

Shannon Hall

Resume

Experience

- 2014 – 2018 **Freelance Science Journalist**, THE NEW YORK TIMES, SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC, DISCOVER, NEW SCIENTIST, NATURE, SKY & TELESCOPE, QUANTA.
Pitch and write stories across a range of scientific topics from supermassive black holes to supervolcanoes.
- 2016 – 2018 **Guest Speaker**.
Give talks and workshops at an array of universities.
- 2016 – 2018 **Showcase Managing Editor**, COUNCIL FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE WRITING.
Manage and edit a new website that highlights award-winning science journalism.

Selected Freelance Stories

- 2018 **Yellowstone Supervolcano Could Be an Energy Source. Here's Why It's Untapped.**
Published in National Geographic
- 2018 **Summer Solstice 2018: The Search for Life in the Galaxy.**
Published in The New York Times
- 2018 **A New World's Extraordinary Orbit Points to Planet Nine.**
Published in Quanta Magazine
- 2018 **Africa's Big Break.**
Published in Discover Magazine
- 2017 **What to Believe in Antarctica's Great Ice Debate.**
Published in Scientific American

Awards and Honors

- 2018 **David Perlman Award for Excellence in Science Journalism.**
Awarded for the story "Earth's Tectonic Activity May Be Crucial for Life — and Rare in Our Galaxy."
Published in Scientific American

Education

- 2014 – 2015 **M.A. in Science Health and Environmental Reporting.**
New York University
- 2011 – 2013 **M.S. in Physics (Astronomy).**
University of Wyoming
- 2007 – 2011 **B.A. in Physics-Astronomy and Philosophy.**
Whitman College

Skills

- Logged 22 hours toward a private pilot license.
- Lived in a Buddhist temple in Thailand, slept in the Sahara and climbed Machu Picchu.
- Spent 50+ nights observing the skies on some of the world's coolest telescopes.
- Proficient in HTML, CSS, Wordpress, IDL, Excel, Latex, Gimp, Photoshop and Premiere Pro.