

# Marc Airhart

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## SUMMARY

- 17+ years experience as a science writer, interviewer and editor
- Experience producing radio, podcasts, audio slideshows & video presentations
- Adept at wide range of text formats including news, features, print, digital

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**The University of Texas at Austin**, Jackson School of Geosciences  
**Science Writer**

**2006-Present**

- Research and write features, scientist profiles, summaries of breaking science discoveries and news releases for web site and print
- Produce audio slideshows and videos
- Leverage social media tools such as Facebook to promote the school's research
- Select imagery for online pieces

**Associate Editor**, *Jackson School of Geosciences Newsletter*

**Co-curator**, *The Burn Blog*

**Writer**, *Earth Science News* blog

### Four Potatoes Podcast

**Writer, Host and Producer**

**2012**  
Austin, Texas

- Record interviews and narration using digital audio recording equipment
- Edit and mix final podcast segments
- Publish podcast segments and maintain website

### Earth & Sky Radio Program

**Senior Writer/Producer**

**1995-2006**  
Austin, Texas

- Researched, wrote and edited daily program scripts
- Recorded interviews using digital audio recording equipment
- Wrote over 500 radio scripts and interviewed over 1,000 scientists

**Contributing Editor**, "Earth & Sky Online"

- Wrote articles, scientist profiles, news bulletins and interviews
- Selected and edited images for online pieces

**Managing Editor**, *Earth in the Classroom*

### Various Media Outlets

**Freelance Science Writer**

**1997-Present**  
Austin, Texas

- Wrote feature length articles for *Scientific American*, *Mercury Magazine* (journal of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific), *The Alcalde* (magazine of the Texas Exes, UT Austin's alumni organization), and *StarDate Magazine*
- Wrote radio scripts for the *Loh Down on Science* radio program
- Conducted interviews and produced raw audio for *Pulse of the Planet* radio program

## AWARDS & HONORS

- **South by Southwest Eco Conference**, Moderated panel discussion on biomimicry **2011**
- **National Association of Science Writers**, Presented audio slideshow for panel titled "Why Science Writers Should Embrace Cheap Video Cameras, YouTube and Final Cut Pro," NASW **2009**
- Grand Award (Gold) for Multimedia Programs: Audio slideshow titled "Troubled Waters." **Council for Advancement and Support of Education**, District IV Awards **2009**
- Grand Award (Gold) for Medical/Scientific News Writing: news release titled "Prototype Space Probe Prepares to Explore Earth's Deepest Sinkhole." **Council for Advancement and Support of Education**, District IV Awards **2008**
- Award of Excellence (Silver) for Medical/Scientific Writing Collections: Magazine features titled "Crystal Ball," "Edge of the Desert" and "Rapid Response." **Council for Advancement and Support of Education**, District IV Awards **2008**
- Science Journalism Fellowship, **Marine Biological Laboratory**, Environmental Focus. Woods Hole, Massachusetts and Toolik Lake, Alaska **2006**
- Public Service Award to entire Earth & Sky team for "achievement in broadcasting explanations of research and everyday science to a worldwide audience." **National Science Board** **2003**
- **National Science Foundation**, Member of U.S. delegation to Japan, "Third Conference on U.S.-Japan Public Understanding of Science and Research." Represented radio producers for panel of science communicators. Gave presentation to U.S. and Japanese colleagues: "Challenges of Communicating Scientific Research on the Radio." **2003**
- Science Journalism Fellowship, **Marine Biological Laboratory**, Biomedical Focus. Woods Hole, Massachusetts **1997**
- Science Reporter's Fellowship, **American Chemical Society**, Washington, D.C. **1996**

## LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- Co-leader, Austin Listening Lounge** **2012**  
Group of audio producers and enthusiasts hosting monthly listening sessions
- Co-presenter, Talking With the Media** **2009**  
Informal workshop for scientists and graduate students in the Jackson School of Geosciences
- Co-Director, Earth & Sky/NASA Radio Broadcast Fellowship** **2000-2003**  
Trained and supervised fellows in the art of science writing and radio production
- Freelance Supervisor, Assigned topics & edited work of freelance writers** **1999-2004**
- Coordinator, Young Illustrators Contest** **1999-2000**

## ORGANIZATIONS

- Austin Listening Lounge** **2011-Present**
- National Association of Science Writers** **1997-Present**

## EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Science in Physics** **1993**  
The University of North Texas  
Denton, Texas  
Honors Program, Advanced Study in Humanities
- Academic Year Exchange Program** **1991-1992**  
The University of Surrey  
Guildford, England

## SOFTWARE

ProTools, Hindenburg, Audacity, Photoshop, Adobe Premiere, SoundSlides