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EDUCATION

University of Pittsburgh Film History/Theory course in Graduate Film Studies Program	2010
Stanford University M.A. Communication/Documentary Film & Video	1996-98
Regional Occupational Program, San Diego Technical TV Production	1986-88
University of California, Santa Cruz B.A. Psychology	1982-84
University, Extension, Media Centers Twelve Film, Video, Multimedia and Photography Courses	1982-92

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Global Competency Certificate Program Pitt University Center for International Studies	Nov 2023-present
Speaking in the Disciplines Fellowship The Dietrich School Undergraduate Studies	Spring 2023
Anti-Racist Pedagogy Workshop Center for Teaching and Learning	Nov 2022

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Visiting Lecturer (2021-present), Instructor Univ. of Pittsburgh, Film and Media Studies F	Fall 2018-present
HELPED PLAN AND TEACH UNDERGRADUATE INTRODUCTORY AND INTERMEDIATE FILMMAKING COURSES.	_
COORDINATED EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES. STAGED SCREENINGS AND GUEST SPEAKERS. CONCEIVED	
AND STAGED "DOCTOBER" INTERCOLLEGIATE STUDENT FILM COMPETITION	

Visiting Instructor Native Voices International Documentary Workshops, Uganda	Dec 2017, May 2019
DESIGNED AND TALIGHT TWO 3-WEEK DOCLIMENTARY COLIRSE TO REGIONAL ASPIRING FILMMAKERS	

Associate Professor (Assistant Professor 2005-2011) Pittsburgh Filmmakers	Sept 2005-Dec 2018
TAUGHT COURSES IN FILM, VIDEO AND AUDIO PRODUCTION. COORDINATED INTERNSHIPS AND	•
STUDENT WORK OPPORTUNITIES. DEVELOPED COURSES IN DOCUMENTARY PRODUCTION AND	
AUDIO PRODUCTION. CREATED & CONDUCTED THREE RIVERS FILM SYMPOSIA, 2008-12.	

Instructor The Art Institute of Pittsburgh TAUGHT SIX COURSES IN FIELD PRODUCTION AND NON-LINEAR EDITING.	Oct 2004-Sept 2005
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Academic Media Center Associate / Adjunct Professor Robert Morris University	Aug 2004-May 2005
TAUGHT TWO CLASSES IN COMMUNICATION DEPT; MANAGED EQUIPMENT ROOM; COORDINATED	
COMPLETION OF DOCUMENTARY IN RMU'S CENTER FOR DOCUMENTARY PRODUCTION AND STUDY.	

Instructor Sundance Institute, Salt Lake City, UT	June 2001
CO-TAUGHT "GEN-Y FILM CAMP", A SUMMER VIDEO PRODUCTION COURSE FOR HIGH SCHOOL	
STUDENTS DESIGNED CURRICULUM TAUGHT DIRECTING DV PRODUCTION AND FINAL CUT PRO	

Instructor Palo Alto Adult Education, Palo Alto, CA	Aug 1998-Aug 1999
TAUGHT SEVERAL 6- AND 8-HOUR COURSES IN FIELD PRODUCTION, EDITING, AND STUDIO PRODUCTION.	

Intern Coordinator Mid-Peninsula Access Corp, Palo Alto, CA HEADED PROGRAM IN WHICH HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE INTERNS PRODUCE CABLE PROGRAMMING FOR NON-PROFIT GROUPS. RECRUITED & TRAINED INTERNS IN PRODUCTION AND POST.	Aug 1998-Aug 1999
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Course Assistant Documentary Film & Video Program, Stanford University Sept 1997-June 1998 GAVE TUTORIALS, HANDLED EQUIPMENT TRAFFIC, TROUBLESHOOTING. INITIATED A LUNCHTIME FILM SERIES.

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Independent Producer & Freelancer San Francisco, Pittsburgh
SEE FILMOGRAPHY (NEXT PAGE) FOR PARTIAL LIST OF PRODUCTIONS. CLIENTS INCLUDE: PITT GRADUATE SCHOOL

OF PUBLIC HEALTH, HILLEL ACADEMY OF PITTSBURGH, CITY OF S.F., ASIAN ART MUSEUM, STANFORD UNIV., OAKLAND ZOO, INTUIT, INC., PROJECT READ, KITCHEN SISTERS.

Senior Interviewer University of California Survey Research Center, Berkeley, CA
CONDUCTED FIELD INTERVIEWS FOR SOCIOLOGICAL STUDY OF AIDS; LOCATED HARD-TO-FIND PEOPLE.

Oct 1992-Aug 1996

Editor JBC Video, San Francisco

EDITED EVENT COVERAGE VIDEO WITH LINEAR EDITING, EFFECTS, AND MIXER SYSTEM

Oct 1995-Aug 1996

Archivist Oddball Film & Video, San Francisco

an Francisco Nov 1995-July 1996

 ${\tt RESEARCHED} \ {\tt ARCHIVAL} \ {\tt FOOTAGE} \ {\tt NEEDS} \ {\tt FOR} \ {\tt CLIENTS} \ {\tt IN} \ {\tt LARGE} \ {\tt PRIVATE} \ {\tt COLLECTION}. \ {\tt HELPED} \ {\tt DESIGN} \ {\tt DATABASE}.$

Producers' Assistant Bill Jersey/Quest Productions, Berkeley Jan-Apr 1995, Mar 1996 VISUALS RESEARCH FOR DOCUMENTARIES; LOCATING AND PRE-INTERVIEWING SUBJECTS; PREPARING PROPOSALS.

Assistant Director West Coast Projections, Inc., San Diego

ASSISTED IN CORPORATE MEDIA PRODUCTION AND PRESENTATION. DIRECTED SMALLER-SCALE PRODUCTIONS.

Special Effects Colorist American Film Technologies, Inc., San Diego COLORIZED SF/X SEGMENTS OF DIGITIZED B&W FILM WITH TARGA COLOR SYSTEM.

1989

2011

1989-91

GRANTS and FELLOWSHIPS

The Heinz Endowments Small Arts Initiative recipient for "Lenses on the Law" & The Doc Salon

The Heinz Endowments Small Arts Initiative co-recipient for "Changing the Want Ads" project

The Heinz Endowments Small Arts Initiative co-recipient for "Hard Hatted Women" multimedia project

The Sprout Fund Seed Award co-recipient for "Palimpsests" photo project

Robert Flaherty Film Seminar Fellow

2012-13

National Hispanic Scholarship Fund Scholarship

1997-98

Princess Grace Foundation USA Honorarium for Thesis Project

M.A. Program, Stanford University Full One-Year Fellowship

1996-97

SELECTED FILMOGRAPHY as PRODUCER/DIRECTOR

A Blueprint for Jewish Life Promotional Video for Hillel Academy of Pittsburgh.

Four Women of Gulu Town Independent Documentary in post-production **McConomovie** Short Video for the Carnegie Mellon Univ. Int'l Film Festival 2023 Pitt Chimes In On... Experimental Documentary 2022 People of the Year Videos Pittsburgh-Italian Scholarship Fund 2021-22 2018 **Explainer Video** for Scholarly Research at Univ. of Pittsburgh's School of Public Health AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION FILM FESTIVAL, 2019 Commonfilm Short Film 2018 CAUGHT LOOKING FILM SCREENING AT PNC PARK, PITTSBURGH, PA **KaramoJokes** A survey of humor in the Karamoja region of Uganda 2017 Yes, We're Open Online Commercial for Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation 2015

 Luck Documentary. Strangers reveal their personal beliefs when asked, "What's the luckiest thing that ever happened to you? What's the unluckiest?" WQED-TV (PBS) BROADCAST ON "FILMMAKER'S CORNER" PITTSBURGH, PA 2011 FILM KITCHEN, PITTSBURGH, PA 2010 DISTRIBUTED ON SERMONSPICE.COM 	2010
Virgil Cantini: The Artist in Public Documentary Elegaic examination of the public art of the late sculptor and muralist. • PITTSBURGH CENTER FOR THE ARTS, PITTSBURGH, PA • SCREENING WITH LIVE ACCOMPANIMENT, IONSOUND CONCERT	2009
Today I Baled Some Hay to Feed the Sheep the Coyotes Eat Documentary One week on a sheep ranch in Montana, during lambing season. • WQED-TV (PBS) BROADCAST ON "FILMMAKER'S CORNER" PITTSBURGH, PA 2011 • JUROR'S CHOICE + AUDIENCE AWARD, SUSQUEHANNA SHORTS FILM FESTIVAL, LEWISBURG, PA 2008 • FIRST PLACE, SHORTS COMPETITION, THREE RIVERS FILM FESTIVAL, PITTSBURGH, PA 2008	2008
Over, and Out Short Film FILMMAKER'S AWARD, PUBLIC DOMAIN PRIVATE DOMINION (EVENT) 2008 MOUNTAINEER SHORT FILM FESTIVAL, MORGANTOWN, WV 2013	2008
Hand Job Short Film ■ MEDIA TONIC (EVENT) INSTALLATION, PITTSBURGH FILMMAKERS, 2008	2008
Restart Your Art Promo Video for Film & Photography School	2007
 Consuming Conversation Museum Installation video For noted metalsmith Harriete Berman. VIEWER DISCRETION FILM SERIES, PITTSBURGH, NOV 2006 FACULTY SHOW, PITTSBURGH FILMMAKERS, FEBRUARY 2006 	2006
Earth and Home Educational video Exploration of ecological design in residential architecture.	2003
San Francisco Beledi Documentary/Performance video For popular dance troupe FatChance BellyDance.	2003
Zoo Lessons Two Children's Education videos. For Mills College and The Oakland Zoo.	2000-01
New Justice: San Francisco's Drug Court Public Information video. Narrated by Martin Sheen.	2000
In Search of the American Dream Television pilot. A rollicking journey through the Nevada desert.	
	2000
 Drawbridge Master's Thesis Project video. History of unusual ghost town on San Francisco Bay. DISTRIBUTED BY ENVIRONMENTAL MEDIA CORPORATION, 2001-06 WINNER, MACFARLANE AWARD, CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2003 BAY TV-SAN FRANCISCO BROADCAST ON PROGRAM "BAY WINDOW" 2001 SECOND PLACE, EARTHVISION FILM & VIDEO FESTIVAL, SANTA CRUZ, CA, 1999 THIRD PLACE, DOCUMENTARY, ATAS COLLEGE TELEVISION AWARDS (STUDENT EMMYS), 1999 KTEH -SAN JOSE BROADCAST ON PROGRAM "VIDEO I",1999 FILM ARTS FESTIVAL, SAN FRANCISCO,1998 PUBLIC SCREENING AND DISCUSSION, S.F. BAY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE, 1998 	2000 1998
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Del Mar and the Drought *Informational video*. One town's response to chronic water shortages.

• FINALIST, DOCUMENTARY CATEGORY, WESTERN ACCESS VIDEO EXCELLENCE AWARDS, 1991

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SELECTED FILMOGRAPHY as CREDITED CREW

	Masculine Artifacts Installation Video by Derek Reese Sound Recordist	2021
	Activist Alumni Exhibition video for Chatham University Editor	2019
	Changing the Want Ads Independent Documentary by Pat Ulbrich Editor, Additional Camera • PITTSBURGH SHORTS FILM FESTIVAL, 2019	2019
201	Hard Hatted Women Independent Documentary by Pat Ulbrich Director of Photography, Editor • EXHIBITION VIDEO, RIVERS OF STEEL NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA, INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA	2015-17
2014-	Sustainability Pioneers Web Series by Kirsi Jansa Online Editor	2014-2017
	Jumpstart to Success Training Video for YouthWorks, Inc. Director of Photography	2013
	People + Places Exhibit Video for Carnegie Museum of Art Director of Photography	2013
	LEARN Bus Promotional Video for Whitehall Public Library Producer	2012
201	Life, Cancer, and the Pursuit of Hockey Independent Documentary 2nd Camera and Sound	2010-11
	Portrait of a Campaign Robert Morris Univ. Center for Documentary Production and Study Editor	2005
	Fixation Independent film (premiered at Three Rivers Film Festival) Director of Photography	2003
200	A Hard Straight ITVS-funded independent film Sound Recordist	2002-03
200	Nine Training Videos) Intuit Corp. Editor	2002-03
200	(10+ Local TV B-roll packages) The Asian Art Museum Videography, Editor	2000-03
	Traces of the Trade NEA-funded film by Katrina Browne Sound Recordist	2001
	The Making of "Star Wars: Attack of the Clones" Lucasfilm DVD Sound Recordist on 2 shoots	2001
	Vinculum Symphony NEA-funded project by Beth Custer, Composer Editor	2000
199	(30+ productions) Stanford MediaWorks, Stanford U. Camera, Sound Recordist, Post-prod Ass't	1998-00
1998	Real Sex (segments) Independent producers for HBO P.A., Asst. Sound Recordist	1998, '99
	Rock the Vote (segment) Tracey Trench Prod.'s for MTV Sound Recordist	1998
	Fly Girls Silverlining Productions for The American Experience, PBS P.A.	1998
	Crime & Punishment in America Quest Productions for KCET Post-production Ass't	1996
	San Francisco: The Way It Was Quest Prod's for KQED-TV Research Assistant, P.A.	1995
	Crossroads: A Story of West Oakland Quest Prod's for KQED-TV Research Assistant, P.A.	1995
	A Conversation with Thomas Moore Quest Prod's for KQED-TV P.A.	1995

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Palimpsests: Ghost Signs of Pittsburgh Project Director, Photographic Exhibit	Mar 2014
Life In Mostly Pittsburgh Podcast	2008-2018
People of the Decade Excerpt of essay in Pittsburgh Post-Gazette's "Cutting Edge" section	Jan 2010
Teacher's Guide to "Drawbridge" Environmental Media Corp.	July 2001
"Odd Jobs" Harpers Magazine Submission to Readings section	Aug 2000

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

Founder/Director The Documentary Salon (film society)	2006-present
Panelist MoonDocs Symposium, Robert Morris University	Nov 2023
Selection Panel Heinz Endowments Small Arts Initiative	July 2022
Chapter Manager Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers (SMPTE), Pittsburgh	Apr 2018-2020
Panelist Broadcast Education Association Conference, Las Vegas, NV	Apr 2018
Advisory Board Member Several Independent Documentary Projects	2008-present
Film Festival and Contest Juror various	2005-present
Literacy Tutor Project Read of San Francisco	1999-2000
Media Production Intern Institute for Food and Development Policy, San Francisco	1992-93
Events Committee Project for Youth and Non-Violent Opportunities, San Diego	1990-92

TECHNICAL PROFICIENCIES

□ Basic □□ Intermediate □□□ Advanced

Video Camera Operation (Sony FS5, Canon C100 & DSLR's, Panasonic GH5, Panasonic AF-100) □□□

Digital Photography (various DSLR & mirrorless cameras) 🗆 🗈

Film Camera Operation (various 16mm and Super-8) \square \square

Field Sound Recording

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Multi-Camera Directing & Technical Directing

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Non-Linear Editing, Adobe Premiere Pro

Non-Linear Editing, Final Cut Pro X $\;\square\;\square$

Non-Linear Editing, DaVinci Resolve []

Post-Production Sound Mixing, for video \square

Compression and Web Video Delivery

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Adobe Photoshop

Microsoft Office: Word, Excel, PowerPoint

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Content Management Systems (various)