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Work History

2002-Present

Executive Producer And President, MFA Productions LLC

Founded multimedia production company for creating websites, documentaries and narrative films for television and theatrical release. Our first documentary, *Day of the Kamikaze*, was broadcast on Austrian Public Television (ORF) in 2004. Website worldwar2database.com has 700,000 visitors annually viewing 1.75 million pages.

1996-2006

Media Specialist, United Nations International School (UNIS)

Created and designed presentations and publications in Final Cut, PowerPoint, Quark, Adobe CS for inside and outside clients. Designed and installed RG-6 coaxial broadband distribution for 100 nodes. Maintained twenty workstation computer lab, two television studios, electronic field production equipment and print production center. Webcast and videotaped events, including live from the General Assembly of the United Nations. Supported varied and rich performing arts program in UNIS theatre. With students, presented videos annually at the American Museum of the Moving Image and at annual school video festival. Submitted and approved multimedia purchasing budget up to \$25,000 annually. Created and implemented multimedia curriculum for 5-12th grade students. Taught a total of 100 students in 3D animation, web design, video production, and desktop publishing in daily classes. Advise college bound high school students in IB program. Advisor/editor for student and institutional publications.

1995-1996

Freelance Computer Artist, Various

Computer artist in PhotoShop, PowerPoint, Premiere and other applications for Smith Barney, Goldman Sachs, NextWave Productions, NYU Medical Center, others.

1994-1995

Studio Manager/Head Teaching Assistant, NYIT

Managed Ikegami-based 3-camera television studio at Manhattan campus of New York Institute of Technology. Purchased equipment and supplies for television studio, computer labs, film production, and radio production. Taught technical sections of classes. Advised undergraduate and graduate students.

1992-1994

Pediatric Housestaff Manager, NYH-CUMC

Created presentations and provided administrative support for fifty pediatric residents. Computer technical support for 250 employees. Created multimedia database for child abuse division; daily maintenance and updating of complete pediatric patient database.

1991-1992

Freelance Graphic Designer and Administrative Assistant

Graphic design and technical/administrative support for Fortune 500 companies, including News Corporation, Morgan Stanley, NYU Medical Center, others.

Publications and Productions

2002-Present

Producer and Director

Nine Sisters

Documentary miniseries on World War II light carriers (CVLs) for cable television. Discovery Military Channel has a "first look" option upon completion.

1996-2006

Producer

United Nations International School

Producer and advisor for hundreds of student videos, event DVDs, and print publications with circulation in the thousands.

2005

Assistant Talent Coordinator

National Public Radio Segment on the Pacific War

Assisted Producer of segment on 60th Anniversary of end of World War II with arranging interviews with American Pacific War veterans.

2004

Producer, Writer and Director

Day of the Kamikaze

One-hour documentary on teens meeting US Navy veteran survivors of Japanese suicide attacks. Videotaped on board the Intrepid Sea•Air•Space Museum. Aired on ORF Austrian Public Television on November 26, 2004.

2004

Technical Consultant

Ivan & Alexis: The Story of Teen Parents

Educational DVD developed for SUNY Buffalo State College's Center for the Application of Drama to Education and Technology (CADET). Won the Promising Inventor Category in the Excellence for the Greater Good Awards from SUNY Research Foundation.

2002 *Graphic Designer* *People for the American Way*
Designed and printed 4-color book of essays on the George W. Bush Administration and personal freedom. Contained essays and illustrations by Garry Trudeau, Tom Toles, Judy Blume, Maya Angelou, others,

2000 *Author* *World War II Multimedia Database*
Website with over 130 essays, 1,850 annotated photos and 100 video clips on the Second World War. Visited by 700,000 people in 2006.

1994-1999 *Producer, Director and Editor* *Community Church of New York*
Show runner for public access television show, a weekly 30-minute religious program that appeared on Manhattan Neighborhood Network (MNN).

1998 *Graphic Designer* *Friends of Charles Schumer*
Designed stationery for daily use by campaign staff. Also created first campaign website.

1997 *Graphic Designer* *Friends of Ruth Messenger*
Communications consultant for New York City Democratic Mayoral campaign. Designed campaign platform brochure in both print and web versions, compiled database of video appearances. Videotaped speeches. Designed campaign stationery for daily use.

1995 *Director* *NOW Campaign Against Domestic Violence*
Director, editor and designer of television and print campaign for Washington DC march against domestic violence. Appeared on NY1 cable and in Village Voice and Albany newspapers. Created print materials for NOW Youth leadership conference.

1993 *Assistant Talent Coordinator* *1992 Presidential Campaign Roundtable. Ch. 12/Long Island*
Assisted Producer and Talent Coordinator with arranging appearance of NY Times reporters, local politicians, and policy wonks for a roundtable discussion of the 1992 Clinton victory.

Online Portfolio

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| <i>United Nations International School</i> | http://www.varsityworld.com/schools/index.asp?id=46250 |
| String Festival Posters | http://unis.org/News%5C05-06/stringfestival2006/stringfestival2006A.html |
| <i>UNIS Alumni News</i> | http://www.mfaproductions.com/alumni/ |
| <i>World War II Multimedia Database</i> | http://www.worldwar2database.com/ |
| <i>Nine Sisters</i> | http://www.ninesisters.com/ |
| <i>Day of the Kamikaze</i> | http://www.dayofthekamikaze.com/ |

Education and Certification

Bachelor of Arts in History, Fordham University 3.89 GPA, May 2001, summa cum laude
Blonder Tongue Certificate in Broadband Distribution, March 2003
Introduction to Alias Maya, School of Visual Arts, Fall 2003

Awards and Honors

21 Individual awards as producer, Cannes for Kids Film Festival, Toronto, Canada; 1996-2000
Producer, *What Kind of Question Is That?* - Finalist for "Best POV Documentary" in the 4th Annual Varsity World TV "Golden V" Festival, 2004
Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Society
Alpha Sigma Lambda Adult Student Honors Society

Computer Operating Systems and Applications

Mac OS X, OS 9; Windows NT/2000/XP; Microsoft Office; Adobe Acrobat Pro, Photoshop, Premiere, InDesign, ImageReady, Illustrator; Macromedia Flash, Dreamweaver; Apple iLife, Final Cut Pro, DVD Studio Pro; Equilibrium Debabelizer; Alias Maya; Discreet Cleaner; Roxio Toast, Inspiration; more

Production Company Website

MFA Productions <http://www.mfaproductions.com/>