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~ Concise Professional Biography ~

I hold both a Juris Doctor and a Master's Degree in Environmental Policy from Vermont Law School, the country's top environmental law facility, and have developed a reputation for explicating complex legal, policy and scientific matters in illuminating and compelling prose. My areas of journalistic expertise include endangered species and habitat preservation, wildlife crime, marine issues, history, public lands management, climate change, animal cruelty issues, wetlands mitigation, land use, environmental law, sustainability, wilderness subjects, traditional cultures, rural living and Appalachian culture. I'm particularly interested in journalistic projects that involve some of the weightiest topics of our time: rewilding, the African poaching crisis, the Anthropocene and the Sixth Extinction. I've worked with numerous environmental NGOs and both federal and state environmental agencies, and am a skilled and eager naturalist.

~ Selected Publications ~

Ensis, Vice, Yale Environment360, Aeon, Bay Journal, Sierra, Mongabay, Discover, Humanities, The Revelator, Cosmos, Bird Watcher's Digest, FuturePerfect, The Southern Quarterly, Grit, The Utne Reader, African Wildlife News, Earth Island Journal, Virginia Wildlife, Wildlife in North Carolina, History Today, Blue Ridge Digest, Virginia Sportsman, Africa Geographic, Virginia Business, Quest: The Science of Sustainability.

~ Professional Recognitions ~

2018 Institute for Journalism and Natural Resources Post-SEJ Conference Tour of Great Lakes
2018 Travel Fellowship for Society of Environmental Journalists Annual Conference
2018 St. Lawrence River Institute, Institute for Journalism and Natural Resources
2018 Excellence in Craft Awards, First and Second Place, Virginia Outdoor Writers Association
2017 Most Read Article on *Mongabay*, "Namibia's Low Cost, Sustainable Solution to Seabird Bycatch"
2017 Speaker's Fellowship for the World Conference of Science Journalism, Council for the Advancement of Science Writing
2017 Journalism Fellow, Society of Wetland Scientists
2017 Freelance Fellowship for Workshop: "Searching for Truth in the Age of Alternative Facts," Society of Environmental Journalists
2017 Certificate of Excellence in Craft for Conservation Writing, Virginia Outdoor Writers Association and Appalachian Mountain Advocates
2015 McCormick Specialized Reporting Institute: "Covering Water in a Changing World"
2015 Freelance Fellowship for ScienceWriters2015, National Association of Science Writers
2015 Chesapeake Bay Institute, Institute for Journalism and Natural Resources
2015 Frank Allen Field Reporting Award, Institute for Journalism and Natural Resources
2014 Rosen Fellowship, Society of Environmental Journalists

~ Professional Memberships ~

- Society of Environmental Journalists
- National Association of Science Writers
- DC Science Writers Association
- Virginia Outdoor Writers Association (elected Board member 2019)