

# Andrew Ridgway

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## Current employment

Senior Lecturer in Science Communication, University of the West of England (UWE), Bristol, England. 11/08/14 to present

Freelance science journalist writing predominantly for *New Scientist*, *BBC Focus* and *Newsweek*

## Nature of Senior Lecturer role

- Teaching on MSc in Science Communication course
- Teaching on undergraduate science communication modules
- Module leader for undergraduate and postgraduate modules
- Editing *Science Matters*, a magazine aimed at enhancing student experience at UWE
- Developing working relationships with organisations and individuals involved with the practice of science communication with the aim of enhancing student experience
- Organising an international science writing competition to help raise the profile of the Science Communication Unit (<http://bit.ly/1E57Mhp>)
- Delivering science writing training on behalf of UWE
- Submitting tenders for science communication contracts and research projects
- Teaching on the Masterclass in Science Communication course run by the Science Communication Unit

## Previous employment

Editor, *Science Uncovered* magazine, 27/08/13 to 08/08/14 (Future Publishing)

Deputy Editor, *BBC Focus* magazine, 14/09/09 to 23/08/13 (Immediate Media)

News and Features Editor, *BBC Focus*, 08/04/09 to 11/09/09 (BBC Worldwide)

News Editor, *BBC Focus*, 17/01/08 to 07/04/09 (BBC Worldwide)

Production editor, *BBC Focus*, 02/10/06 to 16/01/08 (BBC Worldwide)

News Editor, *Weston & Somerest Mercury*, 02/04/01 to 29/09/2006 (Archant)

Reporter, *Burnham & Highbridge Weekly News* and *Bridgwater Mercury* 22/06/98 to 30/03/01 (Newsquest)

Reporter, *Weston & Somerset Mercury*, Somerset, 03/07/95 to 19/06/98 (Eastern Counties Newspapers Group)

## **Achievements**

- Editor of *BBC Focus* magazine's interactive iPad app, named 'specialist publication of the year' twice at the Digital Magazine Awards (2011 and 2012)
- Editorial Person of the Year, BBC Magazines Awards for Excellence 2010
- Shortlisted for Writer of the Year at PPA Awards 2011

## **Education**

2003: Institute of Leadership and Management First Line Manager's Certificate (achieved while at *Weston & Somerset Mercury*)

1994-1995: Scottish Centre for Journalism Studies, Glasgow  
Postgraduate Diploma in Journalism Studies (distinction)

1991-1994: Keele University, Staffordshire

Joint Honours Degree in Economics and Biology (class 2i)

1986-1991: Chesterfield School, Derbyshire

Four A-levels - Economics (A), Biology (B), Geography D, General Studies (E)

Eight GCSEs – Maths (C), Geography (A), French (A), Biology (A), Economics (A), Chemistry (A), English language (B), English Literature (B)

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## **References**

Available on request.