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A Versatile Producer/Director with a passion for telling powerful stories. I have experience across a range of documentary, talent-led and specialist factual programmes for networks including Channel 4, BBC, National Geographic, Smithsonian Channel, Discovery Channel, Netflix and Channel 5. I thrive on adventure and am confident working in foreign-language countries, under challenging conditions. With a focus on adventure and expedition, I have spent two months living in a Congolese jungle alongside one of the last remaining Pygmy tribes, crossed Botswana bush following elephant migration paths and journeyed the entire length Central and South America without flight. I regularly work with fixers and local teams to set up complex and unique filming scenarios and problem-solving on the ground.

With extensive knowledge in securing visas and permits, I am confident setting up multifaceted international shoots in never-before filmed locations. I have set up shoots across the world including Gabon, South and Central America, Republic of Congo, Sierra Leone, Kyrgyzstan, Saudi Arabia, Russia, Myanmar, India, NZ and more - ranging from natural disaster zones and remote environments to filming with dangerous animals and sensitive contributors.

Scientific Exploration Society, Neville Shulman Explorer 2021

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## POLE TO POLE - BOTSWANA, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC - PRODUCER

Feb 2023 - Present. Nutopia. E.P: Tom Williams

Filming for more than 100 days, the series documents Will Smith's journey across all of Earth's biomes.

## RACE TO THE POLE WITH BEN FOGLE (W/T), CHANNEL 5 - PRODUCER

Dec - Jan 2023. October Films. SP. Alexis Girardet

Race to the Pole sees the presenter return to Antarctica to re-live the Edwardian expeditions of Scott, Shackleton and Amundsen.

## POLE TO POLE - BHUTAN, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC - PRODUCER

Sept - Nov 2022. Nutopia. E.P: Tom Williams

Filming for more than 100 days, the series documents Will Smith's journey across all of Earth's biomes.

## POLE TO POLE - ECUADOR, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC - PRODUCER

July 2022 - Sept 2022. Nutopia. E.P: Tom Williams

Filming for more than 100 days, the series documents Will Smith's journey across all of Earth's biomes.

## THE 7 TOUGHEST DAYS ON EARTH - OMAN, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC - PRODUCER/DIRECTOR

June - July 2022. Nutopia. E.P: Steve Rankin

Explorer Dwayne Fields visits some of Earth's most extreme places at their deadliest times for a week.

## THE 7 TOUGHEST DAYS ON EARTH - GABON, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC - PRODUCER

Jan - June 2022. Nutopia. E.P: Sam Bagnell

Explorer Dwayne Fields visits some of Earth's most extreme places at their deadliest times for a week.

## DEVELOPMENT PRODUCER - NAT GEO Development

Dec 2021 - Jan 2022 - Studio Ramsay. E/P: Tom Willis

## JUNGLE MIKE: CONQUERING THE AMAZON (W/T) - PRODUCER / DIRECTOR

Present. Grain Media, Head of Dev: Anna Murphy

Feature length documentary of one man's extraordinary life. When does exploration become exploitation?

## DEVELOPMENT PRODUCER - NAT GEO Development

Oct 2021 - Base Adventure Media. E/P: Nick O'Meally

## DEVELOPMENT PRODUCER - NAT GEO Development

Sept 2021 - True to Nature. S/P: Sanna Handslip

## EXPEDITION WITH STEVE BACKSHALL EPISODE 6 (SERIES 2), UKTV - PRODUCER / DIRECTOR

Dec 2020 - Sept 2021. True to Nature. E/P: Wendy Darke S/P: Sanna Handslip

Steve takes on four entirely new adventures to remote parts of the planet - including Saudi Arabia, Gabon, and Mexico - in search of precious natural wonders.

## EXPEDITION WITH STEVE BACKSHALL EPISODE 3, KYRGYZSTAN (SERIES 2), UKTV - PRODUCER

March 2021 - Sept 2021. True to Nature. E/P: Wendy Darke S/P: Sanna Handslip

Steve heads to remotest Kyrgyzstan in search of snow leopards - if the team can find evidence of the endangered big cat, they could protect the region

## EXPEDITION WITH STEVE BACKSHALL EPISODES 1-4 KAMCHATKA, SAUDI ARABIA, GABON (SERIES 2), UKTV - AP

Jan 2020 - March 2021. True to Nature. E/P: Wendy Darke S/P: Sanna Handslip

Steve ventures into uncharted territory in pursuit of new discoveries and world firsts. In Kamchatka he takes on

white-water to explore a wilderness packed with more brown bears than anywhere else. He heads to Saudi Arabia to search for the longest lava tube in Arabia and to the Gabon - where he discovers a new population of chimpanzees

**UNPACKED: EXPEDITION WITH STEVE BACKSHALL EPISODE 4 (SERIES 1), UKTV - EDIT PRODUCER**

June 2020 - August 2021. True to Nature. E/P: Wendy Darke S/P: Sanna Handslip

A special look behind the scenes - going back to examine some of the most daring explorations.

**RACE ACROSS THE WORLD (SERIES 2), BBC TWO - EMBED PRODUCER (8 EPISODES)**

SEPT 2019 - NOV 2019. Studio Lambert. E/P: Stephen Day and Mark Saben S/P: Lucy Curtis

Five pairs of contestants compete against each other in the challenge of the lifetime: an overland race across 14 countries from Mexico City to Ushuaia over two and a half months.

**WALKING WITH ELEPHANTS, CHANNEL 4 - PRODUCER (3 EPISODES)**

FEB 2019 - SEPT 2019. October Films. E/P: Adam Bullmore S/P: Alexis Girardet

Levison Wood accompanies the world's largest gathering of elephants as they cross Botswana. He will walk across beautiful but immensely challenging landscapes, from hostile desert to thick bush and barely navigable swampland.

**UNICEF SIERRA LEONE, ITV SOCCER AID - SHOOTING PRODUCER**

APRIL 2019. Appeal TV

Actor David Harewood travels to Sierra Leone to see first-hand how UNICEF impacts the lives of young children.

**GORDON RAMSAY: UNCHARTED, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC - ASSISTANT PRODUCER**

NOV 2018 - FEB 2019. Studio Ramsay. E/P: Jon Kroll. P/D: Alistair Smith

Gordon embarks on adventure expeditions to unearth the most incredible people, places and flavours

**RACE ACROSS THE WORLD, BBC TWO - STORY PRODUCER**

OCT 2018 - NOV 2018. Studio Lambert

Six pairs pitted against each other in the challenge of the lifetime racing from London to Singapore.

**EXTREME TRIBES: THE LAST OF THE PYGMY, CHANNEL 4 - DV DIRECTOR**

JULY 2018 - OCT 2018. Renegade Pictures. E/P: Harry Lansdown P/D: Roeland Doust

Observational adventure series following Livia Simoka as she immerses herself in the life of the Mbendjele tribe deep in the jungle. Two months spent living in a small jungle village in the Northern Congolese rainforest.

**DEVELOPMENT PRODUCER, DISCOVERY CHANNEL (PARKERS TRAILS)**

MAY 2018 - JUNE 2018. RAW TV

**VOLCANOES OF THE WORLD, SMITHSONIAN CHANNEL - ASSISTANT PRODUCER,**

FEB 2018 - MAY 2018. Pioneer Productions. E/P: Thomas Viner. P/D: Roeland Doust

**WORLD'S GREATEST MOUNTAINS, CHANNEL 5 - ASSISTANT PRODUCER**

DEC 2017 - FEB 2018. Arrow Media. E/P: Ash Potterton SP: Jim Greyer

**I, SNIPER, NETFLIX & PBS - ASSISTANT PRODUCER**

OCT 2017 - DEC 2017. Arrow Media. E/P: Sam Starbuck SP: MJ Mitchell

**DEVELOPMENT AP**

SEPT 2017 - OCT 2017. Atlantic Productions.

**INSIDE BALMORAL, CHANNEL 5 - ASSISTANT PRODUCER**

MAR 2017 - JUNE 2017. E/P: Ash Potterton SP: Stuart Strickson

**CAROL FLIES THE WORLD SOLO, CHANNEL 5 - ASSISTANT PRODUCER**

MAR 2016 - MAR 2017. Arrow Media (production on hold). E/P: Ash Potterton SP: Chris Parkin

**SEE NO EVIL SERIES 3, DISCOVERY ID - ASSISTANT PRODUCER**

FEB 2017 - MAR 2017. Arrow Media. E/P: Tom Brisley SP: Tom Keeling

**AMERICAS SECRET SPACE HEROES, SMITHSONIAN CHANNEL - ASSISTANT PRODUCER**

OCT 2016 - DEC 2016. Arrow Media. E/P: Ash Potterton S/P: Duncan Coop

REFERENCES UPON REQUEST