

PETER JURICH

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EDUCATION

M.S. Life Sciences Communication, University of Wisconsin-Madison (*expected May 2019*)

Emergency Medical Technician program, Madison Area Technical College, (May 2015)

B.A. Journalism, Wayne State University (Dec. 2009)

WRITING/COMMUNICATION EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, University of Wisconsin-Madison (September 2018—Present)

- Lecture for LSC 100: Science & Storytelling, a freshman communications course
- Facilitate group discussions on readings and how they relate to current events
- Grade student papers, speeches, participation

Freelance Writer (July 2008—Present)

- *The Isthmus*: science writing on research done in the Greater Madison Area
- *Writer's Digest* magazine: Write about writing life and publishing
- *Hour Detroit* magazine: Write on subjects of interest to Metro Detroiters
- *Michigan Movie Magazine*: Write about film projects in Michigan and cinema-related topics

Correspondent, PlanetForward, Washington, D.C. (Aug. 2019—Present)

- Produce articles and video stories with a positive slant on new environmental innovations

Science Writer, UW Department of Engineering External Relations (Sept.—Dec. 2017)

- Produce copy about goings-on and alumni activities of the UW Engineering Dept.

Interpretive Naturalist, Aquarium of The Bay, San Francisco, Calif. Sept. 2011—April 2012)

- Educate the public about San Francisco Bay, its fauna and conservation efforts
- Give 10- to 20-minute presentations about the animals and what makes them unique
- Workshops: how to best communicate climate change; sevengill shark seminar

Reporter, *The News-Herald*, Southgate, Mich. (Oct. 2010—July 2011)

- Report business, politics, and crime in cities of Allen Park and Melvindale
- Wrote five out of 10 most read stories on thenewsherald.com in March 2011
- Created the first *News-Herald* video to be listed in the top 20 most viewed for all of Journal Register Company's websites

Essay Contest Winner, "I'm an atheist... so what?" Detroit *Free Press* (Aug. 2009)

- Entry attracted 890 reader comments
- Spent four days in Top 10 Most Popular articles on freep.com

WORK EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, University of Wisconsin-Madison (Jan.—May 2018)

- assist Profs. Bret Shaw and Neil Stenhouse in classroom instruction, grading assignments, and student inquiries for LSC 515

Disability Determination Specialist, Social Security Administration (Sept. 2015—July 2017)

- Use my medical training to read through claimants' medical records, ensuring that they meet the criteria necessary to earn disability insurance

Research Assistant, University of Michigan-Dearborn (Sept. 2012—Feb. 2014)

- Analyze temperature and air pressure of thrush flight records to determine altitude
- Compile data in Excel spreadsheet and interpret data through graph compilation
- Trail migrating thrushes by car equipped with radio transmission equipment

Dockhand, Xanterra Parks & Resorts, Crater Lake National Park, Ore. (June—Sept. 2010)

- Educate the public about the park
- Organize ticket manifests of boat tour passengers
- Manage smooth operations at boat docking area
- Assist National Park Service rangers in medical emergencies

SKILLS

- Adobe: Clip, Photoshop, Premiere Pro
- Canvas
- Google: G Suite
- Microsoft: Excel, PowerPoint, Word
- Qualtrics
- Stata

AFFILIATIONS

- Center for Culture, History, & The Environment (CHE), UW-Madison
- National Association of Science Writers
- Badger Science Writer

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- “The Great Lakes & The Federal Budget”, Institute for Journalists & Natural Resources (Aug. 2017)
- “Secrets for Success in Science Journalism”, Society of Professional Journalists (Apr. 2017)
- Creating Inclusion and Overcoming Bias workshop (Feb 2018)
- CHE Place-based Workshop (May 2018)

HONORS & AWARDS

- University Housing Honored Instructor Award (Dec. 2018)
- Finalist in PlanetForward’s annual Storyfest competition (Apr. 2018)

HOBBIES/INTERESTS

- Stand-up comedy
- Martial arts
- Swing dancing
- Illustration