

Charting a Course from Science Research to Science Writing for the Public!



**A Workshop for OU Faculty & Students
-With Ramin Skibba, PhD**

**Friday, August 17, 2018
1:30 – 3:00 P.M.
OU Norman – RAWL 200**

Ramin Skibba is an astrophysicist turned science writer and freelance journalist based in San Diego. He has written for The Atlantic, Slate, Scientific American, Nature, National Geographic, and other publications. Dr. Skibba is currently the president of the San Diego Science Writers Association (SANDSWA).

Workshop:

Trained as an astrophysicist, with a focus on galaxies, dark matter, and cosmology, Ramin Skibba worked at universities in Pittsburgh, Heidelberg, Germany, Tucson, Arizona, and San Diego. But like many researchers, he decided to try something different. He dipped his toes in science writing and then decided to dive in. After completing the UC Santa Cruz science communication program and an internship with Nature magazine, he became a science writer full-time. In this workshop he will share his story and lessons he's learned along the way, which will be useful for people wanting to get more involved in science communication and public outreach. He'll also offer advice for students and researchers considering "alternative careers" in science writing, science communication, and science policy.

