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Experienced science writer with a passion for turning the complicated into clear, concise and compelling narratives.

I'm hard-working, conscientious and proactive, and I love to learn. I love that I get to explore a wide range of scientific fields, from climate change and the weather to astronomy, medicine and environmental health. I've even written pieces on law, airports, mining and funeral plans.

Skilled at transforming complex information from journals, scientific papers and press releases into clear, informative content for any audience, I've written for both B2B and B2C publications and know how to tailor articles to suit different readers.

Education and Qualifications

NCTJ in Newspaper Journalism East Surrey College (February – June 2005)

BSc (Hons) in Natural Sciences: 2.2 University of Bath (October 2001 – June 2004)

A-levels & GCSEs School of St Helen and St Katharine, Abingdon (September 1994 – July 2001)

Employment

Science writer (January 2016-present)

I've written a variety of news, short-form and long-form features for various publications including Technology Networks, Environmental Health News (EHN) and EHN Extra, LiveScience, Forward, Patient, NetDoctor, and NS Healthcare brands.

Topics covered include environmental science, environmental health, drug discovery, clinical trials, children's health, mental health, life science and many more. I've also undertaken projects for Elsevier, Drug Discovery World, Capital Life and Summize.

Environmental Journalist for Meteored (July 2021-present)

I write about the weather, the environment, climate science, palaeontology and astronomy/space science for yourweather.co.uk.

Freelance writer for AZo Networks (January 2017-December 2021)

I wrote for the entire AZo range, with articles covering nanotechnology, astronomy, cleantech, environmental science, climate change, materials science, drug discovery, and many other subjects.

Laboratory News – Web editor (October 2009 – December 2015)

I wrote news, features and comment pieces for all strands of the publication including the quarterly Companion Series; commissioned and edited features/opinion pieces from scientists, scientific/PR companies etc; proofread the magazine and associated products; and coordinated the magazine's social media and iPad edition, and maintained the website.

Daryl Willcox Publishing (February 2007 – October 2009)

As JournAlert editor, I compiled a twice-weekly JournAlert newsletter for journalists, including conducting interviews with journalists and editorial staff about their media outlet. As FeaturesExec Research Executive, I wrote news stories for the JournAlert resulting from the maintenance of the FeaturesExec online database.

Interests

I enjoy reading, films and TV documentaries especially those with a scientific angle/theme. I enjoy crafting, cooking and baking, and Lego!

Between 2019 and 2022, I was chair of my children's school PTA, and I remain an active member, helping to fundraise for the school. I have also been involved with fundraising for the AT Society, a charity that helps families of children with Ataxia Telangiectasia, which my son was diagnosed with in 2023.