

# Taylor Buzzell Graham

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## Education

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### **Ithaca College, 2016 – Ithaca, NY**

[2012 – 2016]

Emerging Media B.S., Web Development and Honors Program minors

Roy H. Park Scholar – Merit-based, full-ride scholarship

Phi Kappa Phi and Lambda Phi Eta Honor Societies

GPA: 3.94/4.0, *Summa Cum Laude*

### **Fulbright Research Scholar, U.S. Fulbright Commission – India**

[2016 – 2017]

Documented the creation of artificial glaciers in the Indian Himalaya, tackled a first descent on one of the Ganges' last free-flowing tributaries with a team of Indian whitewater kayakers, and highlighted the role of women as they gather water in a low-income urban settlement to produce three-part documentary series.

## Professional Experience

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### **Documentary Filmmaker and National Geographic Explorer**

[2017 – Present]

Produce, direct, film, and edit award-winning documentaries about critical environmental challenges as a National Geographic Society Explorer and grantee.

***Glen Canyon Rediscovered*, 28 min, 2019** – Three-month, 350-mile kayak journey documenting the effects of climate change on the Colorado River Basin. Premiered on National Geographic Short Film Showcase; Jury Honorable Mention, Durango Independent Film Festival.

***Seldom Seen Sleight*, 12 min, 2018** – Biopic featuring famed Utah river runner Ken Sleight. Premiered at Telluride Mountain Film Festival; Grand Prize Winner, Yale E360 Environmental Film Contest.

***Taming the Teesta*, 16 min, 2017** – Investigative piece exploring hydroelectric dam development in Sikkim, India. Premiered at Colorado Environmental Film Festival; Featured Selection, Moving Waters Film Festival in Bangalore, India.

***Water Warriors of India*, 2020 release** – Three-part series covering critical water issues in India filmed as a Fulbright Scholar, in conjunction with International Rivers.

***Waterkeeper*, 2020 release** – Profile of Colleen Cooley, the first Navajo guide on the San Juan River, in conjunction with American Rivers.

### **Frontend Web Developer and UX Designer, Westminster College – Salt Lake City, UT**

[2019 – Present]

Develop user-facing code and design college web applications across multiple platforms. Identify, investigate, and resolve code and data-collection issues. Oversee four student workers.

### **Water and Environmental Journalist, Utah Rivers Council – Salt Lake City, UT**

[2018 – 2019]

Researched and reported on water policy challenges in Utah and the western United States; produced online, print, and film media; supported organization campaign work and legislative efforts.

### **Founder and Director, Lanapo**

[2014 – 2017]

Founded and developed website marketplace and cultural learning and exchange platform enabling native artisans to easily sell their work online to an international network of consumers.

### **Field Researcher, Roy H. Park School of Communications – Shan State, Myanmar**

[2015]

Investigated effects of new media on traditional life in support of Ithaca College departmental research.

### **Post-production Intern, Teton Gravity Research – Jackson, WY**

[2014]

Edited and produced webisodes, commercials, and videos for international action-sports media company.

## Honors and Distinctions

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- Next Level Award, Utah Film Commission** [2019]  
Funding and mentorship for Utah-based film producers through a partnership with Sundance Collab.
- Marshall Scholarship and George J. Mitchell Scholarship Finalist** [2018]
- Emerging Media Department Faculty Award** [2016]  
Awarded to the top Emerging Media senior for academic excellence and extracurricular involvement.
- Critical Language Enhancement Award, U.S. Fulbright Commission** [2016 – 2017]  
Five months of intensive Hindi study to “cultivate higher levels of language proficiency prior to and during the Fulbright grant period and beyond.”
- Keshishoglou Center for Global Communications Innovation Scholar Grant** [2015]  
Developed Lanapo website with Tibetan Buddhist artisans in Ladakh, India.

## Volunteer and School Involvement

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- Founder and Coordinator, MacCormick Secure Center Literary Project** [2015 – 2016]  
Created and led a new and now ongoing service project with Ithaca-based nonprofit Tompkins Learning Partners, teaching poetry and fiction writing to incarcerated youth at local detention center.
- Member, Park Scholar Selection Committee, Ithaca College** [2016]  
Chosen as senior Park Scholar to select incoming class of Park Scholars. Read applications, attended selection meetings, and conducted in-person interviews as part of three-month selection process.
- Web Developer, Friendship Donations Network – Ithaca, NY** [2016]  
Redesigned website and developed interactive web application about food waste for local nonprofit.
- Media Literacy Instructor, Ithaca Public Schools** [2014 – 2015]  
Created lessons and taught web development and video editing and production courses to high school students.
- Web Editor, *The Ithacan*, Ithaca College Student Newspaper** [2013]  
Maintained website and added new online content, including creation of interactive media.
- Youth Soccer Coach, Ithaca Youth Bureau** [2012 – 2015]  
Coached and mentored coed kindergarten and first-grade soccer teams for fall seasons.

## Selected Publications

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- Water Deeply*** [2018]  
“As Colorado River Water Users Conserve, Utah Wastes More”
- Ithaca College Honors Symposium*** [2016]  
“Humanization Over Domination: Dialogue Through Love as a Process for Liberation in the United States”
- The Ithacan*, Commentary** [2015]  
“Whiteness should be Named and Contextualized”
- Ithaca College Journal of Race, Culture, and Ethnicity*** [2014]  
“Toward a Deconstruction of White Privilege: Investigating Barriers that Distance Whites from Issues of Race”