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Education

University of Michigan, College of Literature, Science, and Arts Ann Arbor, MI
Bachelor of Arts with Honors
Major in Film and Video Studies

Accolades

Michigan EMMY® Awards Winner

Sports – One-time Special (2011)
Children/Youth/Teens Program & Community/Public Service (PSAs) Campaign (2010)
Program Writing & Children/Youth/Teens Program (2009)
Historical/Cultural Program Segment (2006)
Education/Schools Program Segment & Specialty Assignment Report Special (2005)

Michigan EMMY® Awards Nominee

Education/Schools Program Segment (2011)
Program Writing (2010)
Documentary – Topical (2007)
Children/Youth/Teens Program (2005)
Program Writing (2004)

Hopwood Award

Excellence in Screenwriting/Drama

Employment

Writer/Producer/Consultant Rochester, MI
Ivory Tree Media, LLC January 2009-present

- President & sole proprietor of Ivory Tree Media, LLC, offering writing, producing, and consulting services to various broadcast and production organizations throughout Southeast Michigan.

Script Supervisor/Show Producer Southfield, MI
Good Problem Productions, LLC August 2012-present

- Review and revise scripts for all programs in production, develop creative content proposals for new projects and produce broadcast series programs.

Writing for Television I & II Lecturer Ann Arbor, MI
The University of Michigan September 2006-present

- Instruct college students in weekly writing for television classes, including pitching, beat sheets, outlines, spec scripts & pilot specs.

Freelance Writer/Producer Rochester, MI
Southeast Michigan November 2001-December 2008

- Wrote, associate-produced, & produced productions for Detroit Public Television, Metrocom International and HKO Media, Inc., from pre-production through shooting, scriptwriting and edit supervision.

Highlighted Projects

Think Squad: Co-produced and co-wrote this EMMY® Award, MAB Excellence Award and CPB My Source Innovation Award-winning series on WTVS in Detroit highlighting a group of teens who use the scientific method in their own unique way to solve the science mysteries plaguing their peers.

Blue Ice – The Story of Michigan Hockey: Co-produced and co-wrote this EMMY® Award-winning hour-long documentary for the University of Michigan Athletic Department on the history of Michigan Hockey intended for regional Fox Sports Network broadcast and worldwide DVD distribution.

Great Teachers: Produced and wrote this hour-long broadcast documentary as well as an EMMY® Award-nominated web short for WTVS in Detroit about honored teachers making a difference in the

Detroit Public Schools and other districts in Southeast Michigan, including their challenges and successes.

Give A Child A Great Start: Co-produced and co-wrote the production of 42 sixty-second PSAs for an EMMY® Award-winning ongoing broadcast and web campaign involving early learning tips for parents and caregivers on WTVS in Detroit and other PBS stations throughout Michigan.

Celebrating Hopwood – 75 Years of Writing Worth Reading: Produced and wrote this EMMY® Award-winning documentary short for WFUM-TV in Flint and HKO Media on the 75th Anniversary of the Hopwood Awards at the University of Michigan.

Michigan Football Memories: Produced and co-wrote this hour-long, EMMY® Award-nominated documentary for WFUM-TV in Flint and HKO Media on the history of Michigan Football intended for regional PBS broadcast and worldwide DVD distribution.

Production Skills

Scriptwriting (television and film), 16mm filmmaking, Hi-8, Super 8, BETA SP, DVCAM and DVC Pro, linear and non-linear editing, live television studio, pre-interviewing, interviewing, directing, transcription and basic website design.