

In 2021, after much deliberation, I decided it was time to change careers. So I stand before you an aspiring copywriter, brimming with creativity and excitement. As soon as I started at Chicago Portfolio School in fall 2021 I felt assured that copywriting is what I want to do for the next 30 years. I am proud of the work I've done in the last year and welcome any and all feedback on my portfolio: www.timpryshlak.com

My previous work experience as a hydrogeologist, and additional creative endeavors are summarized below.

SKILLS PROFILE

- 8 years of experience as a writer, editor and content creator covering science, soccer, and film
 - 7 years of experience as an environmental scientist/consultant specializing in technical report writing and editing, data analysis/visualization, and independent research
 - Written Communications – proofread, edited and wrote technical reports, manuscripts and legal documents, soccer articles for web publication, and film reviews (ongoing)
 - Visual and Oral Communications – Powerpoint/poster presentations, teaching and course instruction (undergraduate geology labs, professional training seminars), call center surveys, data collection, and fundraising, client procurement and outreach
 - Developed promotional materials, in-person training courses, and step-by-step tutorials for engineering software program
 - Published Manuscript: **Pryshlak, T.T.**, Sawyer, A.H., Stonedahl, S.H., Soltanian, M., 2015. Multiscale hyperheic exchange through strongly heterogeneous sediments. *Water Resources Research*. November 2015
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TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE

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| 2020- | NORC at the University of Chicago – Telephone Survey and Support Operations | Chicago, IL |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collect, transcribe, and edit medical data for the National Immunization Survey (NIS) contracted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention• Transcribe and edit medical records and immunization data received from all over the United States• Collect immunization data from medical facilities for the NIS | |
| 2018-2020 | Burns & McDonnell – Environmental Consultant | Chicago, IL |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prepared, proofread, and edited technical reports, figures, and data tables• Developed budgets, work plans, and visual presentations for clients• Assisted senior staff in client procurement – research, outreach, development of bid matrices and questionnaires, and communication with potential subcontractors• Worked effectively in collaborative, fast-paced client focused work environments• Produced results on concurrent projects, on time and on budget under strict deadlines | |
| 2015-2017 | McLane Environmental, L.L.C. – Associate | Princeton, NJ |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wrote and assisted in the preparation of technical and expert reports, and visual presentations• Collaborated in the development of over 50 step-by-step software tutorials for groundwater flow modeling software (FlexAEM) used by program developers as promotional material• Served as first point of contact for clients; communicated results directly; built & maintained professional relationships• Developed and presented courses in remediation design for groups of 20-40 engineers, geologists, and university students | |
| 2013-2015 | Ohio State University – Teaching/Research Assistant | Columbus, OH |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• First Author on published research paper in <i>Groundwater Resources Research</i>, one of the leading hydrology journals (article currently has nearly 40 citations)• Presented research at universities, regional and international conferences (including American | |

Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, “the largest earth and space science meeting in the world”)

- Served as laboratory instructor for geology courses of 20-30 students

CREATIVE EXPERIENCE

2015-present **Writer/Editor/Videographer – film blogs**

- Wrote/edited film reviews, personal essays on film, year-end countdowns and summaries
- Video edited countdown of my 100 favorite films of the 2010s
- Co-wrote, acted in, and assisted with editing the short film, *Room To Grow*, that was submitted to the 2020 48-Hour Film Project in Chicago; film was awarded Best Acting Ensemble and Best Editing.

2014-2015 **Soccer Writer – futnsoccer.com**

- Reported on European soccer - weekly match previews and recaps, tactical analyses, player profiles
- Wrote over 40+ articles reaching a global audience with hundreds of thousands of views
- Assisted with content strategy and article development to drive website traffic

EDUCATION

Chicago Portfolio School, 2022, Copywriter

MS, Geology, Ohio State University, 2015. Thesis; “Impact of Permeability Heterogeneity on Hyporheic Exchange”. Advisor: Dr. Audrey H. Sawyer

BSc, Environmental Geoscience, University at Buffalo, State University of New York, 2012