

NANI SAHRA WALKER

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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA: Master of Journalism, ongoing
Boston University, Boston, MA: Bachelor of Arts, cum laude

WORK EXPERIENCE

Project Lead | VIRTUAL REALITY AT BERKELEY | Berkeley, CA. ongoing

- Developing virtual reality treatment prototype in collaboration with the Center for Augmented Cognition and the Graduate School of Journalism
- Leading team of 9 developers, designers, and advisors to develop prototype from concept to development and implementation

Freelance Video Journalist | VARIOUS | Mountain View, CA 2015 - 2016

- Interviewed Seth Shostak of SETI for Huffington Post science series "Talk Nerdy to Me."
- Produced short documentary on youth suicide prevention for mobile news platform AJ+
- Collaborated with AJ+ team of producers and editors for online publication with >100K view

Writer/Associate Producer | CLEAR STREAM MEDIA GROUP | Pasadena, CA. 2013 - 2015

- Wrote scripts for various production shoots
- Managed website and print material production
- Co-produced and edited short online documentary series on boat restoration, Restoring Susanna

Creative Director | DANCING STAR FILMS | Los Angeles, CA. 2008 - 2015

- Directed and produced content including short films, documentaries, promotional material and original content, including international feature documentary Other Nature in association with the San Francisco Film Society and San Francisco Film Commission
- Recruited 300 actors and 3000 extras with a team of 10 casting associates on 10 million dollar feature film (Kathmandu Lullaby, Spain, 2012)
- Wrote short animation script for the City of Los Angeles and managed a team of 25 animators to complete project

Content Strategist/Producer | STANFORD UNIVERSITY | Stanford, CA. 2008 - 2009

- Produced creative content including video features, game highlights, interviews, and promotional material
- Collaborated with media relations, marketing and web communications
- Provided guidance and video strategy and development for Stanford Athletics

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Student Instructor | UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY | Berkeley, CA. 2016.

- Provide support to instructor and students in digital media
- Prepare students with technical aspects of production and post-production

Advanced Media Instructor | AFI COLLEGE | Los Angeles, CA. 2014 - 2015

- Taught media to non-native English speakers
- Collaborated with fellow instructors to design curriculum

Lecturer | UNIVERSITY OF GRANADA | Granada, Spain. 2013

- Led graduate seminar in media – Representation of the Global South
- Collaborated with instructor to design seminar
- Initiated group discussion to encourage analysis of visual and aural materials

WORKSHOPS/PRESENTATIONS

University of California, Berkeley, Virtual and Augmented Reality Application Conference, 2016
Himalayan Film Festival, Presenter and Moderator, 2016
Castilleja High School, C-HUM, Humanities Career Workshop, 2016
British Embassy, Nepal, Other Nature Q&A, 2012
British Film Institute, Other Nature Q&A, 2010

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

Founder | ATHENASARASWATI.ORG | Mountain View, CA. 2015
Cloud Learning Center, a project initiated by athenasaraswati.org provides e-learning in Nepal in the aftermath of the 2015 earthquake. In 2015, athenasaraswati.org secured 100K in initial funding. Partners include Udacity, Extremis Technology and Youth Thinkers Society.

ACCOLADES

South Asian Journalist Association, Graduate Fellowship (2016)

Uma Thurman music video, Best Rock Video, MTV Video Music Awards (2015)

Other Nature documentary Official Selection:

- Asian American International Film Festival, New York (2010)
- Rome Independent Film Festival (2012)
- International Festival of Science Documentary Films (2013)
- Culture Unplugged's Humanity Explored Film Festival (2013)
- British Film Institute, London Lesbian and Gay Film Festival (2010)
- Montreal LGBT Film Festival (2011)
- Brussels LGBT Film Festival (2011)
- Mumbai Queer Film Festival (2011)
- Portland Queer Documentary Film Festival (2010)
- Frameline, San Francisco LGBT Film Festival (2010)
- New York LGBT Film Festival (2010)
- Outfest, Los Angeles LGBT Film Festival (2010)
- Vancouver Queer Film Festival (2010)
- Milwaukee LGBT Film Festival (2010)
- Chicago LGBT International Film Festival (2010)
- Oslo Skeive Filmer Film Festival (2013)

San Francisco Film Society, FilmHouse Residency (2009-2010)

Coming in from the Cold short film Official Selection

- British Film Institute (2009)

TOOLS

DSLR/HD cameras, 360° video, lighting, sound, sound mixing, media management
Adobe Premiere, Photoshop, Illustrator, Unity, Final Cut Pro, Microsoft Office, Figma, Final Draft, GitHub

LANGUAGES

HTML, JavaScript, CSS
Native English, intermediate Spanish, proficient Nepali