

EXPERIENCE

Research Associate, Stacker Media

New York, New York, June 2019–Present

Research Editor Intern, January 2018–May 2019

- Compiled datasets and built prompts for Stacker stories by conducting research on public databases, communicating with PR reps, scraping data, analyzing data in Microsoft Excel, and writing HTML code.
- Wrote story text based on independent research to illuminate data insights.
- Pitched ideas and vetted colleagues' pitches for data-based slideshow pieces in the Science & Health, Lifestyle, and Weather verticals.
- As a **Research Associate** (June 2019–Present): led development of and managed a new Science & Health vertical at Stacker, including story ideation, data research and analysis, and writer recruitment.

Writing Fellow, Barnard College Writing Center

New York, New York, January 2017–Present

- Facilitated development of writing and revision skills in Barnard undergraduate students through critical questioning in one-on-one discussions about students' writing.
- As a **Science Fellow** (August 2018–Present): Coordinated with other science-focused Writing Fellows and professors to design and lead science writing workshops and one-on-one conferences for Barnard science students, focusing on those in Barnard's introductory biology sequence.

Editorial Board Member, Bwog, Columbia Student News

New York, New York, December 2016–December 2018

- **Managing Editor:** May–December 2018; December 2016–December 2017
- **Editor in Chief:** December 2017–May 2018
- Coordinated the day-to-day running of the website by leading weekly staff meetings, liaising between different staff positions, and overseeing writing and editing (in WordPress) of 5-8 posts per day on campus events and student life by a team of 50 undergraduate staffers. Ensured a high quality of content by guiding writers in idea development, writing, and revision.
- Wrote regular content (2+ posts per week) including breaking news, features, event coverage, interviews, and humorous pieces.

Research Project Leader, Griffin Lab, Columbia University Ecology, Evolution, & Environmental Biology Dept.

New York, New York, May–August 2017; May–August 2018

- Developed, organized, and carried out an independent research project investigating the energy investments of trees at Black Rock Forest, an ecology research site in upstate New York.
- Prepared presentations and a forthcoming scientific paper.
- Named a **Young Botanist of the Year** by the Botanical Society of America (April 2019) for this research.
- **Relevant field and lab skills:** Tree identification, leaf sample preparation, CHN analysis, muffle furnace use.

EDUCATION

Barnard College, Bachelor of Arts and Sciences

New York, New York, September 2015–May 2019

- **Majors:** Biology & English (Creative Writing concentration)
- **GPA: 3.81;** Dean's List for 7 of 8 semesters; graduated cum laude; awarded **Hermann Botanical Prize** by the Biology faculty (April 2019).

Glastonbury High School, High School Diploma

Glastonbury, Connecticut, September 2011–June 2015

- **GPA: 4.8;** Graduated valedictorian of 530 students.

SKILLS

- **Writing & editing:** Journalistic, creative, academic.
- **Managing & leadership:** Coordinating and running small teams of peers.
- **Programs:** Adobe Photoshop, Adobe InDesign, WordPress, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, R Studio, Python.
- **Scientific expertise:** Ecology, botany, plant physiology.



ELIZABETH "BETSY" LADYZHETS

writer & researcher

PROFILE

Data journalist and science writer with a diverse background in research, data analysis, writing, editing, and managing publications; seeking to build connections between scientists and readers with all levels of scientific knowledge.

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