

# WISRD Magazine

# Info

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# Wait, WISRD has a magazine?

Yes, and a research journal!

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# Inside

Meet a Woman Who Has No Fear

Discover Why You Should Not Study Science

Find Out Why Science Rests On Questionable Grounds

## THE INQUIRER

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## But I don't *like* writing.

Something doesn't have to be fun to be rewarding.

You will be writing for the rest of your lives, regardless of the profession you enter. You should do what you can to be good at it, and take some sort of enjoyment from it.



# I don't know what to write about!

Think something is cool? Tell people about it!

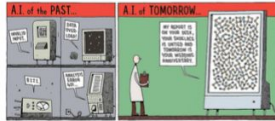
Previous articles have touched on the first human head transplant, honey bees, the concept of time, psychopathy, artificial intelligence, and much, much more.

Read articles in magazines or journals, and do research on whatever stands out.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: WHERE IT WAS, WHERE IT IS,  
WHERE IT'S GOING

By Aidan Stern

A few days ago, I downloaded Google's photo app, and I was surprised to find that its artificial intelligence (AI) had begun to sort through my photos. This may seem harmless but what startled me was that the AI had begun to edit my photos and make short video clips from the videos I had recorded. I would have been upset at Google for seemingly invading my privacy, but I had agreed to their "terms and conditions" and the videos and photos were not bad. Then I began to wonder where else is this AI being implemented? So, I started to conduct research into AI.



A Brief History of Artificial Intelligence

The concept of AI can be traced back to early Greece. In Greek mythology, Hephaestus (the god of blacksmithing) creates mechanical servants. The idea of autonomous human-like machines was explored elsewhere in Greek mythology. In 1206 AD, Isma'il Al-Jazari, an engineer in the Islamic Golden Age, known as the "Father of Automation" among other things, introduced the concept of automation to engineering. Automated machines opened up a whole new world and led to development of modern machinery.

In 1801, Joseph Marie Jacquard displayed the first programmable machine, the Jacquard Loom. Using a series of punched cards, Jacquard could change the design of the textiles being

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DEBUNKING THE PSYCHOPATH

Josie Bleakley

Besides being serial killers, what do the Joker, Dr. Hannibal Lecter, and Patrick Bateman all have in common? Charming, guileless, manipulative, and violent, they inform our sense of what it means to be a psychopath. However, such representations often lead to incorrect assumptions regarding the nature of psychopathy. In fact, such beliefs have impacted psychopathy diagnosis through the pervasive bias those portrayals create. To dispel these ways of thinking, we must debunk popular misconceptions about psychopathy.



Figure 1 Patrick Bateman, Mauderous Psychopath Without Disguise

1. Myth: All murderers are psychopaths. Though psychopaths are overrepresented in violent criminals, they still only make up 1%–5% of those incarcerated for violent crimes. Psychopaths are also seven times more likely to commit "stranger murder," where the victim is not a relative or acquaintance.<sup>1</sup> However, more than 75% of violent criminals are not psychopaths, which thoroughly debunks this myth.

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TRUMP ANNOUNCES SCIENCE ADVISOR  
AN *INQUIRER* EXCLUSIVE

BY SCOTT JOHNSON

SPECIAL THANKS TO MANA SMETH FOR HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Introduction

In the science scoop of the year, President Donald Trump decided to reveal his pick for Science Advisor to the President (SAP) in an exclusive interview with *The Inquirer*, the bi-annual WISRD science magazine. Rather than release his choice in a tweet between meal courses, the commander in chief agreed to announce his choice through publication in *The Inquirer*. Originally, *The Inquirer* proposed conducting the interview over email to give President Trump the opportunity to craft measured responses; however, in a short reply, he declined the invitation explaining that "immediate reactions are more timely. Everyone hates delays and the people love my riffs." As a result, *The Inquirer* conducted the interview with President Trump over Skype in real-time as he relaxed in the Oval Office. What follows is an accurate post-truth account of that conversation.

The Inquirer Interview

Inquirer: Good afternoon, Mr. President.

Trump: It's a great afternoon, one of the best. And, with this Medal of Honor, I want to commend *The Inquirer* for the commendable work it does in supplying vital news to the American people standing in checkout lines across the country.

Inquirer: I believe you've confused *The Inquirer*, a gossip tabloid, with our publication, *The Inquirer*, a science magazine.

Trump: Is there a difference?

Inquirer: Enquiring minds want to know but inquiring minds *strive* to know.

Trump: I have a Gucci store that's worth more than Romney.

Inquirer: [short pause] Mr. President, thank you for taking time to speak with *The Inquirer* and for giving us an exclusive on your pick for Science Advisor to the President.

# Well, how should my article look?

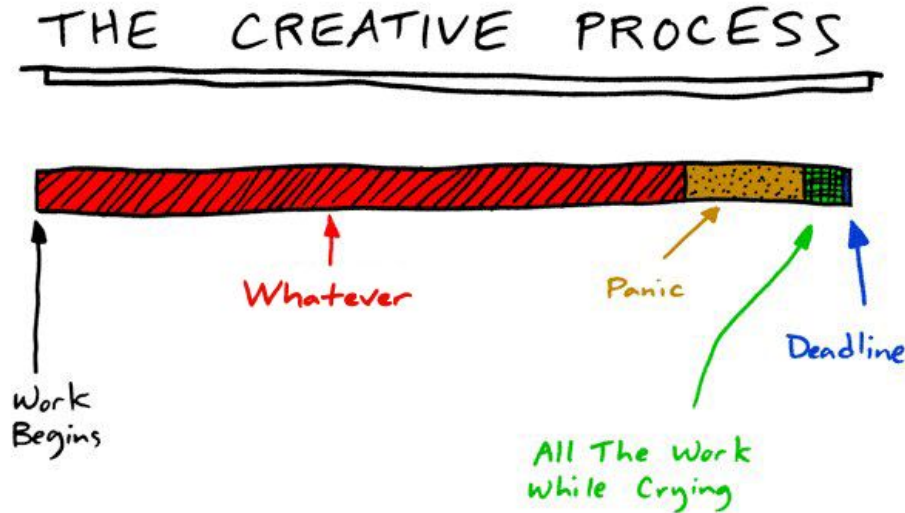
Like this! Or this! Or this! Or, if you have a better idea, like that!

It can be long, but it certainly doesn't have to be.

Put some pictures in it! Make it interesting!

MLA style citations!

# Everyone's favorite word: Deadlines!

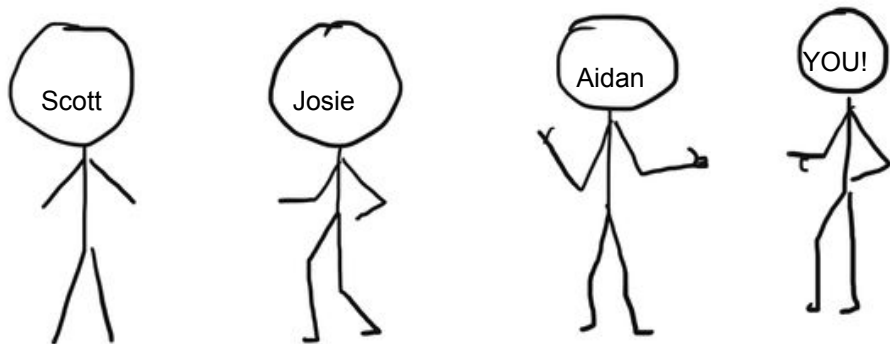


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# We need leaders. Interested?

Currently:

Scott is the Publisher, Josie is the Senior Editor, and Aidan is Head Graphic Designer.

We need:

Assistant Editor—someone to take on organizational and editing responsibilities.

Editors—as many people as are interested in being involved in the editing process.

Graphic Designers—design graphically

# Questions?

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