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Science Writer & Communicator

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SCIENCE COMMUNICATION EXPERIENCE

• Veritasium

Writer/Director (July 2024 - April 2025)

- Researched and wrote scripts, worked with video editors and animators to direct science videos for Veritasium, a YouTube channel with more than 17 million subscribers.
- Two videos that I directed: on QR codes and AlphaFold, have garnered more than 8 million views each.

• Nature

Spring '24 News Writing Intern (February - July 2024)

I reported news and wrote feature stories on a variety of science topics spanning NSF budgets, NASA missions, early-universe cosmology, the Total Solar Eclipse, cicada emergence, and AI at the Paris Olympics to name a few for *Nature* magazine. My stories can be found at this link.

• Los Angeles Times

AAAS Mass Media Fellow (June - August 2022)

- Reported on **12 science stories** over a period of 10 weeks for the LAT science desk. **Four of them featured on the front page.**
- **Shot and edited a short video** for a story on light pollution, which was also featured with my interview on the Spectrum News *LA Times Today* show.
- **Interviewed over 30 diverse sources** from a variety of backgrounds, such as researchers, students, medical doctors, patients, a state assemblymember, and even **Bill Nye**, the Science Guy.
- Link to all stories:
<https://www.latimes.com/people/sumeet-kulkarni>

• Astrobites

Author and Editor (January 2020 - January 2022)

Wrote and edited over 25 posts for Astrobites, a website publishing science summaries of the latest astronomy research papers aimed at undergraduate students.
Authorpage: <https://astrobites.org/author/skulkarni/>

• India Bioscience

Science Journalism Intern (Summer 2019)

My first science writing experience was this remote internship with India's leading life science outlet.

Link to all stories:

<https://indiabioscience.org/authors/SumeetKulkarni>

AWARDS

The **Eric and Wendy Schmidt Award for Excellence in Science Communication** presented by the National Academies of Science, Engineering & Medicine, 2023.

EDUCATION

The University of Mississippi

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Physics

📅 8/2017 - 1/2024 📍 Oxford, MS

- Spring '23 Graduate Dissertation Fellowship
- Winner, 3-Minute Thesis (Nov 2021, 2022)

Master of Education,

Science Curriculum and Instruction

📅 January 2020 - December 2021

Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER)

Integrated Bachelor & Master of Science, Physics & Mathematics

📅 8/2012 - 5/2017 📍 Pune, India

ASTROPHOTOGRAPHY

- Link to Portfolio, Instagram
- Work displayed at the University of Mississippi library (Spring 2022), and Heartbreak Coffee, Oxford MS (November 2023).
- Images featured in print in the *Los Angeles Times* (front & back pages 9/20/2022; 9/27/22), and *Nature* (4/8/2024 Total Solar Eclipse)

MULTIMEDIA SKILLS

Microsoft Office Suite

HTML5

Graphics: Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop,

Matplotlib

Manim

Audio/Video Editing:

Audacity, Adobe Premier Rush/Pro

LANGUAGES

English

Marathi

Hindi

Spanish

