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I am a visual artist and a scientist. I have always drawn or painted. I think that there are a lot of scientists that are artists, but for some reason there's this disconnect between the two. It's like, "Well, this is an art thing and that's science." I used to think that way. I thought I had to choose one or the other.

But I had some very passionate science teachers in school and I was able to make the connection between some of the abstract principles of science and the abstract artists I loved, like Dali and other surrealists. Through these abstractions, I started to understand the world around me.

I have my PhD in chemistry and am working on helping mitigate the harmful side effects of radiation therapy. To do this well, we need to create forums where patients, patient advocates, clinicians and basic science researchers, all take part in the conversation. There is a growing push to bridge the science community with the

general public, and I want to be a part of this effort and hope it continues to grow. I am partial to using visual tools to accomplish this, but whatever works best, I am all for it.