

## Maris R. Fessenden

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### Writing and Multimedia Experience

*Freelance Journalist and Illustrator, Self-employed, May 2013- Present*

- Writing and reporting news and feature stories, online and print. Clients include Scientific American, Nature, Smithsonian Magazine, Western Confluence, YellowstoneGate.com, NASA and Spectrum News.
- Regular blogger for Smithsonian's SmartNews covering art, science, culture, history and oddities.
- Podcast reporting for "Big Picture Science."
- Factchecking, proofreading and editing for scientists and organizations.

*Full-time Editorial Intern, Scientific American, June 2012- May 2013*

- Wrote and edited news articles for the "Advances" section of the magazine. Wrote and produced online articles and blog entries using WordPress. Created multimedia slide shows, videos and illustrations for the website.

*Social and Online Media Intern, Stanford School of Medicine, March 2012-June 2012*

- Wrote and produced three blog entries per day for the award-winning Scope medical blog, live-tweeted events at Stanford and wrote copy for the 1:2:1 podcast series.

*Production Intern, "Big Picture Science," SETI Institute, January 2012-March 2012*

- Assisted radio show production, which included writing audio teasers; coordinating, conducting and editing interviews; selecting clips for social media; producing blog entries.

*Science Writing Intern, Santa Cruz Sentinel, September 2011-December 2011*

- Reported and wrote news and feature articles local to Santa Cruz, CA, covering topics such as whale watching, new research on lunar magnetism, West Nile virus and toxic algae blooms, as well as science education and community events.

### Publishing Experience

*Bookseller, Country Bookshelf, August 2019- Present*

- Working as part of a team to sell books at a local, indie bookstore
- Developing marketing materials, creating protocols for stocking and organizing the collection of books and other merchandise, leading book discussions and hosting events with authors.

### Research Experience

*Staff Research Associate, University of California Los Angeles, June 2010-July 2011*

- Taught and conducted sample analysis for cancer biology, immunology and other life sciences.

*Lab Assistant, University of California Los Angeles, September 2009-May 2010*

- Investigated the biology of stem cells and Autism Spectrum Disorders

### Education

*Science Communication Graduate Certificate, UC Santa Cruz, August 2012*

- Courses: news writing, social media, feature writing, essays and profiles, investigative and policy reporting, multimedia production, radio production

*B.S., Interdisciplinary Studies: biology and writing, Cornell University, May 2009*