# **BENNETT A. McIntosh**

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May 2016

October 2018 - October 2019

September 2017 - October 2018

### **EDUCATION**

S.M. in Science Writing October 2017

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge MA

**Thesis:** SuperAgers: Do octogenarians with exceptional memory

hold the key to healthy aging? **Advisor:** Seth Mnookin

A.B. in Chemistry, magna cum laude

Princeton University, Princeton NJ

**Thesis:** Negative Selection with a de novo Library of Amphiphilic

Peptides from Unevolved Sequence Space

Advisor: Michael H. Hecht

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Communications Consultant** 

Freelance Science Reporter & Editor September 2016 – present

Stories in Harvard Magazine; NOVA Next; Oceanus, Princeton Alumni Weekly; Science for the People

Science Communications Contractor October 2018 – present

Writing for National High Magnetic Field Laboratory; Princeton University; The University of Georgia

**Communications Officer**The Fannie & John Hertz Foundation, Livermore CA

Commission, write, and edit (or film and produce) research

 Coordinate with development team and external PR team to plan social media, earned media, and email campaigns

De novo protein library design & characterization

Computational enzyme structure determination

stories and profiles of current PhD fellows and alumni

Science Writing/Public Affairs Internships

University of California, San Francisco

Princeton University Office of the Dean for Research

June – August 2017

June – August 2016

RESEARCH PROJECTS

**Undergraduate Research Assistant** in the lab of:

Michael Hecht, Princeton University
 June 2015 – June 2016

■ Louise Serpell, University of Sussex January – May 2015

De novo peptide design & characterization
 ■ Rüdiger Ettrich, Czech Academy of Sciences
 June – December 2014

■ Megan McClean, Princeton University June – August 2013

Transcriptomics of Saccharomyces cerevisiae respiration cycle

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# PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Al-Garawi, Z. S., B. A. McIntosh, D. Neill-Hall, A. A. Hatimy, S. M. Sweet, M. C. Bagley, and L. C. Serpell. "The Amyloid Architecture Provides a Scaffold for Enzyme-like Catalysts." Nanoscale 9, no. 30 (2017): 10773–83. https://doi.org/10.1039/C7NR02675G.

### JOURNALISM & EDITING

Sole-authored unless otherwise noted. In electronic versions of this CV, titles of works available online are links

### Forthcoming:

- "Weather Cycles Boost Wind Farms." Princeton Alumni Weekly, future issue
- "The Science Journalism We Need." Science for the People, Vol. 22 No. 2, The Science We Need (Fall 2019)
- "The Link Between Nature and Nurture in Teen Smoking." Princeton Alumni Weekly, future issue

#### 2020:

 "An Interstellar Ribbon of Clouds in the Sun's Backyard." Harvard Magazine, January 7, 2020 (online only)

#### 2019:

- Researcher and contributing editor for Goodman, Daniel. Find Your Path: Unconventional Lessons from 36 Leading Scientists and Engineers, MIT Press, December 2019
- Troubling Online Shopping Habits? Vendors' Practices Might Be to Blame." Princeton Alumni Weekly, November 13, 2019
- "Speciation is More Complicated than Darwin Could Have Imagined." Harvard Magazine, October 31, 2019 (online only)
- "The Science of Sex (Profile of Sarah Richardson)." Harvard Magazine, November-December 2019 (cover story)
- "Are Super Responders Special?" Harvard Magazine, September-October 2019
- There's (Still) No Gay Gene," Harvard Magazine, August 29,2019 (online only)
- "Bias, Quantified." Princeton Alumni Weekly, June 5, 2019
- "Janet Vertesi on Fair Necessities." Princeton Alumni Weekly, May 15, 2019
- "Cities Too Smart for Their Own Good?" Harvard Magazine, May-June 2019
- "Gene Editing and Ethics" Harvard Magazine, March-April 2019
- "How Facts Are Distorted." Princeton Alumni Weekly, March 20, 2019
- "The Lost History of Iberia." Harvard Magazine, March 14, 2019
- "Designs for an Uncertain Future." Princeton Alumni Weekly, March 6, 2019
- "A Crossroads in Biomedicine?" Harvard Magazine, February 7, 2019 (online only)

### 2018:

- "Looking at the Sun." Princeton Alumni Weekly, December 5, 2018
- "Genetics and the Human Revolution." Harvard Magazine, October 30, 2018
- "Making Smart Machines Fair." Princeton Alumni Weekly, June 6, 2018 (cover story)
- "A Species in the Making." Princeton Alumni Weekly, March 7, 2018

# **JOURNALISM (CONTINUED)**

### 2017:

- "Domestic Dogs' Affability May Be Thanks to a Genetic Boost." Princeton Alumni Weekly, October 4, 2017
- "How Do Fish Find Their Way?" Oceanus, September 6, 2017
- "Common House Dust Could Contain Cancer-Causing Molecules." NOVA Next, January 9, 2017

### 2016:

- "Emergency Response, Courtesy of Twitter." NOVA Next, December 6, 2016
- "Ancient Cultural Exchanges May Have Driven Modern Human Behaviors." NOVA Next, November 10, 2016
- "Love Still Trumps Hate." The Tech (op-ed), November 10, 2016
- ""Superaging': How Some 80-Year-Olds' Memories Are as Sharp as 20-Year-Olds'." NOVA Next, October 24, 2016

# INVITED TALK

McIntosh, B. A., P. Grinkevich, A.R. Li, R. Ettrich, "Exploring the conformational space of a new domain in EcoR124I's translocation- restriction subunit." July 2014, Conference of the 2nd Summer School in Molecular Biophysics and Systems Biology, Nové Hrady, Czech Republic

### Non-degree Coursework

# STS.414 "Risk, Fortune, and Futurity"

Spring 2019

Visiting student in graduate seminar at MIT with Caley Horan and Will Deringer

### STS.462 "Societal and Political Implications of Technology"

Spring 2018

Visiting student in graduate seminar at MIT with Merritt Roe Smith

### FELLOWSHIP OFFERS

### Fulbright Award (declined)

2016

One-year fellowship studying biomimetic conductors with Ingemar André, Lund University, Sweden

# High Meadows Fellowship (declined)

2016

Two-year Research and Communications Fellowship, Climate Central, Princeton, NJ

### SERVICE & ORGANIZING

### **Steering Committee Member**

February 2019 – present

Science for the People

 Coordinated \$30,000 subscription drive to return Science for the People Magazine to print after 30-year hiatus

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