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## Work Experience

### Data Visualization Designer

DEP. MEDIEVAL STUDIES · UNIV. TORONTO NOV 2021—PRESENT

- Cleaned and analyzed multivariate quantitative and qualitative data in Tableau, Excel, Palladio
- Co-designed colour and black-and-white data visualizations for a forthcoming book in medieval studies

### Freelance Biomedical Communicator

BASED IN TORONTO JAN 2019—PRESENT

- Research, design, and develop editorial illustrations, medical graphics, and promotional book covers for clients, including huumun, RehabINK, Toronto Notes, IC Axon

### Teaching Assistant

HSC200, HSC301 · UNIV. TORONTO JAN—DEC 2021

- Taught best practices in data visualization and design
- Taught programs, including Tableau, Illustrator, Affinity Designer
- Directed in-class critiques

### Production Editor

ESSENTIAL MED. NOTES · UNIV. TORONTO FEB 2020—PRESENT

- Co-lead the production pipeline for figure illustrations
- Negotiated timelines, contracts, and deadlines
- Managed and streamlined illustrators to meet deadlines and assure quality of work

## Selected Awards

**Immunology Research Grant** 2019  
UNIV. OF TORONTO.

**Dean's Research Opportunities Grant** 2018  
WESTERN UNIV.

**Continuing Scholarship for Academic Excellence** 2015-2019  
WESTERN UNIV.

## Education

### MSc. Biomedical Communication

UNIV. TORONTO · 2019—AUG 2022

### BSc. Honors Neuroscience

WESTERN UNIV. · 2015—2019

## Skills

### Design + Illustration

- Adobe CC: Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign, After Effects
- Figma prototyping
- Built and maintained responsive static sites with HTML, CSS, JS
- Built 3D models with ZBrush, C4D, Blender, Chimera
- Made data visualizations in Tableau, Palladio, Excel

### Collaboration

- Coordinated speakers and co-designed brand and promotional material for BMC Speaker Series 2021
- Redesigned fair and transparent contract with RehabINK

### Research

- Conducted peer reviews of scientific articles, evaluating study design, statistics, and research conclusions
- Literature, systematic reviews
- Proposal writing
- 3MT presentations