Shannon Hall

Resume

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.

Experience

2014 – 2025 **Independent Science Journalist**, The New York Times, Scientific American, Nature, National Geographic, Science, Quanta, Sky & Telescope, Discover and other global outlets.

2016 – 2025 **Editor**, Sky & Telescope Magazine, Harvard University and the Council for the Advancement of Science Writing.

Skills

- Express complex ideas for specialist and general audiences alike on topics that range from COVID-19 to supermassive black holes.
- Uncover exclusive news stories and features by demonstrating strong news judgement and asking smart questions that hold the powerful to account.
- Consistently file clean, accurate and engaging copy at speed and on deadline — all while upholding the highest standards of integrity and ethics.
- Exhibit strong digital and multimedia expertise by packaging stories with videos, photography, graphics and audio.
- Provide superb copy-editing skills, quickly spotting sticking-points, errors and gaps in the file, thus ensuring that every story is accurate, balanced and includes fair comment.
- Promote stories on social media, global television, podcasts and radio outlets.

Selected Work

2024 **The New Space Race Is Causing New Pollution Problems**, The New York Times.
Cover story prompted multiple media appearances, including PBS and NPR.

2023 **NASA Lab's Workforce Woes Threaten Major Space Missions**, Scientific American.
Inside look at the high-stakes, high-stress atmosphere of NASA conducted via more than a dozen anonymous interviews over the course of six months.

2023 **A Mental-Health Crisis is Gripping Science — Toxic Culture is to Blame**, Nature.
Exclusive feature on the struggles that scientists face.

2020 **The Voyage to the End of the Ice**, Quanta.
On-scene multimedia narrative reported from a Russian icebreaker close to the North Pole.

2017 **Earth's Tectonic Activity May Be Crucial for Life and Rare in our Galaxy**, Sci Am.
Winner of the 2018 David Perlman Award for Excellence in Science.

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