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EDUCATION

PHD BIOCHEMISTRY (SEPTEMBER 2018- NOVEMBER 2024)

University of Ottawa

Ottawa, Canada

Transferred from my Master's into my PhD in February 2020
Completed additional courses in Science Communication and Teaching at the Undergraduate Level

BILATERAL EXCHANGE (JANUARY 2018- JUNE 2018)

Stockholm University

Stockholm, Sweden

BSC. HONS. BIOLOGY (2013-2018)

York University

Toronto, Canada

Member of the York Lions Varsity Women's Hockey Team

MOST RECENT AWARDS

York University's Top 30 Alumni Under 30 (2022)

University of Ottawa's Faculty of Medicine Leadership Award
(2021 and 2022)

NSERC – CGS-D Alexander Graham Bell (2021-2023)

Father Roger Guindon Scholarship Fund (2020)

NSERC-Create SynBioApps Program Bursary (2018)

York University's Student Award for Outstanding Global Engagement (2018)

Swedish Woman for Education Toronto Scholarship (2018)

York Mobility Award (2018)



RELEVANT ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

PHD STUDENT / UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA (FACULTY OF MEDICINE)

September 2018 – November 2024

Supervisor: Dr. Kristin Baetz

Project Title: Uncovering the Role of NuA4 in Regulating Lipid Metabolism and Nuclear Morphology in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*

- Successfully passed Transfer/Comprehensive Examination in February 2020

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT / STOCKHOLM UNIVERSITY, SWEDEN- WENNER-GREN INSTITUTE FOR MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

January 2018 - June 2018

Supervisor: Dr. Marie Öhman

Project Title: Identifying A to I RNA Editing in Differentiated SH-SH5Y Cells

RESEARCH ASSISTANT / UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR- GREAT LAKES INSTITUTE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH

June 2017 – September 2017

Supervisor: Dr. Subba Rao Chaganti

MOST RECENT EMPLOYMENT

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR / EVIDENCE FOR DEMOCRACY (E4D)

November 2023 - Present

- Serve as the public face and strategic leader of E4D, guiding the organization's vision, mission, and operations to advance science, transparency, and accountability in public policy.
- Lead and support a multidisciplinary team of five staff members in delivering over \$500,000 in annual programming, research, and advocacy funded through operating grants, project-based funding, and philanthropic contributions.
- Design and implement national advocacy campaigns that engage the public, mobilize scientists, and influence federal and provincial decision-makers.
- Deliver regular keynote presentations, public talks, and media appearances, reaching audiences from early-career researchers to policymakers and the general public.
- Develop and deliver training programs on science advocacy, evidence-informed policy, and civic engagement, including the launch of the *Science Advocacy Hub*, which has trained over 3,000 individuals.
- Represent E4D in meetings with federal policymakers and stakeholders, advancing legislative and regulatory priorities related to scientific integrity, research funding, and evidence use in policy.
- Oversee organizational planning, budgeting, communications, partnership development, and strategic direction to ensure long-term impact and sustainability.
- Act as a key liaison with partners across academia, government, civil society, and media to build coalitions and amplify E4D's mission.



FREELANCE WRITER AND SCIENCE COMMUNICATOR / SARAH LAFRAMBOISE.CA

April 2020 – Present

- Write pieces related to science and technology for various media outlets, and internal content for companies.
- Provide graphic design for social media, websites, newsletters, and more.
- Develop compiled reports, documents, journals, and magazines for companies.

PART-TIME STUDENT, OFFICE OF VP RESEARCH, GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS / NATURAL SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING RESEARCH COUNCIL (NSERC)

February 2022 – May 2023

- Assisted the VP of Research, Grants and Scholarship by delivering speaking notes and assistance during presentations.
- Assisted in the implementation of NSERC's Leaders meetings, featuring nearly 100 representatives from Canadian Universities.
- Worked with a team to develop a video competition for the International Year for Basic Science for Sustainable Development.

PROGRAM AND COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER / CANADIAN SCIENCE POLICY CENTRE (CSPC)

February 2022 – May 2023

- Managed all CSPC volunteer committees and worked alongside Chairs to develop CSPC programs throughout the year and delivered the Canadian Science Policy Conference.
- Managed CSPC's social media accounts, including X (Twitter), LinkedIn, and Facebook.
- Developed branded advertisements, infographics, newsletters, and graphics.
- Managed several of CSPC's stakeholders and partners, through delivery of partner advertisements.

SIGNIFICANT VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR / SUPPORT OUR SCIENCE

May 2022 – November 2023

- Co-founded and served as inaugural Executive Director, leading the transformation of a grassroots movement into a nationally recognized advocacy organization.
- Served as the public spokesperson for Support Our Science, representing the organization in over 100 media appearances and high-level meetings with federal officials, including Minister Champagne and Minister Freeland.
- Spearheaded organizational development, establishing the internal governance structure, financial systems, volunteer coordination processes, and strategic plan for long-term impact and sustainability.
- Designed and launched the campaign's website, blog, and resource database to centralize communication, mobilization tools, and advocacy materials for supporters across the country.
- Successfully convened a diverse coalition of graduate students, faculty, university leaders, advocacy groups, and funding agency stakeholders to align around a shared policy goal.
- Directly contributed to the inclusion of \$3.5 billion in research funding in Budget 2024, marking a historic investment in Canadian science and researcher support.



MEMBER / CANADA'S CHIEF SCIENCE ADVISOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL

June 2023 – November 2023

- Provide a youth perspective to the intersection of science, society and policy as it pertains to providing advice and recommendations to Canada's Chief Science Advisor, Dr. Mona Nemer.
- Meet with members of the youth council to develop relevant policies, reports and briefings on topical issues in Canada.

FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT / OTTAWA SCIENCE POLICY NETWORK

March 2021 – June 2023

- Coordinated and managed a team of 50 students passionate about science policy, running bi-weekly meetings and creating yearly reports on OSPN.
- Developed and launched a national survey investigating graduate student finances which received over 1300 responses from graduate students across Canada.
- Hosted workshops and events to train students in science policy, advocacy, and diplomacy.
- Formed an institutional partnership with the Institute for Science, Society and Policy (ISSP) at the University of Ottawa, and now serve on the leadership committee for ISSP.

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF / CO-CHAIR, EDITORIAL COMMITTEE MEMBER / CANADIAN SCIENCE POLICY CENTRE

March 2018 – November 2023

- Chief editorial staff for the Canadian Science Policy Centre (CSPS) magazine, website and editorials. This includes logistical coordination of over 30 web editorials, 25 magazine articles, and more, every year.
- Oversee the volunteer editorial team by coordinating bi-weekly meetings and training opportunities for members.
- Developed 4 editions of the highly successful Canadian Science Policy magazine, including recruitment of authors, editing written pieces, and full graphic design of the magazine.

PRESIDENT / BIOCHEMISTRY, MICROBIOLOGY AND IMMUNOLOGY GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION (BMIGSA)

May 2019– September 2022

- Coordinated all academic and social activities within the Department, while managing a team of 10+ executive members.
- Represented and advocated for graduate students in Faculty of Medicine and Department of Biochemistry, Microbiology and Immunology.
- Previously, served as a student representative organizing outreach activities for our students to get more involved in our community.

PRODUCTION DIRECTOR / UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA JOURNAL OF MEDICINE

September 2019 – September 2021

- Compiled all graphic design elements, articles, and advertisements for 3-5 issues per year, publishing over 15 issues.
- Served on the executive committee for the journal and contributed to the development of production schedules and procedure.



VOLUNTEER TEACHER AND MENTOR / LET'S TALK SCIENCE

September 2018 – September 2021

- Participated in 3 classroom visits a semester for local schools, providing science related programming and experiments.
- Participated in a week long Northern Aboriginal teaching trip to Deer Lake, ON. Provided 5 hours of programming each day.
- Provided mentorship through the Aboriginal Mentorship Program (AMP) helping students from local Indigenous communities develop science fair projects through a 5-month mentorship program.

