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What are your goals for the summer?

I'm hoping to gain hands on experience in a fast-paced, professional newsroom, producing multiple stories a week and looking, especially, to pair them with multimedia elements like radio and infographics. I'm also looking to learn as much new science as possible, hike the best trails around Portland, and learn to swing dance.

What are you most excited about?

I'm excited to have the opportunity to write all the time and fully immerse myself in journalism, for it to be my job to read about, write about, and talk to people with interesting, weird and/or important research.



Why are you passionate about science communication?

As both a physics major and an editor at our university newspaper, I'm constantly thrown back and forth between two fields that consider themselves disparate. I hope to bridge that gap between research conducted in the "hard" sciences - whose name already puts them at a disadvantage - and public consumption of news and information.

Who is your favorite science communicator?

Sarah Rich, while not strictly a science writer, ties in history, science, economics and design on a wide variety of subjects. My favorite journalist who writes about writing about science is Bora Zivkovic.

Do you have a link to an article you'd like to share?

<http://dailybruin.com/2013/02/07/ucla-holds-mars-habitability-conference/>

Describe your dream job.

I'd be an investigative journalist and help uncover

and explain the ties between science, technology, the economy and the future. Alternatively, I'd be a Martian pioneer.

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Tell us about something you do outside of the lab.

I play Ultimate Frisbee on our college club team and on a summer club team. My college team, BLU, has made it to the National Championships twice in the last four years.

Anything else you'd like to share?

One of my favorite places in the world is the Doubtful Sound, in New Zealand. And my favorite beer is anything Grimbergen.

I lived in Berlin for eight months (but my German is now woefully subpar).

