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EDUCATION

B.A. Telecommunications | Indiana University | Bloomington, IN | 2007 – 2010

Concentration: Media Life

B.A. Media Culture | Indiana University | Bloomington, IN | 2007 – 2010

Individualized Major Program through the College of Arts and Sciences

Thesis: *State of the Art: The Beatles and Kanye West*

Advisor: Andy Hollinden

Minor Psychology | Indiana University | Bloomington, IN | 2007 – 2010

Certificate in Radio/TV Production | J. Everett Light Career Center | Indianapolis, IN | 2005 - 2006

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Faculty | Butler University | School of Journalism and Creative Media | 2024 - Present

CME 306 Multimedia Design & Production

CME 309 Documentary Production

CME 409 Narrative Production

Co-Lead BlueRoll Media student production company

Video Director, Editor | Freelance | 2023 – Present

The Girls and Boys Club, The Indianapolis Children's Museum, Starry Soda, Riverview Health, Papa Johns

Video Director, Editor | Bayonet Media | 2018 – 2023

Century 21, NFHS, The Indianapolis Zoo, IU Health, Conner Prairie, NIPSCO

Owner, Creative Director | Tinker Park | 2013 – 2018

Kiwanis International, The Hoosier Lottery, Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Cluster Truck

Video Producer, Director, Editor | Mays Entertainment | 2012 – 2013

Best Buddies, St. Vincent Hospital, The Indianapolis Prize, ESPN

Video Producer, Editor | Well Done Marketing | 2013 – 2014

Video Production Assistant | Freelance | 2004 – 2013

Wendy's, Late Night with Jimmy Fallon, ESPN, NCAA, IHSA, History Channel, Meijer, Goodwill, Long John Silvers

Label Intern | Jagjaguwar/Secretly Canadian | 2008 - 2010

Indiana University Union Board, Music Division | 2009 - 2010

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SELECT FILMOGRAPHY

***Borrowed Time* | WIP (Post-Production)**

Feature Documentary | Director, Producer, Production Sound Mixer
Screencraft Film Fund Quarterfinalist, 2025

***MID WAY* | WIP (Post-Production)**

Feature Documentary | Director, Producer, Production Sound Mixer

***Run, David, Run* | WIP (Production)**

Short Documentary | Director, Producer

***Dry Lands* | WIP (Under Competition Review)**

Feature Fiction Screenplay | Co-Writer

***Pinion* | 2024 (Under Festival Review)**

Short Fiction | Writer, Director, Producer, Co-Editor, Post Sound Designer/Mixer

***Worm Land* | 2024 (Under Festival Review)**

Short Documentary | Director, Producer, Production Sound Mixer, Editor, Post Sound Designer/Mixer
Funded by Indiana Humanities Unearthed grant
Indiana Film Tour, 2024
Premiered at Indy Shorts by Heartland, 2024
Chicago Shorts Nominee (Best Documentary Short), 2024
Blow-Up Arthouse Filmfest Chicago Semi-Finalist, 2024
Los Angeles Lift-Off Film Festival, 2024
Wild & Scenic Film Festival + Tour, 2025

***Little Liberty* | 2024 (Under Festival Review)**

Short Documentary | Director, Producer, Production Sound Mixer, Post Sound Designer/Mixer
Premiered at Indy Shorts by Heartland, 2024
Salute Our Shorts, 2024
Los Angeles Lift-Off Film Festival, 2024
SHIV And Other Stories Presents, 2024
Big Apple Film Festival and Screenplay Competition Best Short Nominee, 2024
Big Sky Documentary Film Festival, 2025

***Evanescence* | 2024**

Short Fiction | Editor
LA Shorts Fest, 2024
Virginia Film Festival, 2024
deadCenter Film Festival, 2024
Santa Fe International Film Festival, 2024
San Pedro International Film Festival, 2024

***Love, Grandma* | 2023**

Short Documentary | Editor
18+ Festivals including SIFF, BIFF, Minnesota FF, Riverside, Indy Shorts
Deep In The Heart Film Festival Best Editing
American Film Award Winner
Best Cinematography
Indy Shorts Indiana Spotlight Winner
Flickers Rhode Island International Semi-Finalist

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Athens International Honorable Mention
Utah Film Festival Best Short Nominee
Indie Gathering International Best Dramatic Short
Bloomington Indiana FF Winner
Miami Short Film Festival Semi-Finalist

Don't Miss Me When You're Gone | 2022

Short Web Fiction | Writer, Director, Producer
Shot on Kodak 16mm film

Edge of June | 2022

Short Web Documentary | Director, Producer, Editor
Romanus Night At The Kan-Kan, 2023
Opened Every Feature Film at The Kan-Kan Cinema, May 2023

Cast Out | 2022

Short Documentary | Director, Producer, Composer, Editor
Funded by Indiana Humanities Waterways grant
20 screenings around Indiana

Wolf at the Door | 2021

Short Fiction | Writer, Director, Producer
Hollywood Shortsfest, 2021
Indie Shorts Awards Cannes, 2021
Prague International Short Film Awards, 2021
4Scene Film Festival, 2022
Three Short Films At The Kan-Kan, 2022
Panorama International Indie Film Festival, 2022

Mississippi's Hands | 2021

Short Web Documentary | Director, Producer, Production Sound Mixer
Premiere at Kan-Kan Cinema, 2021
Crested Butte Film Festival, 2021
11k organic views

L'humble Cirque | 2019

Short Web Documentary | Director, Producer, Production Sound Mixer, Editor
Indy Shorts by Heartland, 2019
PBS Online Feature, 2020

Momentum | 2016

Short Web Documentary | Director, Editor
Indy Shorts by Heartland, 2016

Queen's Inside | 2016

Short Web Documentary | Director, DP, Editor
Indy Shorts by Heartland, 2016

Wooden Specs Studio | 2012

Short Web Documentary | Director, Producer, Editor
50k organic views
The Huffington Post feature
LATV feature
Devour/Uncrate feature

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SELECT GRANTS, AWARDS and RECOGNITIONS

Screencraft Film Fund Quarterfinalist | SPRING 2025

Unearthed Film Project Grant | Indiana Humanities | 2023

Audience Choice Winner: "MID WAY" | Pitchdox Competition, Hoodox | 2023

Panelist, Narrative Filmmaker Panel Discussion | Indy Youth Film Festival | JUNE 2024

Silver Addy Award | AAF Addy Awards, Indianapolis, IN | 2024

Indianapolis Zoo "Wild Encounters" TV Commercial

Best Editing: "Love, Grandma" | Deep In The Heart Film Festival | 2023

Waterways Film Project Grant | Indiana Humanities | 2020

Emmy Award | Lower Great Lakes Emmy Awards | 2020

NIPSCO "Lajuan's Story: Leaving Things Better" Branded Content

Emmy Award | Lower Great Lakes Emmy Awards | 2020

Conner Prairie "Headless Horseman" TV Commercial

Gold Addy Award | AAF Addy Awards, Indianapolis, IN | 2020

Gallery Pastry Shop "How Not to Fuck Up A Croissant" Branded Content

Silver Addy Award | AAF Addy Awards, Indianapolis, IN | 2020

NIPSCO "Your Energy Your Future" TV Commercial

National Finalist Addy Award | AAF Addy Awards, National | 2019

KIB "Beautiful Needs You" Public Service Ad

Gold Addy Award | AAF Addy Awards, North Central Indiana | 2019

KIB "Beautiful Needs You" Public Service Ad

Judge's Choice Addy Award | AAF Addy Awards, Indianapolis, IN | 2019

KIB "Beautiful Needs You" Public Service Ad

Gold Addy Award | AAF Addy Awards, Indianapolis, IN | 2017

IndyHub "Queen's Inside" Branded Content

Silver Addy Award | AAF Addy Awards, Indianapolis, IN | 2015

IMS "We All Have A Story" TV Commercial

Gold Addy Award | AAF Addy Awards, Indianapolis, IN | 2014

Hoosier Lottery "Where the Money Goes" Web Commercial