

NICOLE SHARP

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- Education**
- Texas A&M University** Jan. 2009 to Mar. 2014
Ph.D. in Aerospace Engineering
Thesis: “Hypersonic Measurements of Roughness-Induced Transient Growth.”
Advisor: Dr. Edward B. White
- Cornell University** Aug. 2006 to Dec. 2008
M.S. in Aerospace Engineering
Thesis: “Effects of Large-Scale Free Stream Turbulence on a Turbulent Boundary Layer.”
Advisor: Dr. Zellman Warhaft
- Case Western Reserve University** Aug. 2002 to May 2006
B.S.E. in Aerospace Engineering, magna cum laude
- Experience**
- FYFD (Formerly F*** Yeah Fluid Dynamics)** Jul. 2010 to present
Founder and Editor, <https://fyfluidynamics.com>
- Created, researched, wrote, and maintained a popular science blog with new posts 3-5 days/week.
 - Built an audience of over 328,500+ Tumblr followers, 12,100+ Twitter followers, 1,000+ Feedly subscribers, and 11,800+ YouTube subscribers.
 - Studied the physics of the Boston Molasses Flood with collaborators at Harvard University and received national and international press coverage from The New York Times, NPR, the Associated Press, New Scientist, the Guardian (UK), CBC (Canada), Die Welt (Germany), and many others.
 - FYFD featured on Wired, Physics World, Science, io9/Gizmodo, NPR, APS News, Tumblr and others.
- Sharp Science Communication Consulting, LLC** Mar. 2018 to present
Owner, <https://sharpsci.com>
- Filmed, produced, and animated short videos on scientific topics for clients at institutions including Stanford University, Knexus Research Corporation, and the *Journal of Fluid Mechanics*.
 - Offered science communication workshops and training at institutions such as Harvard University, the Technical University of Delft, Stanford University, and the United States Military Academy.
 - Helped clients secure over \$1 million in grants through technical editing and personalized scientific narratives.
- Harvard University** Feb. 2016 to Jun. 2016
Visiting Science Communication Expert
- Mentored 80 undergraduates on communicating science in an introductory fluid dynamics course.
 - Met weekly with students during the semester to provide feedback and advice on their final video projects.
- MIT Lincoln Laboratory**, Lexington, Massachusetts Mar. 2014 to Jan. 2016
Technical Staff
- Created and disseminated models for aerodynamics, aerothermal heating, and re-entry physics of gliding hypersonic vehicles.
 - Analyzed and modeled complex sensor architectures used for national defense.
 - Created technical materials presented internally and externally, including in the Department of Defense and on Capitol Hill.
- Texas A&M University**, College Station, Texas Jan. 2009 to Mar. 2014
Graduate Research and Teaching Assistant
- Investigated surface roughness effects on hypersonic boundary layer transition in a low-disturbance tunnel.
 - Designed a hypersonic wind tunnel model with interchangeable rough nosetips.
 - Performed boundary layer stability computations supporting Northrup Grumman flight tests.
 - Prepared and led laboratory sessions focused on experimental aerodynamics with 50 students per semester.
- Cornell University**, Ithaca, New York Dec. 2006 to Dec. 2008
Graduate Research and Teaching Assistant
- Studied effects of intense free stream turbulence on turbulent boundary layers using hotwire anemometry.
 - Led 40 students in laboratory sessions for a mechanical engineering course focused on solid mechanics.

Invited Talks

- (*scheduled*) Invited Speaker, “The Stories of Women in Fluids Minisymposium,” APS Division of Fluid Dynamics Annual Meeting, 2023.
- Invited Speaker, Royal Society Dinner Club, Online, 2023.
- Invited Speaker, Women Fly 2022 Virtual Event, The Museum of Flight, Seattle, WA, 2022.
- “SciComm is For Everyone,” Forum on Outreach and Engaging the Public, APS March Meeting, 2022.
- “Off the Well-Trod Path: Exploits in Science Communication,” Keynote Address, Sibley Graduate Research Symposium, Cornell University, 2021.
- “Promoting Your Research in the Media (Social or Otherwise),” *JFM* Fluid Mechanics Webinar Series, with Tom Crawford, Cambridge University Press, 2020.
- “From Memes to Molasses Floods: Adventures in Science Communication,” Department of Chemical Engineering seminar, Northeastern University, 2020.
- “Adopting a Communication Lifestyle,” APS Division of Fluid Dynamics Annual Meeting, 2019.
- “Help! I Want to Make a Video!” West Point Writing Program Evening Seminar, United States Military Academy, 2019.
- “From Memes to Molasses Floods: Adventures in Science Communication,” Chemical Engineering Department, Stanford University, 2019.
- “Creator Brainstorm: Peer Reviews,” Session speaker, EduCon US, YouTube LA, 2019.
- “From Memes to Molasses Floods: Adventures in Science Communication”, Earth, Planetary, and Space Science department seminar, UCLA, 2019.
- “Help! I Want to Make a Video!” Laboratory of Atomic and Solid State Physics seminar, Cornell University, 2019.
- “Communicating Science in the 21st Century,” United States National Committee on Theoretical and Applied Mechanics, 2019.
- “My Fluid Dynamical Odyssey,” Keynote Address, Students in Industry Day, Colorado Chapter, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, 2019.
- “Technical Communication: Finding Your Message,” West Point Writing Program Wednesday Night Seminar, United States Military Academy, 2019.
- “100 Years Ago, Boston Flooded With Molasses,” Ignite Talks, ORD Camp, 2019.
- “From Memes to Molasses Floods: Adventures in Science Communication,” Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Dept. Seminar, Princeton University, 2018.
- “Communicating the Next 100 Years of Fluid Mechanics: Lessons from J. M. Burgers,” Fluid Mechanics Centennial, Delft University of Technology, 2018.
- “The Beauty of the Flow,” M&AE Seminar, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, 2018.
- “Spreading Science Through Art,” *Liquid Assets*, Utah State University, 2018.
- “Mixed Nuts, Skipping Rocks, and Molasses Tsunamis: Communicating Fluid Physics to the Public,” Thermal-Fluids Seminar, Oregon State University, 2017.
- “Mixed Nuts, Skipping Rocks, and Molasses Tsunamis: Communicating Fluid Physics to the Public,” Exploratorium, 2017.
- “Celebrating the Beauty and Diversity of the Flow,” Women’s History Month Address, Advisory Council on Women, NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, 2017.
- “Wind Tunnels, Websites, and Waves of Molasses,” Keynote Address, Students in Industry Day, Colorado Chapter, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, 2017.
- “Slow as Molasses in January: Fluid Dynamics and the Boston Molasses Flood,” *Annals of Improbable Research*, AAAS Conference, Boston, MA, 2017.
- “Mixed Nuts, Skipping Rocks, and Molasses Tsunamis: Communicating Fluid Physics to the Public,” Computations in Science Seminar, University of Chicago, 2017.
- “Fluid Dynamics,” 24/7 Lecture, Ig Nobel Prize Ceremony, 2016.
- “Re-Telling Science,” New England Complex Fluids Meeting, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2016.
- “More Than Just *Cosmos*: Communicating Science in the Internet Era,” Applied Mechanics Colloquium, Harvard University, 2016.
- “The Extremes of Fluid Dynamics,” Keynote Address, APS New England Section Meeting, 2016.
- “Communicating Science in the Internet Era,” Mechanical Engineering departmental seminar, Tufts University, 2016.
- “Improbable Fluid Connections,” *Annals of Improbable Research*, AAAS Conference, Washington, D.C., 2016.
- “More Than Just *Cosmos*: Communicating Science in the Internet Era,” Mechanical Science and Engineering departmental seminar, University of Illinois, 2016.
- “Communicating Fluid Dynamics: From the Lab to the Classroom and Beyond,” Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2016.
- “Adventures in Fluid Dynamics,” Brown University, 2015.

Invited Talks (cont.)

- “Scientist-Reporter Workshop: How to tell your science story,” co-taught with David Hu, Flora Lichtman, Rachel Levy and Jason Bardi, APS Division of Fluid Dynamics annual conference, 2014. “The Beauty of the Flow,” *Applied Mathematics Undergraduate Seminar*, Texas A&M University, 2013.
- “Surface roughness effects on hypersonic boundary layer transition and online outreach in fluid dynamics,” *Pointwise, Inc.*, 2013.
- “Hypersonic Transition to Turbulence,” *Zonta Club of Fredericksburg*, 2012.
- “Hypersonic Laminar-Turbulent Transition,” *Zonta International District 10 Conference*, 2011.

Peer- Reviewed Publications

- Sharp NS, “Adopting a communication lifestyle,” *Physical Review Fluids*, Vol. 5:11 (2020).
- Sharp NS, Neuscamman S, and Warhaft Z. “Effects of large-scale free stream turbulence on a turbulent boundary layer.” *Physics of Fluids*, Vol. 21:9 (2009).
- Geraschenko S, Sharp NS, Neuscamman S, and Warhaft Z. “Lagrangian measurements of inertial particle accelerations in a turbulent boundary layer.” *Journal of Fluid Mechanics*, Vol. 617 (2008), p. 255-281.

Articles and Conference Papers

- Sharp NS, “What is Viscosity?” *Funsizze Physics*, <https://funsizzephysics.com/what-is-viscosity/>, July 2021.
- Sharp NS, “Ketchup, Oobleck, and Slime, Oh My!” *Funsizze Physics*, <https://funsizzephysics.com/ketchup-and-oobleck-and-slime-oh-my/>, April 2021.
- Sharp NS, “What is Surface Tension?” *Funsizze Physics*, <https://funsizzephysics.com/what-is-surface-tension/>, November 2020.
- Sharp NS, “Bringing the Stars Home,” *American Scientist*, Vol. 106:5, pp. 312-3, <https://www.americanscientist.org/article/bringing-the-stars-home>, Aug. 2018.
- Sharp NS, and Weidman PD, “Introduction to the 35th Annual Gallery of Fluid Motion,” *Physical Review Fluids*, Vol. 3, 2018.
- Sharp NS, “Six Selfish Reasons to Communicate Science,” Union of Concerned Scientists Blog, <https://blog.ucsusa.org/science-blogger/why-communicate-science>, Jul. 2017.
- Sharp NS, “The Beautiful Unpredictability of Coffee, Clouds, and Fire,” Nautilus Blog, <http://nautil.us/blog/the-beautiful-unpredictability-of-coffee-clouds-and-fire>, Jul. 2014.
- Sharp NS, and White EB. “Roughness-induced transient growth on a hypersonic blunt cone,” *Proceedings of the AIAA 52nd Aerospace Sciences Meeting*, National Harbor, Maryland, 2014.

Guest Lectures and Workshops

- (scheduled) “How to Write Work People Want to Read,” Winter Study Course, Cornell University, 2024.
- “Jar-Gone: Adapting Your Communication to Your Audience,” Flow Visualization Course Guest Lecture, University of Colorado, Boulder, 2023.
- “Communicating Your Science,” 4-Part Workshop, Purdue University, 2022.
- “Communicating Your Science: Finding and Sharing the Message,” Ph.D. Symposium Workshop, IHE Delft, 2021.
- “From Memes to Molasses Floods: Adventures in Science Communication,” Mechanical Engineering, University of Rochester, 2021.
- “The 4Cs (Creativity, Communication, Critical Thinking and Collaboration) in My Career: Aerospace Engineering,” Nepris Presentation, Berkner High School, Richardson, TX, 2020.
- “Help! I’m Trying to Make a Video,” ES 123 Course Guest Lecture, Harvard University, 2020.
- “Technical Communication in Mechanical Engineering,” ME201 Guest Lecture, United States Military Academy, 2019.
- “Science Communication: Finding Your Message”, Chemical Engineering, Stanford University, 2019.
- “Help! I’m Trying to Make a Video!” ES 123 Course Guest Lecture, Harvard University, 2019.
- “Communicating Your Science: Reaching Beyond Your Peers,” Workshop, Delft University of Technology, 2018.
- “From Memes to Molasses Floods: Adventures in Science Communication,” Introduction to Fluids Course Guest Lecture, University of Colorado, Boulder, 2018.
- “Communicating Your Science: Finding the Message,” Flow Visualization Course Guest Lecture, University of Colorado, Boulder, 2018.
- “Spreading Science Through Video,” Flow Visualization Course Guest Lecture, University of Colorado, Boulder, 2018.
- “Help! I’m Trying to Make a Video!” ES 123 Course Guest Lecture, Harvard University, 2018.
- “The Beauty of the Flow,” 1.060A/B Course Guest Lecture, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2016.
- “The Beauty of the Flow,” ES 123 Course Guest Lecture, Harvard University, 2016.

Selected Media Coverage

- *9News Denver*, “Colorado women honored with 3D-printed statues at Smithsonian,” <https://youtu.be/Chl0q653jOc>, 2022.
- *ACS Orbitals*, Episode 28, “The Great Molasses Flood of 1919,” <https://bit.ly/3mYtWhW>, 2021.
- *Cornell Engineering Alumni Spotlight*, “Nicole Sharp ’09, Celebrated Science Communicator,” <https://bit.ly/3H3cQHz>, 2021.
- *Stationery Orbit*, Episode 22, “Learning About Fountain Pen Fluid Dynamics From Nicole Sharp,” <https://bit.ly/3o7fp2l>, 2021.
- *Science! With Friends*, “Nicole Sharp : She Got Flow,” <https://apple.co/2xJ9aLX>, 2020.
- *Forbes*, “The Science of Storytelling: Inspiring the Next Generation of Female STEM Leaders,” <https://bit.ly/2P8UyeT>, 2019.
- *The Boston Globe*, “5 questions you may have about Boston’s deadly Great Molasses Flood, answered,” <https://goo.gl/x3h2JR>, 2019.
- *NBC News*, “The Great Boston Molasses Flood of 1919 killed 21 after 2 million gallon tank erupted,” <https://goo.gl/Khqo9t>, 2019.
- NPR, “Remembering the Great Boston Molasses Flood, 100 years later,” <https://goo.gl/Qg2ky6>, 2019.
- *Nights* (New Zealand Radio), “The Great Molasses Flood of 1919,” <https://goo.gl/56O5CW>, 2017. *The Guardian*, “Study reveals why so many met a sticky end in Boston’s Great Molasses Flood,” <https://goo.gl/C4o8yt>, 2017.
- *Popular Science*, “McDonald’s Fancy New Straw Doesn’t Suck,” <https://goo.gl/D3QRtl>, 2017.
- *APS News*, “This Month in Physics History,” <https://goo.gl/S8ccqL>, 2017.
- *The New York Times*, “Solving the Mystery Behind the Deadly ‘Tsunami of Molasses’ of 1919,” <http://nyti.ms/2g2AM3C>, 2016.
- Associated Press, “Slow as Molasses? Sweet But Deadly 1919 Disaster Explained,” syndicated in *The Washington Post*, *Boston Globe*, *Chicago Tribune*, and others, <http://goo.gl/GBQt0E>, 2016.
- *Science Friday*, Annual Ig Nobel Ceremony Broadcast, <http://goo.gl/w60S7k>, 2016.
- *CBC’s “As It Happens”* (Canada), Canadian Public Radio, <http://goo.gl/56fblQ>, 2016.
- *Die Welt* (Germany), “Das Geheimnis Hinter dem Tödlichen Sirup-Tsunami,” <http://goo.gl/WVgILN>, 2016.
- *New Scientist*, “Incredible Physics Behind the Deadly 1919 Boston Molasses Flood,” <http://goo.gl/eXKjM7>, 2016.
- *Cosmos* (Australia), “Deadly Molasses Flood Surged Faster Than Olympic Sprinters,” <http://goo.gl/SktyVB>, 2016.
- *ABC’s “The Science Show”* (Australia), Australian Public Radio, <http://goo.gl/x3fmj1>, 2016.
- *Science Careers*, “Going with the Flow,” <http://goo.gl/Pxsw7U>, 2016.
- *APS News*, “Art and Science in the Gallery of Fluid Motion,” <http://goo.gl/5zBeQW>, 2016.
- *Curiously Krulwich* (National Geographic), “Help! I’m Trapped in a Drop of Water,” <http://goo.gl/Bg0dcv>, 2016. *The Verge*, “Give Your Mind a Break with Fluid Dynamics Videos,” <http://goo.gl/eXezTy>, 2015.
- *Krulwich Wonders* (NPR), “A Tough Little Drop Fights to Stick Around,” <http://goo.gl/INPlk2>, 2014. *The Atlantic*, “‘Paint is Probably the Internet’s Second Favorite Non-Newtonian Fluid to Vibrate on a Speaker’,” <http://goo.gl/IBbnVI>, 2013.
- *BoingBoing*, “Supersonic Airflow in a Rocket Nozzle,” <http://goo.gl/eYchiQ>, 2013.
- *Wired*, “101 Signals: Science,” <http://goo.gl/FcWh8h>, 2013.

Conference Presentations

- Sharp NS, “Collaboration Between Academia and Science Communicators,” Science Talk ’20 virtual conference, 2020.
- Sharp NS, “Improving Scientific Visuals,” presented at the *APS Division of Fluid Dynamics* annual conference, 2019.
- Sharp NS, “F*** Yeah Fluid Dynamics: Tips for Connecting with Broader Audiences,” presented at the *APS Division of Fluid Dynamics* annual conference, 2018.
- Sharp NS, “F*** Yeah Fluid Dynamics: Getting started in science communication,” presented at the *APS Division of Fluid Dynamics* annual conference, 2017.
- Sharp NS, Kennedy J, and Rubinstein S, “‘In a sea of sticky molasses’: The physics of the Boston Molasses Flood,” presented at the *APS Division of Fluid Dynamics* annual conference, 2016.
- Sharp NS, “F*** Yeah Fluid Dynamics: Inside the science communication process,” presented at the *APS Division of Fluid Dynamics* annual conference, 2016.
- Sharp NS, “F*** Yeah Fluid Dynamics: On science outreach and appealing to broad audiences,” presented at the *APS Division of Fluid Dynamics* annual conference, 2015.
- Sharp NS and White EB. “Discrete surface roughness effects on a blunt hypersonic cone in a quiet tunnel,” presented at the *APS Division of Fluid Dynamics* annual conference, 2013.
- Sharp NS. “F*** Yeah Fluid Dynamics: Lessons from online outreach,” presented at the *APS Division of Fluid Dynamics* annual conference, 2013.
- Sharp NS, Hofferth J, and White EB. “Surface roughness effects on a blunt hypersonic cone,” presented at the *APS Division of Fluid Dynamics* annual conference, 2012.
- Sharp NS, Hofferth J, and White EB. “Experiments on roughness-induced transient growth in a hypersonic boundary layer,” presented at the *Int’l Workshop on Hypersonic Stability and Transition*, Sedona, AZ, 2012.
- Sharp NS, Neuscammann S, and Warhaft Z. “Complex dynamics of a boundary layer with free stream turbulence,” presented at the *APS Division of Fluid Dynamics* annual conference, 2008.
- Sharp N, Neuscammann S, Geraschenko S, and Warhaft Z. “Measurements in a boundary layer with intense free stream turbulence,” presented at the *APS Division of Fluid Dynamics* annual conference, 2007.

Poster Sessions

- Sharp N, Neuscammann S, Geraschenko S, and Warhaft Z. “Effects of intense free stream turbulence on a turbulent boundary layer,” presented at *Fluid Science and Turbulence Symposium*, Baltimore, MD, 2008.
- Sharp N, Neuscammann S, and Warhaft Z. “Measurement in a boundary layer with intense free stream turbulence,” presented at *SiGMA Visit Weekend Poster Session*, 2008.
- Sharp N and White EB. “An investigation of the odor-sensing abilities of moths,” presented at CWRU’s *Support of Undergraduate Research and Creative Endeavors (SOURCE) Symposium and Poster Session*, 2006.
- Taylor B, Sharp N, Wilson M, and Cohen M. “Improved foot design of Robot V,” presented at CWRU’s *SOURCE Symposium and Poster Session*, 2005.

Honors, Grants, and Proposals

- AAAS If/Then Ambassador, 2019-2021
- SciFoo Attendee, 2019, 2021
- Tumblr Lifetime Achievement, 2015
- Zonta International Amelia Earhart Fellow, 2011
- Boeing Fellowship recipient, 2009
- Awarded a \$3,000 research grant as a SOURCE Summer Fellow, 2005
- Fred Hale Vose Prize recipient for showing “great promise of professional leadership,” Dept. of Mech. and Aero. Engr., Case Western Reserve University, 2006
- Robert & Leona Garwin Award recipient for excellence in theoretical and experimental mechanical engineering, Dept. of Mech. and Aero. Engr., Case Western Reserve University, 2005
- Trustees Scholarship recipient, Case Western Reserve University, 2002 - 2006
- Tau Beta Pi Honor Society Member

**Professional
Service**

- American Physical Society (APS), Member, 2007 to present
 - Member, Science and Media Relations Committee, 2015 to 2018
 - Chair, Science and Media Relations Committee, 2018
 - Vice-Chair, Science and Media Relations Committee, 2017
 - Gallery of Fluid Motion Video Coordinator, 2017
- United States National Committee on Theoretical and Applied Mechanics
 - Member-at-large, 2020 to present
 - Chair, Subcommittee on Outreach and Education, 2022 to present
- Physics World Advisory Board Member, 2020 to present
- American Institute of Physics (AIP) Science Communication Award Selection Committee, Books Category, 2017 to 2020
- American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA), Member, 2012 to 2014
- Aggie Aerospace Women in Engineering (AAWE), Texas A&M University, Founding Member, 2012 to 2014