



MAX TODD

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I am a dedicated science communicator, blogger, and educator who has worked with all ages and knowledge levels, from young children to adults and subject matter experts alike. I strive for lifelong learning, and value the marriage of creativity with science. Everything has a story, and I can tell it.

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

- Science communication and interpretation from pre-K through adulthood
- Dynamic and accessible writer of fiction and nonfiction
- Writing: digital and print; AP & Chicago Manual of Style
- Public speaking: classroom, summer camps, museum floor, live reading venues
- Short and long-form video production for vertical and horizontal platforms
- Passion and knowledge for biology, geology, and paleontology
- Accomplished researcher, independent and collaborative
- Reptile and invertebrate handling

PUBLICATIONS AND PROJECTS

Publication in *The Meridian Creative Journal*

My flash fiction piece, *Lethe*, was recently published in *Meridian's* 51st edition.

<https://meridianjournal.weebly.com/editions.html>

Publication in CU's *Occasions Online*

At 19, my paleontology essay, *Saturday Musings in the Skull Corner*, won 2nd place in CU's PWR writing contest.

https://www.colorado.edu/pwr/sites/default/files/attach-ed-files/occasions_2019-2020_final.pdf

Creator of SciAll's "Cabinet of Curiosities" Series

I have begun working with SciAll to make scientists accessible by finding the stories behind oddities in their workplace. Watch episode 1 here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PKPH710mHrY>

WORK EXPERIENCE

Video Producer

SciAll.org — Intern 09/2021 - 12/2021, Contract Editor 10/2023 - Present

- Communicated with scientists in a variety of fields, from marine biology to astrophysics
- Evaluated and edited complex narratives into engaging and digestible videos
- Translated the career stories of PhDs into accessible form to meaningfully connect with target audiences
- Scheduled social media releases to maximize engagement during brand relaunch

Video Producer

CU Museum of Natural History — 09/2023 - Present

- Synthesized the stories of researcher collaborators from Brazil, China, India, Indonesia, and the United States
- Engaged different demographics with targeted videos telling the same story from several perspectives
- Communicated the successful application of an NSF Grant to potential donors

Environmental Educator

The Butterfly Pavilion — 05/2023 - 10/2023

- Taught educational outreach programs for Pre-K through 12th grade
- Developed engaging programs for onsite and offsite use
- Transported USDA-approved animals to offsite outreach locations
- Facilitated the education and wellbeing of onsite schools and summer camps
- Wore a butterfly costume

Paleontology Interpreter

The Morrison Natural History Museum — Volunteer 11/2014 - Present, Paid Position 06/2021 - 09/2021, Student Grant 06/2023 - 09/2023

- Lead personalized, hour-long programs tailored to a diverse range of guests
- Developed targeted surveys to measure and enhance patron education
- Synthesized survey data to refine and expand existing programs
- Managed opening, closing, and volunteer operations
- Mentored under renowned paleontologists
- Catalogued museum collection specimens
- Facilitated customer interactions, including admissions, gift shop purchases, tour scheduling
- Prepared fossils under study in an active research lab

EDUCATION HISTORY

University of Colorado Boulder

Bachelor's of Science in Evolutionary Biology & Ecology, Minor in Creative Writing — 2019-2023 (GPA: 3.766)

- Recipient of the CU Esteemed Scholars scholarship
- Recipient of the Robert Manford Tobin, Jr. scholarship
- Winner of the Dick Shahan Undergraduate Writing Contest scholarship