



MAYA WEI-HAAS

SCIENCE WRITER

ABOUT ME

I'm fascinated by the scientific processes that covertly shape the world around us. My goal as science writer is to find and tell stories about these phenomena to help people appreciate our wondrous world through new eyes.

EXPERIENCE

FREELANCER

Science writer | 2023 - present

Report stories for a variety of news outlets, including the *New York Times*, *Science Magazine*, and *National Geographic*. Author of children's book *What a Rock Can reveal* from Phiadon Press and contributing author of *National Geographic's Stargazer's Atlas*. Represented by Aevitas Creative Management.

Travel guide | 2022 - present

Give lectures and discuss local geology on trips with National Geographic Expeditions and Smithsonian Journeys in Patagonia, Iceland, Alaska, and New Zealand.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

Staff science writer | 2018- 2023

Developed and wrote news stories and features for the website and magazine about science with a focus on geology. Collaborated with the graphics and photo teams to develop immersive story packages. Mentored new writers and scientists interested in communication.

SMITHSONIAN DIGITAL NEWS

Assistant Editor | 2015 -2018

Assigned and edited 15-18 science and innovation news stories each week for the Smart News channel, which provides a Smithsonian lens on current events. Managed scheduling for three contract writers on a daily basis. Pitched, wrote, and produced several articles per month.

AWARDS

- ASCE Excellence in Journalism (2021)
- AGU's David Perlman Award (2020)
- National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow (2010-2015)

EDUCATION

AAAS MASS MEDIA FELLOW

National Geographic | summer 2015

- Pitched and wrote articles about scientific advances and current events
- Produced articles with the AEM web content manager

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Ph.D. Earth Science | 2010 - 2015

- Led a research team in remote AK
- Managed a multi-user research lab
- Blogged about research from the field
- Designed and presented numerous scientific posters and talks

SMITH COLLEGE

B.A. Geology, Minor in chemistry | 2005-2009

- Graduated Summa Cum Laude
- Conducted honors thesis field work on a remote field base in Svalbard
- Taught at a kid's science camp in Belize (Coral Reef Ed-Ventures) during summer 2007

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