What are your goals for the summer?
I want to learn how to transform an interesting idea into a story, and how to tell that story in the most captivating way possible. I hope to do this by writing as much as possible, and absorbing all that I can from the great editors at NPR.

What are you most excited about?
I have been a huge NPR fan since high school – I even listen during the pledge drives. I cannot believe that I will have the opportunity to work alongside the same writers and reporters that I have admired for so many years.

Why are you passionate about science communication?
Writing about science has rekindled my love of the field and my interest in my own research. I also believe that encouraging more scientists to communicate directly with non-scientists will benefit the public’s understanding of the field, and will help improve the quality of scientific research by forcing scientists to think more critically about their own work.

Who is your favorite science communicator?
Probably Jad Abumrad and Robert Krulwich from Radiolab. Listening to their show is like having a conversation with a really interesting friend. They make science communication sound effortless.

Do you have a link to an article you’d like to share?
Here is a story I wrote on capturing the wasted light energy in your computer screen: http://www.energyfrontier.us/newsletter/201305/designing-displays-recycle-light

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Describe your dream job.
I always find myself torn between my two great loves, writing and scientific research. I think my dream job would allow me to do both, and also spend time encouraging other scientists to communicate with the public. Can we just make the day twice as long so I have time for all three careers?

Tell us about something you do outside of the lab.
I love biking so much that I do it year round, even in the middle of the freezing Boston winters. I also foster cats from the local animal shelter and spend way too much time watching animal videos on the internet.

Anything else you’d like to share?
My favorite Bowie song is “A New Career in a New Town,” and I look forward to listening to it when I arrive in DC this summer.