburgh

- University Scholastic Honors designated by a GPA above 3.75

### Dean's List in the Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences

*Fall 2019-Present*

University of Pittsburgh

- Earns at least 12 letter grade credits with a term GPA at or above 3.50

### University of Pittsburgh Merit Scholarship

*Fall 2019-Present*

University of Pittsburgh

- Receives \$10,000 USD per academic school year
- Based on outstanding academic achievement, holistic factors provided in a candidate's personal statement, and potential for scholarly contributions to the University of Pittsburgh community

### Ready 2 Succeed Scholarship

*Fall 2022*

Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency

- Scholarship awarded to high achieving students in Pennsylvania whose annual family income does not exceed \$126,000 USD

### 2022 Golden Quill Award Finalist — Student Excellence in Written Journalism - Opinion

*Spring 2022*

The Pitt News

- Awarded for an article titled "You shouldn't have to talk in class to participate" published in Fall 2021

### Segal Americorps Education Award

*Fall 2019-Spring 2022*

Americorps

- Awarded for completing national service with PittServes Jumpstart

## PUBLICATIONS

Liez, S.J. (Forthcoming 2023). The American School System is Built Against People with Disabilities: A Student's Perspective. In Branche J.C., Davis P.K., & Cohn E.R. (Eds.), *Diversity in Higher Education Remote Learning: A*

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Liez, S.J. (2022, February 8). Opinion | An ode to the Bik: Using a shared shower at sleepaway camp. *The Pitt News*. <https://pittnews.com/article/171070/opinions/opinion-an-ode-to-the-bik-using-a-shared-shower-at-sleepaway-camp/>

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### University of Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh, PA

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

Fall 2022-Present

- Supports professors in two courses (Writing for the Sciences and Communication for Environmental Professionals)
- Assists in ongoing development, design, and evaluation of lesson plans and course materials
- Enhances student learning by critiquing work and offering additional clarity on course curricula

### The Pitt News, Opinions Desk

Pittsburgh, PA

Senior Staff Columnist

Fall 2021-Present

- Publishes a variety of opinion-based columns and satires for The Pitt News (Columbia Scholastic Press Association Crown Award recipient)
- Frequently achieves "Top Story" status
- Manages work to meet daily and weekly deadlines

### Factory Farming Awareness Coalition

Remote

Student Advocate, Writer

Summer 2022

- Participated in daily student advocate meetings, educational lectures, and advocacy-related workshops
- Collaborated with other college advocates, high school advocates, and fellows throughout various projects and events
- Developed scientific research and writing skills through journalism trainings and workshops
- Completed scientific and SEO keyword research while publishing long-form opinion pieces

### Lexe Beta Programme

Remote

Staff Writer

Summer 2022

- Published a series of articles centered on sustainability, environmentalism, and social change

### Camp Geshher

Cloyne, Ontario

Camp Counselor

Summer 2019

- Implemented the supervision, care, and safety of campers ages 9-15
- Developed and managed informal education activities and discussions regarding leadership, environmentalism, informed consent, conflict resolution, social justice, and additional topics

**Temple Beth Hillel Beth-El****Wynnewood, PA**

Teaching Assistant

*Fall 2014-Spring 2019*

- Administered educational lesson plans and facilitated classroom management with children ages 5-12
- Advanced leadership skills through weekly workshops and community initiatives

**LEADERSHIP, ACTIVITIES, & SERVICE**

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**The Pitt Pulse****Pittsburgh, PA**

Staff Writer, Editor

*Spring 2022-Present*

- Publishes creative scientific articles upon completing relevant research
- Manages scientific journalism trainings and workshops
- Oversees staff writers and critiques articles

**Geology Club****Pittsburgh, PA**

Member, Secretary, Vice President

*Fall 2019-Present*

- Participates in educational activities relating to geology and environmental science
- Plans and implements club activities and events such as student lectures, group discussions, and networking opportunities
- Facilitates communication regarding activity planning and implementation

**Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity****Pittsburgh, PA**

Member, Service Chair, Initiate Advisor

*Fall 2019-Present*

- Participates in brotherhood activities focused on leadership, scholarship, and fellowship
- Contributes to the organization of service, scholarship, and philanthropy events
- Plan, coordinates, and communicates service events both within and outside of the organization
- Manages the planning and implementation of the semester-long initiation program
- Maintains responsibility for the initiates' safety and well being while acting as a mentor
- Serves on the executive board of the fraternity by presiding over important issues and upholding chapter policies

**PittServes, Jumpstart****Pittsburgh, PA**

Corps Member, Team Leader

*Fall 2019-Spring 2022*

- Completed volunteer work with preschool-aged children in Pittsburgh communities with high rates of poverty
- Created and implemented educational activities with focus on social-emotional and literacy skills
- Developed interpersonal skills through bi-weekly leadership and anti-bias trainings
- Managed a team of Corps Members and delegated in-classroom roles and assignments
- Was awarded the Jumpstart Teamwork Award in Spring 2022, the Jumpstart All Around Values Award in Spring 2021, and the Corps Member of the Month Award in Spring 2021

**SKILLS**

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- Proficient in Microsoft Office, ArcMap 10.8, ArcGIS Pro 2.8, STELLA
- Introductory knowledge in HTML, CSS, Rstudio, Adobe Premiere Pro, Adobe Lightroom
- Strong ability to carry out independent research
- Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to work in a team
- Exceptional strength in written communications

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**References may be provided upon request**