

SAM FELDSTEIN

JOURNALIST

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EDUCATION

Chapman University Dodge College of Film and Media Arts

Orange, CA | December 2018

- MFA, Screenwriting, withdrew
- Panelist on the Incoming Student Welcoming Committee
- Teacher's Assistant for Script Analysis

University of Iowa

Iowa City, IA | December 2016

- BA, English and Creative Writing, *cum laude*
- Selected for the Undergraduate Writers' Workshop

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Development Assistant @ Sugar23

November 2022 – December 2023 | Hollywood, CA

- Evaluated manuscripts for a notable Hollywood production company.
- Wrote comprehensive script coverage analyzing adaptation and market potential.
- Offered adaptation recommendations that informed executive decision-making.

Freelance Journalist @ The Big Bend Sentinel

September 2022 – December 2023 | Marfa, TX

- Wrote informative, engaging, accessible articles covering community events and grassroots activism.
- Interviewed community leaders, activists, and local stakeholders to ensure accurate representation.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Bookseller @ Composition Bookshop

April 2025 – Present | Longmont, CO

- Build custom web applications to streamline store processes.
- Maintain extensive knowledge of popular genres, authors, and literary trends.
- Provide tailored guidance and recommendations to customers.

Freelance Web Developer

April 2024 – Present | Boulder, CO

- Build bespoke websites with modern web technologies and frameworks.
- Employ strategic asset caching, component-driven design, and other performance strategies.
- Integrate headless content management systems, allowing independent client updates.

General Manager @ The Sentinel

November 2020 – November 2021 | Marfa, TX

- Led hiring efforts by writing job postings and interviewing candidates.
- Implemented a standardized training program to ensure consistency and efficiency.
- Oversaw inventory, ordering, and vendor relations to ensure seamless operations.

Fundraiser @ Lear Solutions

May 2019 – December 2019 | Santa Ana, CA

- Raised a projected ~\$300,000 in recurring donations for high-impact nonprofits including the ASPCA and Doctors Without Borders.
- Improved donor retention and long-term contributions through persuasive face-to-face engagement.

PUBLICATIONS

Made of Memories

Short Story | *Tales to Terrify* | December 2023

Big Bend Reproductive Coalition Launches Community Needs Assessment

News Article | *The Big Bend Sentinel* | August 2023

Trans-Pecos Festival of Music + Love Doubles as Platform for Advocacy and Outreach

News Article | *The Big Bend Sentinel* | October 2022

VOLUNTEER

Volunteer @ Workaway

April 2024 – September 2024 | Various Locations

Volunteered for various organizations and individuals alongside Workawayers from Hungary, Italy, Spain, and France.

Theater Staff @ The Frida Cinema

March 2019 – March 2020 | Santa Ana, CA

Assisted with theater operations, provided excellent customer service, and occasionally wrote for the blog.

PROJECTS

ReGreen Big Bend

Website | February 2025

Designed and built a custom WordPress site for an environmental restoration project in Far West Texas.

Prairie Rose Arena

Website | May 2024

Built a custom static website for an equestrian event center. Made with Eleventy, Netlify, and Decap CMS.

Like Father, Like Son, Like Movies

Podcast | November 2022 – April 2025

Produced and co-hosted a podcast about movies.

SKILLS

Website copy, journalism, creative works
Interviewing, research, fact-checking
Technical documentation, user guides

Web publishing workflows
Search engine optimization
Typography and formatting

Content management systems
Web design and development
Accessibility best practices