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RECENT WORK EXPERIENCE

Visiting Lecturer (2021-present), Instructor Univ. of Pittsburgh, Film and Media Studies HELP PLAN AND TEACH INTRODUCTORY UNDERGRADUATE FILMMAKING COURSES.

Fall 2018-present

Independent Producer & Freelancer San Francisco, CA-Pittsburgh SEE FILMOGRAPHIES BELOW FOR PARTIAL LIST OF PRODUCTIONS.

July 1998-present

Visiting Instructor Native Voices International Documentary Workshops, Uganda DESIGNED AND TAUGHT TWO, 3-WEEK DOCUMENTARY COURSES TO REGIONAL ASPIRING FILMMAKERS.

Dec 2017, May 2019

Associate Professor Pittsburgh Filmmakers

Sept 2005-Dec 2018

TAUGHT COURSES IN FILM, VIDEO AND AUDIO PRODUCTION. COORDINATED INTERNSHIPS AND STUDENT WORK OPPORTUNITIES. PRODUCED MARKETING MEDIA FOR THE SCHOOL. COLLABORATED WITH LOCAL COLLEGES IN DEVELOPING CURRICULUM. FOUNDED AND CONDUCTED THE MONTHLY 'DOCUMENTARY SALON', DEVELOPED COURSES IN DOCUMENTARY PRODUCTION AND AUDIO PRODUCTION. CREATED & CONDUCTED THREE RIVERS FILM SYMPOSIA, 2008-12.

Academic Media Center Associate / Adjunct Professor Robert Morris University
TAUGHT TWO CLASSES IN COMMUNICATION DEPT; MANAGED EQUIPMENT ROOM; COORDINATED
COMPLETION OF DOCUMENTARY IN RMU'S CENTER FOR DOCUMENTARY PRODUCTION AND STUDY.

Aug 2004-May 2005

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.

EDUCATION

Stanford University M.A. Communication/Documentary Film & Video

Regional Occupational Program, San Diego Technical TV Production

University of California, Santa Cruz B.A. Psychology

GRANTS and FELLOWSHIPS

The Heinz Endowments Small Arts Initiative recipient for "Cops and Cameras" project

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 Fellowship

2011-14

National Hispanic Scholarship Fund Scholarship

Princess Grace Foundation USA Honorarium for Thesis Project

1997-98

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

1996-97

SELECTED FILMOGRAPHY as PRODUCER/DIRECTOR

Kony 2022 Independent documentary in collaboration with ASA Social Fund for Hidden People	in production
Awards Video Pittsburgh-Italian Scholarship Fund	2021
Explainer Video for Scholarly Research at Univ. of Pittsburgh's School of Public Health • AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION FILM FESTIVAL, 2019	2018
KaramoJokes Documentary filmed in Karamoja region of Uganda	2017
Yes, We're Open Online Commercial for Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation	2015

1996

I note: Dogumentam	
Luck Documentary WQED-TV (PBS) BROADCAST ON "FILMMAKER'S CORNER" PITTSBURGH, PA 2011	
 FILM KITCHEN, PITTSBURGH, PA 2010 DISTRIBUTED ON SERMONSPICE.COM 	
Virgil Cantini: The Artist in Public Documentary	
■ PITTSBURGH CENTER FOR THE ARTS, PITTSBURGH, PA	
 SCREENING WITH LIVE ACCOMPANIMENT, IONSOUND CONCERT 	
Today I Baled Some Hay to Feed the Sheep the Coyotes Eat Documentary JUROR'S CHOICE + AUDIENCE AWARD, SUSQUEHANNA SHORTS FILM FESTIVAL, LEWISBURG, PA 2008 FIRST PLACE, SHORTS COMPETITION, THREE RIVERS FILM FESTIVAL, PITTSBURGH, PA 2008	
Over, and Out Short Film	
 MOUNTAINEER SHORT FILM FESTIVAL, MORGANTOWN, WV 2013 FILMMAKER'S AWARD, PUBLIC DOMAIN PRIVATE DOMINION (EVENT) 2008 	
See Something Different: The 26th Annual Three Rivers Film Festival Festival Trailer	
Consuming Conversation Museum Installation video	
 VIEWER DISCRETION FILM SERIES, PITTSBURGH, NOV 2006 FACULTY SHOW, PITTSBURGH FILMMAKERS, FEBRUARY 2006 	
Earth and Home Educational video	
New Justice: San Francisco's Drug Court Public Information video Narrated by Martin Sheen.	
Drawbridge Masters Thesis Project video	
 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 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 	
Roller Derby: Theatre of Pain Student 16mm film • HAMBURG INTERNATIONAL SHORT FILM FESTIVAL, 1998 • STUTTGART FILMWINTER, 1999	
Dealing With the Truth Student video	
 NOMAD VIDEOFILM FESTIVAL, S.F./PORTLAND/SEATTLE, 2000 	
ECTED FILMOGRAPHY as CREDITED CREW	2015
In Sisterhood Project Oral History of Women's Movement in Pittsburgh Director of Photography	2015
Changing the Want Ads Independent Documentary by Pat Ulbrich Editor, Additional Camera • PITTSBURGH SHORTS FILM FESTIVAL, 2019	
Hard Hatted Women <i>Independent Documentary by Pat Ulbrich</i> Director of Photography, Editor • EXHIBITIONS AT RIVERS OF STEEL NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA AND INDIANA UNIV. OF PENNSYLVANIA	20:
People + Places Exhibit Video for Carnegie Museum of Art Director of Photography	
Portrait of a Campaign Robert Morris Univ. Center for Documentary Production and Study Editor	or
A Hard Straight ITVS-funded independent film Sound Recordist	200
(10+ Local TV B-roll packages) The Asian Art Museum Videography, Editor	200
The Making of "Star Wars: Attack of the Clones" Lucasfilm DVD Sound Recordist on 2 shoo	ts
Vinculum Symphony NEA-funded project by Beth Custer, Composer Editor	
Real Sex (segments) Independent producers for HBO P.A., Asst. Sound Recordist	1998
Rock the Vote (segment) Tracey Trench Prod.'s for MTV Sound Recordist	

Crime & Punishment in America Quest Productions for KCET Post-production Assistant