

Curriculum Vitae

Colin STUART

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Science Communication

Director/Creator - Science Made Fun (Jan 07 – Present)

Online audio/video podcasts project with a combined audience of over 13 million, spanning more than 100 countries and including the all time most viewed UK science video on YouTube.

Freelance Astronomer working for Royal Observatory, Greenwich (Jul 07 – Present)

Delivering shows to adult and school groups in The Peter Harrison Planetarium and leading evening observing sessions through the 28" refracting telescope between October and March every year. Developed school and family workshops and worked with BBC Horizon to maximise shoot-time in planetarium.

Freelance Science Writer, European Space Agency (ESA) (Apr 2010 – Present)

Delivering copy on a wide range of astronomy and space science subjects for ESA's SciTech website.

Freelance Press Officer, Royal Observatory, Greenwich (Jan 2010 – Present)

Working to promote the Royal Observatory through print, broadcast and online media.

Additional Freelance Writing Credits

Copy in national and international publications and websites including BBC Sky at Night, Times Higher Education and physicsworld.com. Blogger at justatheory.co.uk. Web writer for planet-science.com. Top 50 in the Daily Telegraph Young Science Writer Awards in 2007 and 2008.

Television/Additional Video Podcasting Credits

Interviewee on Sky News, BBC News Channel and CNN. The Jodcast (writer/presenter/editor), Astronomy Now Podcast (contributor), SaveJodrellBank.org.uk (campaign video presenter/director/editor) and 2008 Phylm Prize Winner for short physics film on Black Holes.

Radio/Additional Audio Podcasting Credits

Podcast packages produced for Nature, Naked Astronomy, The Jodcast and 365DaysOfAstronomy. Presented weekly radio shows on Northern Air Hospital Radio and Imperial College Radio. Interviewee on BBC Radio 5Live, LBC and many BBC local radio stations.

Education

Department of Humanities, Imperial College, London (Oct 08 – Sep 09)

MSc Science Communication - *Merit*

Dissertation: *Audio Science Communication in a Digital Britain.*

School of Physics & Astronomy, The University of Manchester (Sep 05 – Jun 08)

BSc (Hons) Physics with Astrophysics: *First Class*,

including final year projects in both optical and radio astronomy and a first class dissertation on *The Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence.*

Charters School, Sunningdale (Sep 02 – Jun 04)

A Levels: Psychology (A), Mathematics (B) and Physics (B) AS Level: History (C)

The Magna Carta School, Staines (Sep 97 - Jul 02) - 12 GCSE's (Grades A and B),

Additional Employment History

Short Term Staff - Kandersteg Int'l Scout Centre, Switzerland (Mar 05 – Jun 05)

As part of a team of 31 people from 14 different countries, I assisted in the running of the only International Centre for World Scouting, furthering my adaptability, teamwork and communication skills.

Office Admin Temporary (Jul 04 – Feb 05)

Additional Qualifications/Achievements/Memberships

Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society (RAS)

Member of the Association of British Science Writers (ABSW)

Member of Institute of Physics (IOP) – Including part of Physics Communicators Group

Student Team Working Award (2007) - £250 prize for teamwork within Science Made Fun

Young Scientist of The Year Award (2002) – for enthusiasm and aptitude for science

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award (2002) – gained teamwork and problem solving skills

20th World Scout Jamboree, Thailand (2002) – In being selected to represent the UK, I gained a sense of responsibility, adaptability and an insight into cultural differences.

Young Enterprise UK Exam 2001 (Pass) The position of Managing Director enhanced my leadership, teamwork and project management skills as well as a developing my business sense.

References

Full references available on request.