

# Reflections on my PhDversary <sup>[1]</sup>

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It's been exactly two years since I completed my PhD on Tuesday, January 15th, 2013.

Since then some things have changed, some have not. I swapped the bench for outreach; the microscope for Twitter; pipettes for YouTube. Although I no longer do research in a lab, my love for discovery and learning remains the same.

Today instead of thinking about experiments with worms and microscopes I think about how to make science matter to people. Instead of generating knowledge, I share it. I have a different role

in the process of science.

The PhD changed my life. It gave me great lessons, personal and professional. The PhD taught me that there's more than one way to be a scientist (and yes I am still a scientist and will always be). Thanks to the PhD I discovered my passion for sharing science.

The day I decided to pursue a PhD I never imagined the challenges, sacrifices and opportunities it would represent. Today, two years after finishing it I can say with all certainty that I would do it all over again.

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