

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Master of Fine Arts—Creative Writing / GPA 4.0 / Valedictorian*

Full Sail University

Winter Park, Florida, United States

09.03.2021

Bachelor of Arts—Communication Arts, Multi-Media

Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio, United States

Senior Thesis: “The Marvel Cinematic Universe of Values: American and Catholic”

12.15.2019

AVID Media Composer - Specialist Certification

Issued July 2022

AVID Media Composer - Instructor Certification – In Progress

Estimated Completion Date: Fall 2023

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Professor of Communications

Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2023

Franciscan University of Steubenville

- Teach, advise, and manage undergraduate students in the Communication Arts department.

Academic Advisor (2023-24 Academic Year)

Franciscan University of Steubenville

Blackboard Assistant and Video Editor

Spring 2020—Present

For Dr. Kevin J. Harris, Professor, Franciscan University of Steubenville

- Production manager, video editor, and tech support in the creation of the online aspects of his sophomore, junior, and senior-level nursing courses.

The Fourth Cup Book Promotion—Camera Operator

2018 (p/t summer)

Steubenville, Ohio

- Camera Operator for an annual promotional piece presented by Dr. Scott Hahn on the release of his book *The Fourth Cup*.

Catechetical Institute—Floor Director/Camera Operator

2017—2018 (p/t summers)

Steubenville, Ohio

- Floor Director and Camera Operator for multiple productions of the Catechetical Institute's Learning Sessions.

Presents TV Series—Camera Operator

2016—2019 (p/t)

Steubenville, Ohio

- Camera operator for multiple productions of Franciscan University Presents, an internationally broadcasted TV series on EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network). Additional roles included hair and make-up, and floor director.

TV Studio/Mac Computer Lab Assistant

2016—2019 (p/t)

Communication Arts Department

Franciscan University of Steubenville

- Variety of roles, including aiding and supporting students with creative academic projects, troubleshooting, and general lab upkeep.

Sand Sculpting Instructor

2010—2022 (p/t summers)

Rhein Center, Lakeside Chautauqua

Lakeside, Ohio, United States

- Professional-level teaching experience with students ages six through sixty-five.

Steubenville Conference Office—Staff

2012—2016 (seasonal)

Steubenville, Ohio

- Variety of roles, including logistics, support security, transportation, and hospitality for the international conference seasons of 2012—2016.

Max Painting—Painter

2018—2021

Richmond, Ohio

- Contract Painter at Max Painting, a third-generation contract painting business. Worked on multiple interior and exterior painting and staining projects, including residential, commercial, and churches.

Director of Video Production & Communications—Sandmen USA

August 2020—Present

Richmond, Ohio

- Variety of production roles, including videography and video editing, screenwriting, lighting and set design, social media management, audio recording and mixing, wood carving, and conceptual design.

PRESENT JOB RESPONSIBILITIES

Visiting Assistant Professor of Communications
Franciscan University of Steubenville

Courses Taught:

COM 254: Radio/Television Scriptwriting
Spring 2022 – On-Ground

COM 121: Introduction to Mass Media
Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023
(On-Ground and Online)

COM 343: Video Editing
Spring 2023 and 2024 – On-Ground

COM 443: Telecommunications Management
Spring 2023 and 2024 – On-Ground

COM 342: Video Production I
Fall 2023 – On-Ground

COM 441: Video Production II
Spring 2024 – On-Ground

Digital Video Lab and Multimedia Classroom Supervisor

- Studio and control room engineer-related duties. Includes lab upkeep and student supervision.

Academic Advisor (2023-24 Academic Year)
Franciscan University of Steubenville

Blackboard Assistant and Video Editor

For Dr. Kevin J. Harris, Professor, Franciscan University of Steubenville

- Lighting and camera work
- Audio recording and Mixing
- Video editing
- Digital upload and distribution
- Facilitate online testing
- Tech Support
- Create—write, film, and demonstrate—tutorials for students on how to construct and post their videos of course seminars and head-to-toe physical assessments

Director of Video Production & Communications

Sandmen USA— a small business launched August 2020

Richmond, Ohio, United States

- Videographer and video editor

- Screenwriter and visual production lead
- Lighting and set design
- Social media manager
- Audio recording and mixing
- Woodcarver and conceptual artist

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS:

Teaching

- Proficient in public speaking
- Classroom management
- Establish a safe, comfortable, learning environment
- Explain complex concepts in easily understandable terms
- Time management and multitasking
- Convey the beauty, significance, and truth of concepts in an enjoyable manner
- Utilize education for the purpose of inspiration to achieve higher goods
- Facilitate student self-donation by encouraging student participation
- Foster a sense of team comradery through group effort
- Expose students to the joy of learning
- Ability to convey a profound concept with a healthy dose of humor

Media

- Advanced Production-Focused Script Writing—Spec Scripts, Audio/Visual scripts, Writing for Games, & Shooting scripts.
- Video Editing—AVID, Premiere Pro, Final Cut, Movie Maker, and iMovie.
- Studio Lighting and Gaff work
- Audio Capturing and Mixing—Audition and Audacity
- Practiced Knowledge in the Creative Cloud Suite (Photoshop, Premiere Pro, Animate, Illustrator, InDesign, Audition, After Effects, and basic Dreamweaver HTML coding)
- Applicable Problem solving & troubleshooting abilities on various programs including: Blackboard Learning, Canvas, Office 365, Adobe Suite, and Google Suite.
- Social Media Management & Marketing—Facebook, YouTube, TikTok, Twitter, and Instagram.
- Additional Programs: AVID, Audacity, Inkrate Word Builder, Twine, and Final Draft.
- Camera Operation: Studio/DSLR/Professional Camcorder

Craftsmanship

- Studio Set Design & Construction
- Blueprint assembly
- Basic Electrical wiring
- Professional Painting
- Basic Plumbing.
- Woodworking
- Forest Logging and Processing
- Tractor Operator
- Advanced power tools

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- September 2021 Full Sail University Valedictorian, MFA Creating Writing
- August 2021 Full Sail University Course Director's Award—*The Business of Creative Writing*
- February 2021 Full Sail University Course Director's Award—*Script Analysis and Criticism*
- September 2020 Full Sail University Course Director's Award—*Creative Writing Portfolio I*

ORGANIZATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- International Screenwriters Association
 - Creative Writing Club—Full Sail University
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Graduate Program*

Full Sail University

Winter Park, Florida, United States

- MFA in Creative Writing, focus on writing for production
- Courses: *Mastery: Personal Development & Leadership, The Art of Visual Storytelling, Character Creation & Development, Script Analysis & Criticism, Episodic & Serial Writing, Creative Writing Portfolio I, Writing for Film & Animation, Writing for Games, Multimedia Adaptation, Advanced Visual Storytelling, Creative Writing Portfolio II, The Business of Creative Writing*