

NANI SAHRA WALKER

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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA: Master of Journalism, New Media, *ongoing*
Boston University, Boston, MA: Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy, *with Honors*

WORK EXPERIENCE

Project Lead/User Experience Designer | VIRTUAL REALITY AT BERKELEY | Berkeley, CA. 2016 – ongoing

- Developing virtual reality treatment prototype in collaboration with the Center for Augmented Cognition, UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital and the Graduate School of Journalism.
- Leading team developers, designers, and advisors to develop prototype from concept to development and implementation.

User Experience Designer/ Associate Producer | CLEAR STREAM MEDIA GROUP | Pasadena, CA. 2013 – 2015

- Collaborated with team of programmers and project managers to update company website.
- Designed website for video production, facilitating user-friendly experience.
- Co-produced and edited 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 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. 2017

- Instruct group of 50 undergraduate students in Cognitive Science.
- Lecture 300 students on "Augmented Reality, Virtual Reality and the Power of Storytelling in Behavioral Therapy."

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

- Provided support to instructor and students in digital media.
- Prepared 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, San Francisco, Engineering for Children's Health Symposium, San Francisco, CA (2017)
University of California, Berkeley, Virtual and Augmented Reality Application Conference, Berkeley, CA (2016)
Himalayan Film Festival, Presenter and Moderator, San Francisco, CA, (2016)
Castilleja High School, C-HUM, Humanities Career Workshop, Palo Alto, CA (2016)
British Embassy, *Other Nature* Q&A, Kathmandu, Nepal (2012)
British Film Institute, *Other Nature* Q&A, London, UK (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 and Extremis Technology.

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: 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, InDesign, Unity, Final Cut Pro, Sketch, Figma, GitHub, Microsoft Office

LANGUAGES

HTML, JavaScript, CSS
Native English, intermediate Spanish, proficient Nepali, basic Italian, basic Hindi