

Curriculum Vitae
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DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY

Feature Documentaries

Change Agents, The Spy Behind Home Plate, A Gray State, The Hunting Ground, Countdown to Zero, Rosenwald, Fahrenheit 9/11, Eyes on the Prize (Academy Award nomination), **Life & Times of Hank Greenburg, American Standoff, Promises to Keep** (Academy Award nomination), **Chasing Trane.**

Television

2020 Transit (Moxie Firecracker) Rory Kennedy takes a look at the Boeing 737 and why it crashed twice after it had been approved as safe.

2020 Civil War (Six West Media) The role of African Americans who fought in the civil war, and the legacies they left behind.

2020 I Got It Bad (Seven Tones project) A short film using Duke Ellington's classic song to illustrate love in the time of Covid.

2020 This World (BBC) Part of a long-running magazine show for BBC television.

2020 WGBH/NOVA An episode of NOVA about the use of CRISPR, gene-editing software, and how it's used to solve cold cases for the police.

2020 THE DACA KIDS (Maureen Morris) Interviews and verité footage of the children – many now adults – who were allowed to stay in the US through a Supreme Court decision.

2020 EDITH WILSON (Lone Wolf Media) Woodrow Wilson suffered a stroke while in office. His wife Edith essentially ran the White House during his convalescence.

2019 The Nature Conservancy (Camera One Productions) A history of the Nature Conservancy, its beginnings, and its goals for the future.

2019 Malcolm X (Ark Media) A multi-episode program for PBS about the life and death of the civil rights leader. (in progress)

2019 Hacked (Teale productions) Produced for HBO, a look at how easy it is to hack an election, and how electronic ballot machines are a truly bad idea.

2019 A State of Pride (Portal Films) A project about gay pride in America, filming pride marches and a live concert at the foot of the US Capitol.

2018 Kent State (Djerassi Films) A film about the National Guard killing four college students in Ohio, with never-before-seen footage. (in progress)

2018 NPAA (720 Strategies) A 30 second ad for the Nurse Practitioners Association of America, to raise awareness of this alternative form of care.

2018 Eugene McCarthy (MBY Productions) A biographical film about the life of Senator McCarthy.

2018 River Kwai (Windfall Films) A look inside the United Nations and their response to allegations of rape by UN employees in the third world.

2018 March for Our Lives (DML) Filming survivors of the Parkland massacre as they march on Washington, DC to advocate for sensible gun laws.

2017 North Korea's Deadly Dictator (BBC/WGBH) This Frontline/BBC co-production asks if Kim Jong Un is a madman as some say, or a ruthless leader who wants to control South Korea?

2017 Gerrymandered (Ark Media) How computers have "improved" the ability to gerrymander a district so precisely that the opposition has virtually no chance of getting elected.

2017 Moe Berg (Ciesla Foundation) This enigmatic major league baseball player spoke several languages and worked as spy for the OSS during World War II.

2017 Hope and Fury (Ark Media) Produced for NBC prime-time, interviews with journalists who risked their lives to cover the civil rights movement in the South.

2016 NASA 60th Anniversary (Moxie Firecracker) A film celebrating NASA, its groundbreaking work on climate change, and its impact on space exploration (in progress).

2016 On Diary (Economist Films) Profile of a Christian woman at a crossroads as to who to vote for in the 2016 presidential election.

2016 A Gray State (Creative Differences) A dark journey into the mind of a war veteran who commits a terrible crime. *Premiers at the Tribeca Film Festival, 4/22/17*

2016 Hilary Clinton (76 Words) An ad promoting the candidacy of Hilary Clinton for president of the US.

2016 Chasing Trane (Crew Neck Films) A profile of jazz legend John Coltrane, with interviews of the people who knew him best.

2016 Bernie Sanders (Devine Mulvey Longabaugh) An ad promoting the candidacy of Bernie Sanders for president of the US.

2015 The Hunting Ground (Chain Camera) In 1988, a woman was raped on campus when there was no way for survivors to connect with each other. She returns for the first time to the place where she was so very alone. And where her life's trajectory was forever altered.

2015 Rosenwald (Ciesla Foundation) How Julius Rosenwald created schools for impoverished African American children in the southern United States.

2015 Last Days of the Nazis (History Channel) A six-hour special that combines archive footage, interviews with experts, and actors with dialogue from the transcripts of the trials at Nuremberg.

2015 NOVA: Nazi Attack (WGBH) Imagine your father, a US Navy Commander, sinks a German U-boat, then gets reprimanded by the Navy! Decades later the truth comes out.

2014 9/11: The Final Hours (National Geographic) A 90-minute look at the day before the attack on New York, and the changes it wrought.

2014 The Story of Food (National Geographic) A six-hour special about meat, bread, beer, fast food, junk food, and of course, SPAM.

2014 Dick Cavette's Watergate (Crew Neck Productions) A look back with interviews from principals like Bob Woodward.

2014 Meet Vera Stark (Everyman Theater) A play about Hollywood in the 1930's that required a black and white film shot the style of that time.

2013 Cold Case: JFK (WGBH) A NOVA program that looks at the forensics and eye witness testimony surrounding the assassination of John F Kennedy.

2013 Playing for Life (Jüdische Kulturbund Project) A documentary about the Jewish Kulturbund, a Nazi plan to "encourage" musicians, while actually rounding them up for extermination.

2013 Mayors Against Illegal Guns (Devine Mulvey) A series of ads depicting the victims and families of gun violence, and a common-sense appeal from police for background checks.

2013 Raw to Ready (PBS) A four-part series for Public Television about recent innovations in manufacturing in the United States.

2012 The Butler (Lee Daniels) Filming background plates and second unit cinematography for this feature film about a butler in the White House.

2012 Mind/Game (Kovno Communications) A documentary about basketball superstar Chamique Holdsclaw, her triumph over mental illness, and a message of hope for others.

2012 The Rosenwald Schools (Ciesla Foundation) Philanthropist Julius Rosenwald joins with Booker T. Washington to build 5,500 schools for African-American youth. (in progress)

2012 Stargazing Live (BBC) Filming the arrival of space mirrors at NASA, and interviewing the

scientists working on the new James Webb space telescope.

2011 Earth Overhaul (National Geographic) How to prevent global warming from changing the climate of our planet.

2011 Dinosaur Revolution (Discovery Channel) Utilizes computer-generated imagery to portray dinosaurs and other animals from the Mesozoic era.

2011 Putin, Russia, and the West (Brook Lapping Productions) Looks at Vladimir Putin, after eight years as President of Russia and four more as Prime Minister.

2011 Finding Your Roots (Kunhardt Productions) Examines the histories and family genealogies of a number of well-known personalities, with Professor Louis Gates.

2010 Countdown to Zero (Lawrence Bender Productions) A film about the world's supply of nuclear weapons, and the steps we must take to eliminate them.

2008 The Wire (HBO) Camera operator and BTS DP on this ground-breaking series.

2004 Fahrenheit 9/11 (Westside Productions) Shooting in High Definition for Michael Moore's film about the Bush administration and war profiteering in Iraq.

2002 American Standoff (Cabin Creek Films) Documentary produced by Barbara Koppel for HBO about James Hoffa Jr and his new administration. *Sundance 2002 Feature Documentary Competition*

2001 Korean War Stories (New Voyage Communications) Walter Cronkite narrates this history of the Korean War, as told by the American veterans who fought there. *2002 Emmy*

2000 Tesla: Master of Lightning (New Voyage Communications) Explores the life and accomplishments of this inventor. *2000 Emmy*

1998 The Life and Times of Hank Greenberg (Ciesla Foundation) A young Jewish baseball player challenges Babe Ruth's homerun record and becomes an American hero.

1994 The Holocaust: In Memory of Millions (Cronkite Ward) A documentary for Discovery about the Holocaust, its victims, and survivors, hosted by Walter Cronkite. *1994 Emmy*

1988 Promises to Keep (Durrin Films) Mitch Snyder's hunger fast and the CCNV's attempts to help the homeless in Washington. *1988 Academy Award Nomination, Best Feature Documentary.*

1987 & 1990 Eyes on the Prize Series I & II (Blackside, Inc.) A six-part series on America's history of civil rights, distributed by WGBH. *1987 Academy Award Nomination, Best Feature Documentary* for Series I.

DIRECTOR / DP

2019 Incredible Medicine (BBC) A film about a young woman who, as a child, suffered from Rasmussen's Syndrome, and was cured by a hemispherectomy and the use of a split treadmill.

2018 If You Don't Vote, Don't Complain" (Strother/Nuckles) A get-out-the-vote spot for the United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters. (Producer/DP)

2018 TEXAS A&M Recruitment videos for the University's Data Analytics website, and how live online learning is a real plus for working professionals who want a graduate degree.

2017 Love Songs from the Liberation Wars (Labor Heritage Foundation) A jazz opera written about the 1943 tobacco workers strike in Winston-Salem, in which white and black workers crossed the racial line to make management give them a better contract.

2016 AirBnB (Strother/Nuckles Agency) A series of commercials about the people who use AirBnB, and how it benefits themselves as well as their guests.

2014 Playtime Project (Homeless Children's Playtime Project) Working with young children for a fund-raiser for to build a playground at a homeless shelter.

2013 Music for the Soul (Public Broadcasting) Looking at music therapy, and its effect on Alzheimer's patients at the Institute for Music and Neurologic Function in New York. **2013 Emmy nomination.**

2013 Call for Volunteers (United States Pharmacopeia) A recruitment video to interest international scientists in volunteer panel work in regulating pharmaceuticals internationally.

2013 Fast Brache (Johns Hopkins Medical Institute) A video that promotes a new brachytherapy cancer treatment from Johns Hopkins Hospital.

1994 – 2018 Political Ads (Various Agencies) Responsible for hundreds of political ads for various candidates across the United States.

1996 - 2003 The New Detectives, The Prosecutors, The FBI Files (New Dominion Pictures) Reality-based crime shows for Discovery Channel about real cops and real cases.

1994 Star-Spangled Banner (National Geographic Television) A look at the history of our nation's flag, flag-burning, and why the flag means so many different things to so many people.

1993 See What I'm Saying (Southpaw Productions) A documentary that shows how learning to communicate changes the lives of deaf children and their families. **1993 Emmy Award**

EDUCATION

1979 **M.F.A.** Film & Television Production. University of Southern California

1974-1978 **B.A.** in Film & Television Production. University of Southern California

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

STEAL THE SHOW. New York: St Martin's Press, 2011. Print.

DRINK THE TEA. New York: St Martin's Press, 2010. Print.

Magazines:

"Use Movement and Gesture in Your Fiction." *The Writer Magazine* June, 2011: 28-29. Print.

"It All Adds Up." *Ellery Queen's Mystery Magazine* March/April, 2010: 159-164. Print.

"The Worm Turns." *American Cinematographer Magazine* January, 1998: 16-20. Print.

TEACHER

American University, School of Communications:

8/28/13 – 5/3/14 Adjunct Professor, Film & Television Production

9/2/16 Class lecture and lighting workshop

9/9/15 Class lecture and lighting workshop

2/23/15 Class lecture and lighting workshop

5/20/13 Class lecture and lighting workshop

Docs in Progress, Silver Spring, MD

3/21-22/2009 Cinematography Weekend Workshop, lectures and demonstrations

Stevenson University, Stevenson, MD:

11/20/2007 Guest lecturer on film genres and discussion

USC School of Cinematic Arts, Los Angeles, CA

9/15/1992 Guest lecturer on documentary production and discussion,

Memberships & Affiliations

IATSE 600 International Cinematographers Guild

Women in Film and Video

Mystery Writers of America

International Thriller Writers

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IMDB link: <http://goo.gl/wQOjjZ>