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DOB: Nov. 30, 1975; citizenship: Canadian

EDUCATION

- 2004 – 2005 **MS in Journalism – Columbia University (New York)**
• one of 17 (out of 263) graduated with honours
- 1997 – 2000 **PhD in Semiconductor Physics – University of Cambridge (UK)**
• articles in refereed journals, talks in England, Japan, Holland, Canada, U.S.
- 1993 – 1997 **BSc (Honours) in Physics – McGill University (Montreal, Canada)**
• cumulative grade point average (out of 4.0): 3.96

EMPLOYMENT

- 2006 – present **Freelance journalist**
• regular columnist in *The Globe and Mail*, articles in *The Walrus*, *Runner's World*, *Discover*, *Canadian Geographic*, *Toronto Life*, etc.
- 2005 – present **Contributing editor – *Popular Mechanics* magazine**
• regular contributor on tech and science
- 2007 – present **Senior editor – *Canadian Running* magazine**
• regular columnist and member of start-up team for successful new magazine
- Jun. 2005 – Sep. 2006 **Staff reporter – *The Ottawa Citizen***
• local and national news, arts, sports, business, etc.; started as summer intern
- 2002 – 2004 **Postdoctoral Researcher – National Security Agency / Univ. of Maryland**
• conducted research into quantum properties of nanomechanics
• responsibilities included graduate student supervision

AWARDS

- 2009 **National Magazine Awards (Canada)**
• Silver Medal in Sports & Recreation (*Canadian Running*)
- 2009 **Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Journalist Award**
- 2008 **National Magazine Awards (U.S.)**
• winner in Personal Service category (three-part series in *Popular Mechanics*)
- 2008 **National Magazine Awards (Canada)**
• honourable mention in Science, Technology and Environment (*The Walrus*)

- 2008 **The Best Technology Writing 2008 (Univ. of Michigan Press)**
 • article on quantum computing (*The Walrus*) selected for inclusion
- 2008 **CBC Literary Awards**
 • shortlisted in Creative Nonfiction category
- 2007 **National Newspaper Awards**
 • winner in Sports category for 3,800-word feature in the *Ottawa Citizen*
- 2007 **The Banff Centre**
 • one of eight writers selected for the Literary Journalism summer residency
- 2004 – 2005 **Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism**
 • Grantland Scholarship and Schlitz Grant (entrance scholarships)
 • Toplitz Grant for significant performance and discernible talent
- 1997 – 2000 **Cambridge University**
 • Commonwealth Scholarship (value approximately £50,000)
 • Noel and Alice Roberts Award for Research in Physics
 • C.R. Barber Trust Award from the Institute of Physics
 • Caius College Master's Essay Prize, for an original musical composition
- 1993 – 1997 **McGill University (partial list)**
 • Canada Scholarship for Science & Technology
 • CIAU "Top 10" Academic All-Canadian
 • J.W. McConnell Entrance Scholarship, 1938 Champions Award for Leadership,
 P.R. Wallace Prize in Physics, Anne Molson Scholarship in Science, Garnet
 Woonton Award in Physics, Hewlett-Packard Award in Science, McConnell
 Award for Academic Standing

SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

- Writing** • *Big Ideas: 100 Modern Inventions That Have Transformed Our World* (Hearst Publishing), released in May 2009
 • copy-editing course in Ryerson University Publishing Program (2001)
- Languages** • French (fluent)
- New Media** • Columbia University courses in web design and broadcasting
- Music** • alto saxophonist in jazz bands, employed by bars, private parties, weddings, etc.
- Sports** • represented Canada at World Championships and other international competitions in cross-country, track and road running (1997-2008)
- Wilderness** • planned, organized, and led wilderness canoe and hiking trips (1991-present)