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education

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## **M.A., Film Studies ~ May 2007**

San Francisco State University

## **B.A., Cinema ~ June 2004**

San Francisco State University

## **A.A., Film & Television Production ~ August 2000**

Solano College

teaching and professional experience

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### **~ Film & Media Studies Assistant Professor ~**

COSUMNES RIVER COLLEGE | Sacramento, CA | Fall 2019 to Present

**Introduction to Film Studies.** An introduction to the language of film, and to the study of cinema as a cultural artifact.

**Film History.** Course examines the evolution of film from its origin at the turn of the century, to the contemporary postmodern era.

**Film Genres ~ The Horror Film.** An in-depth examination of the popular horror film through an analysis of its historical evolution, major theories, aesthetics and conventions, and the impact of its role as a reflection of culture and society.

**Basic Screenwriting.** Introductory course on the art and craft of screenwriting for film and television, with a focus on developing the creative writing skills necessary to write an original screenplay or teleplay.

### **~ Adjunct Instructor ~**

SANTA ROSA JUNIOR COLLEGE | Santa Rosa & Petaluma, CA | Spring 2012 to Spring 2019

**Introduction to Mass Communication.** A critical survey of the history, structure, and function of the mass media.

**Film Appreciation.** An introduction to the language of film, and to the study of cinema as a cultural artifact.

**Early Film History.** Course examines the evolution of film from its origin at the turn of the century, to its early development as a social force by the 1940s.

**Modern Film History.** Course examines the evolution of cinema around the world from the postwar era of the 1950's, to the contemporary postmodern era.

**Digital Filmmaking.** An intensive introduction to the fundamentals of digital filmmaking, including writing and structuring a story concept, developing a shooting script, basic camera and lighting techniques, editing, and post-production processes.

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NAPA VALLEY COLLEGE | Napa, CA | Fall 2008 to Present

**Culture and Gender in Film.** An introduction to contemporary theories of American culture, through the lens of the popular medium of film.

**Film Genres ~ The Horror Film.** An in-depth examination of the popular horror film through an analysis of its historical evolution, major theories, aesthetics and conventions, and the impact of its role as a reflection of culture and society.

**Film History I.** Course examines the evolution of film from its origin at the turn of the century, to its early development as a social force by the 1940s.

**Film History II.** Course examines the evolution of cinema around the world from the postwar era of the 1950's, to the contemporary postmodern era.

**World Cinema.** A survey of the historical, social, and artistic development of cinema around the globe, introducing a range of international films, movements, and traditions.

**Director's Cinema: Quentin Tarantino.** A critical examination of the cinema of Quentin Tarantino, and his impact on postmodern American culture.

SOLANO COLLEGE | Fairfield, CA | Spring 2011 to Fall 2018

**Introduction to Cinema Studies.** An introduction to the language of film, and to the study of cinema as a cultural artifact.

**American Cultures in Film.** An introduction to contemporary theories of American culture, through the lens of the popular medium of film.

**Survey of Broadcasting.** Introductory course on the social, historical, and technical functions of the medium of broadcasting.

**Introduction to Mass Communication.** A critical survey of the history, structure, and function of the mass media.

COLLEGE OF MARIN | Kentfield, CA | Fall 2010 to Spring 2019

**Introduction to Mass Communication.** A critical survey of the history, structure, and function of the mass media.

**Images of Race, Gender, & Class in the Media.** A critical examination of the role of the media in enabling, facilitating, or challenging various social constructions including race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, and disability.

**Introduction to Filmmaking.** An introduction to the fundamentals of film and video production, including writing and structuring a story concept, developing a shooting script, basic camera and lighting techniques, editing, and post-production processes.

EVERGREEN VALLEY COLLEGE | San Jose, CA | Fall 2008 to Spring 2016

**Introduction to Film.** An introduction to the language of film, and to the study of cinema as a cultural artifact. Close attention is paid to film as a narrative art form, its aesthetic principles, production techniques, and various styles and genres.

COLLEGE OF THE SISKIYOU | Weed, CA | Spring 2008 to Fall 2012

**Screenwriting for Film and Television.** Introductory course on the art and craft of screenwriting for film and television, with a focus on developing the creative writing skills necessary to write an original screenplay or teleplay.

**Advanced Screenwriting for Film and Television.** Advanced level course on the art and craft of screenwriting for film and television. Specific attention will be paid to the study of narrative, genre conventions, and the creation of well-written characters.

~ Publications ~

"A Violation of Balance: Foreignness in Post-9/11 Horror Films." Jura Gentium Cinema, Dossier: Horror Politics, November 2009.

"Oral History as Political Resistance: *Posse* and *Once Upon a Time in Mexico*." Forum: The University of Edinburgh Postgraduate Journal of Culture and the Arts. Issue No. 9 – Voice/s, Nov. 2009.

"The Monstrous Masculine: Abjection and Todd Solondz's *Happiness*." Wide Screen Journal, Vol. 1, No. 1 (2009).

~ Presentations ~

Curated Poster Exhibit. Oversee the Napa Valley Cinema Club poster project celebrating the theme "My Favorite Movie." The exhibit showcased the theatrical posters of films selected by the students of the NVCC, each accompanied by a personal statement that addresses why the film is significant.

"We Are All Living in Each Other's Paranoia: Fragmented Continuity In Sam Esmail's *Mr. Robot*." SWPCA Conference - Albuquerque, February, 2018.

"...And She Died Happily Ever After: Fantasy and the Real In *El laberinto del fauno*." The Real and the Intermedial: International Film and Media Conference in Transylvania. October, 2015. Keynote speakers: Laura Mulvey, Lúcia Nagib, and Jürgen E. Müller.

"They Have No Reason to Notice A Man Like Me: Foreignness in Steven Spielberg's *The Terminal*." Ray Brown Conference on Popular Culture. February, 2013.

"Oral History as Political Resistance: *Posse* and *Once Upon a Time in Mexico*." Northeast Popular Culture/American Culture Association Annual Conference. October 2008.

"The Monstrous Masculine: Abjection and Todd Solondz's *Happiness*." "Kidding Around: The Child in Film and Media," The University of the District of Columbia Film Conference. September 2008.

"A Violation of Balance: Post 9/11 America and *Constantine*." Presenter and panel chair, Annual Conference of the National Association of Popular Culture. March, 2008.

"Representations of Abjection in *Palindromes & Happiness*." Annual Conference of the Southwest/Texas Association of Popular Culture. April, 2007.

~ Current Projects ~

"You are Trespassing In My House: Taming the male gaze in Jennifer Kent's *The Babadook*." Paper examines representations of the semiotic in *The Babadook* as a strategy to subvert the function of the male gaze.

"Semiotic Cinema." Book-length project that examines the subversive potential of representations of Julia Kristeva's *semiotic* in musical films.

~ Production Credits ~

Writer/Director, *Amaia, In Beta*. Dramatic short. Digital Video. (Currently in post-production)

Producer/Editor, *Some People Are Spaceships*. Music Video (6:03), Digital Video.

Producer/Camera, *Jhina Alvarado*. Artist Promotional Video (3:20), Digital Video.

Writer/Director/Editor, *First Step*. Solano College PSA (60 sec.), Digital Video.

~ Curriculum Review and Development ~

SOLANO COLLEGE | Fairfield, CA | Spring 2016

Reviewed the curriculum, learning outcomes, and course of study for the **Film & Television Studies A.A. Degree Program**. Ensured compliance with the Transfer Model Curriculum for Film, Television, and Electronic Media.

Revised the course descriptions, materials, methods of evaluation, and student learning outcomes for **CINA 10: The Art of Cinema**, **CINA 11: American Cultures in Film**, **CINA 15: Film Production**, **CINA 16: Advanced Film Production**, **TV 50: Survey of Broadcasting**, **TV 55: Television Production**, **TV 56: Advanced Television Production**, and **TV 60: TV & Film Writing**.

NAPA VALLEY COLLEGE | Napa, CA | Spring 2010

Developed the curriculum, learning outcomes, and course of study for a **Film Studies A.A. Degree Program**.

Developed the course descriptions, materials, methods of evaluation, and student learning outcomes for **FILM 105: Film History I**, **FILM 106: Film History II**, **FILM 115: World Cinema**, **FILM 120: The Horror Film**, **FILM 125A: Film Noir**, **FILM 125B: The Western**, and **FILM 125C: Film Drama**.

Revised and updated the course descriptions, materials, methods of evaluation, and student learning outcomes for **FILM 110: Culture & Gender in Film**, **FILM 100: Survey & Appreciation of Film**, **FILM 121: Film Comedy**, and **FILM 117: Director's Cinema**.

~ College Committees ~

SOLANO COLLEGE | Fairfield, CA | Spring 2014

Served on the **Dean of Liberal Arts Hiring Committee**.

COLLEGE OF MARIN | Kentfield, CA | Fall 2012

Member of the **Communication Department Review Committee**.

SOLANO COLLEGE | Fairfield, CA | Spring 2012

Participated in writing the interview questionnaire for the **Adjunct Film Instructor Hiring Committee**.

SOLANO COLLEGE | Fairfield, CA | Spring 2012

Member of the **Radio/Film/Television Expansion Committee**.

~ Professional Activities ~

NAPA VALLEY COLLEGE | Napa, CA | Fall 2017 to Present

**Advisor, Napa Valley Cinema Club**. Oversee club events, work with students on their film/writing projects, and engage with club activities.

SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY | San Francisco, CA | Spring 2004 to Fall 2005

**Conference Organizer**. "Shades of Sexuality: Exploring the Normal, the Aberrant, and the Space Between." Featured Keynote speaker Jean Bruce, and approximately 100 attendees. San Francisco State University.

**Vice President, CSGSU**. Representative for the Cinema Studies Graduate Student Union.

~ Internships ~

KUIC RADIO | Vacaville, CA | Fall 1997 to Spring 1998

**On-Air Studio Intern.** Assist on-air personality with daily show duties such as researching story ideas, screening phone calls, controlling sound effects, and recording b-roll for air.

**News Intern.** Assist newsroom anchors with researching story ideas, traveling to locations to record b-roll sound, interviewing subjects for air, and editing together stories for hourly news segments.

SAN FRANCISCO BAY GUARDIAN | San Francisco, CA | Spring 2002

**Film Intern.** Attend various film screenings and write mini-film reviews for weekly publication. Edit film and theatre listings in the "Movie Clock" and "Rep Clock" sections.

~ Technical Skills ~

**Software.** Working knowledge of Final Cut Pro, Avid Media Composer, and Premiere Pro editing Suites, as well as Adobe After Effects, PhotoShop, Illustrator and Acrobat software. Certified with Canvas, CurricUNET, and the ETUDES Online Learning Project. Experience with ProTools and Logic digital audio platforms. Proficient with Microsoft Windows, Mac OS, Microsoft Office Suite, and the Internet.

**Equipment.** Operation of Bolex, Arriflex and Canon 35mm, 16mm, and 8mm film cameras, as well as a variety of EVIL and DSLR video cameras. Working knowledge of Beta SP and Digital media/playback decks, and black-and-white, color, and slide film. Familiar with the inner and outer workings of Dolby Digital video projectors, as well as Christie and Strong 35mm projectors, and a variety of 16mm and 8mm projectors. Proficient with assorted grip equipment for film and video production.

references

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