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EXPERIENCE

Animator, Documentary Film Lab. New Brunswick, NJ.

Jan 2025 – Present

Mentored by Animation Professor Shane Whilden, in partnership with the Rutgers Philosophy Department, animated cells based on Philosophical theory using Adobe Animate and Tahoma 2D – manipulating imagery with Blender.

Assistant Camera/Assistant Editor, Documentary Film Lab. New Brunswick, NJ.

Sep 2024 – Dec 2024

Mentored by Academy Award Winning documentarian Thomas Lennon; edited scenes for feature-length documentaries with Premiere Pro, managing and transcribing over 300 gigabytes of footage. Had work reviewed by professional documentary directors; assisted video journalist/documentarian Nathan Kensinger for the New York environmental publication, The Gothamist. Shot in Staten Island.

Assistant Camera/Gaffer/Video Editor, Rutgers Uni./Cerberus Video. Los Angeles, CA.

Jun 2024 – Oct 2024

Worked with directors Kyle Bahl and Shawn Snyder for on-set work as Assistant Camera and Gaffer, using ARRI lights and Blackmagic 4K cages. Edited engaging concert videos, music videos, and documentaries for bands like Tyler Ballgame for an independent production company based in Los Angeles. Used Premiere Pro, Photoshop, and After Effects, editing/managing over 900 gigabytes of footage. Created overlays/motion graphics.

Video Desk Contributor/Inside Beat Writer. New Brunswick, NJ

Oct 2023 – Present

Pitched, shot, directed, edited, and spearheaded “Artists of RU,” a short documentary series about Rutgers New Brunswick community creatives, garnering over 10,000 views and becoming one of the most popular series from the Daily Targum. Directed and worked with Head Video Desk Editors and Graphic Designers at Targum; wrote for Inside Beat, interviewing filmmakers Shaun Seneviratne, Marjorie Conrad, and Carl Weingarten.

Photographer/Videographer, Rutgers Student Affairs. New Brunswick, NJ

Oct 2023 – Present

Photographed events involving Rutgers administration and used DSLR Canon cameras, Adobe Lightroom, and Photoshop to adjust images. The Chancellor of Rutgers University shared photos. Curated over 10,000 images with an audience of over 40,000 Rutgers students.

Storytelling Mentor, FAME/Rutgers SEBS. New Brunswick, NJ

Mar 2024 – Jun 2024

Assisted 12 high schoolers in learning science by filming and editing short documentaries with an Emmy-winning Documentary Filmmaker, Dena Seidel. USDA Grant Funded Program, with final films showcased in Highland Park High School and at the national conference Planet Forward in Washington D.C.; filmed Dena Seidel presenting the projects at the conference. Used Premiere Pro and Sony Mirrorless Cameras.

EDUCATION

Rutgers University, Sept. 2023 – Present

Bachelor of Fine Arts: Filmmaking. New Brunswick, NJ • Note: Mason Gross School of the Arts, School of Arts and Sciences, Honors College, Dean’s List. GPA: 3.9 unweighted.

TECHNICAL SKILLS/AWARDS

Adobe Certified Associate in Premiere Pro, After Effects, Photoshop, & Animate. Used Final Cut Pro, Motion 5, Garageband, Logic, DaVinci Resolve, Sony broadcast/mirrorless cameras, and Canon mirrorless cameras. Color Graded Canon Clog3, Blackmagic RAW, Sony Slog.

Won the New Jersey Thespian Short Film Festival, moved to nationals, and screened in Indiana twice (2023). Won the BCIT Living Arts Film Festival by audience poll in two different categories (2023). Nominated in the New Jersey International Film Festival for Best Short Documentary. Finalist for the Teen Arts Festival in Rowan College at Burlington County (2022). Nominated in the Rowan Uni. RTF Media Festival (2022).