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## Education

**Hampshire College (2016)**

B.A. in Film and Video Production

**University of Minnesota (2017)**

Graduate level coursework in College of Liberal Arts

## Work

**University of Minnesota (2017)**

I am currently the Video Producer and Academic Technologist for the Department of Psychology. I consult with faculty and graduate students, produce videos, design websites, and manage online courses on Moodle and Canvas.

**Hampshire College Media Alumni Fellow (2017)**

I was the primary resource for faculty and students of all skill levels needing media production assistance. I upgraded advanced media production facilities, designed and constructed a 4K broadcast TV studio with a cyclorama green screen, and operated a 3D printer/scanner. I also led workshops and lectured on color grading and video editing.

**Teaching (2013 - 2017)**

After college, I was hired as a regular guest instructor for a film course at Amherst College. During my undergraduate, I was a Teaching Assistant for three film courses, an assistant instructor for two years at the Creative Media Institute (a summer film program), and created and taught a full semester video course completed by 12 college students.

**Straight Ahead Pictures (2016 - 2017)**

I was head of digital marketing, coded and designed a website, and shot video for a PBS *American Masters* film.

**Journalism (2012 - 2015)**

I worked as a staff writer and photography editor for *The Climax*, a print and web newspaper.

For 2 years I was an on-air host and producer for some of Hampshire College's most popular radio shows.

**San Francisco Frozen Film Festival (2014)**

I was in charge of promotional videos, social media marketing, fundraising, projection, selection, and curation of films.

## Film and Technical

Since 2007, I've designed websites and produced over 100 videos for clients including: PBS, Yale University, Global Fibrosis Foundation, Cambridge University Press, and many more. I am highly skilled in the following roles:

**Cinematographer** DSLR (5DmkIII w/Magic Lantern), Blackmagic, Canon C100, GoPro, 16mm Bolex, Super 8

**Editor, Colorist** Adobe Premiere, After Effects, Photoshop, Final Cut Pro, DaVinci Resolve

**Audio Engineer** 5.1 surround and stereo recording/mixing: ProTools, Audition, Logic

**Web Design, Coding** Python, HTML, CSS, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Arduino, Apple, Google, Microsoft, Squarespace, Wordpress

**Lighting Designer** Designing and drawing lighting plots for film and theatre productions

**Photographer** Digital, 35mm, medium format, and large format

**Archivist** Digitally transferring and preserving archaic media formats

**Live Streaming** Installation and live switching of audio and video streams for television, theatre, and conferences

## Awards and Achievements

**Tom Joslin Grant** - Received funding for my thesis film *Nona* at Hampshire College 2016

**Channel 101** - Director of Photography on *Darkville* (2 episodes), screened at UCB Theatre in New York 2015

**Green Prize** - Awarded for excellence in dramatics at Kingswood Oxford 2012

**Williston-Northampton Film Festival** - Director of a short film selected for the festival 2011