

EDUCATION & ASSOCIATIONS**Bachelor of Arts, May 1991****University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI****Writers Guild of America East, Member 2008-Present**

Represented by Verve Talent Agency, Los Angeles, CA

CERTIFICATIONS**Certificate of Eligibility, 4104-Teacher of Audio/Visual Broadcast Production Technology.****TEACHING****Instructor, Department of English (Rutgers University, 2019-present)**Adjunct professor in the School of Arts & Sciences' Writers House. Classes include *Documenting Your World*, *Documentary Filmmaking for Writers* and *Social Justice Storytelling*.**Instructor/Producer, *Free Tyree* (Institute for the Study of Global Racial Justice, Rutgers University, 2021-present)**

Documentary film about Tyree Wallace, a wrongfully incarcerated man serving a life sentence in the Pennsylvania prison system. Created in collaboration with Rutgers' Writers House students, who recorded remote interviews, devised a social media campaign and filmed crucial courthouse hearings. These efforts directly contributed to Mr. Wallace's release in November 2024.

Instructor/Producer, *Ending Solitary* (ACLU/NJ Prison Justice Watch, 2019-present)Series of short-form documentaries charting the fight to end the use of solitary confinement in American prisons. Focusing on a group of survivors from the state of New Jersey, it is created in collaboration with students in Rutgers' *Documentary Filmmaking for Writers* class.**Instructor/Producer, *Second Look NJ* (Salvation & Social Justice, 2023-2024)**

Series of videos about the fight to gain relief for elderly prisoners who have transformed their lives via education, counseling and professional training. Based on interviews and live events filmed by Rutgers' Writers House students.

Instructor/Producer, *True Inclusion* (Institute for the Study of Global Racial Justice, Rutgers University, 2022-2023)

Documentary film exploring the student protest movement that led to the creation of a cross-cultural competency class at Rutgers' Honors College. Supervised crew of student filmmakers in partnership with Professor Thomas Lennon of the Mason Gross School of the Arts.

Instructor/Producer, *Blacked Out* (New Jersey Council for the Humanities, 2018)

Documentary exploring racially inflammatory artwork discovered at a primary school in Highland Park, NJ. Filmed entirely by high school students categorized as "at risk of failing to perform." Winner of multiple awards, including Best Youth Film at the 2018 Harlem International Film Festival.

Instructor/Producer, *Highland Park African American History Project* (NJCH, 2016-2018)

Multimedia effort to capture oral history of the black community in Highland Park, NJ. Funded by multiple grants from the NJ Council for the Humanities, high school students were taught all aspects of digital storytelling, from how to conduct interviews to video editing and web design.

Instructor, *Radio Broadcasting & Audio Production* (Piscataway High School/WVPH, 2018)

Supervised in-house FM radio station that shares a signal with 90.3 The Core at Rutgers University.

Producer/Instructor, *The Projects* (EMPOWER/Middlesex County College, 2017)

Short film created with mentorship program in New Brunswick, NJ. Students joined professional crew to film reunion of community that once lived in the demolished Memorial Homes Projects.

Producer/Instructor, *A Little Bit of Both* (AmeriCorps/Lincoln Elementary School, 2007)

Educational documentary work for federally funded service-learning program. Taught students to create videos exploring racial tensions in their hometown of New Brunswick, NJ.

SCREENPLAYS & BOOKS

Author, *No Man's Land* (Dutton Books, 2025)

Young Adult novel based on the original true-crime horror podcast, *No Man's Land*, which documented an investigation into the supernatural lore surrounding the Rutgers Ecological Preserve. Co-authored by Rutgers' Writers House instructor, Lindsay Haber.

Screenwriter, *Bagman* (Lionsgate, 2024)

Original horror feature produced by Temple Hill Entertainment (*Twilight*, *Maze Runner*), directed by Colm McCarthy (*Peaky Blinders*) and starring Sam Claflin (*Hunger Games*, *Daisy Jones & The Six*).

Author, *The Seems* (Bloomsbury Children's Books, 2007-Present)

Award-winning series of fantasy novels. Translated for German, French, Spanish, Turkish, Korean and Chinese markets. One of Amazon's Top 10 Books for Middle Readers.

Screenwriter, *The Seems* (21st Century Fox, 2010)

Adaptation of the original children's book series for Shawn Levy, director of *Night at the Museum*.

Screenwriter, *Anthem* (Pixofactor Entertainment, 2009)

Adaptation of Ayn Rand novella into animated mini-series and graphic novel.

Author, *Baked Potatoes: A Pot Smoker's Guide to Film & Video* (Doubleday, 1996)

Satirical book of movie reviews, featured in *Harper's*, *Premiere* and *Interview* magazines.

Author/Editor, *Voices of The Xiled: A Generation Speaks for Itself* (Doubleday, 1994)

Literary anthology combining short stories by unpublished writers with best-selling authors such as David Foster Wallace and Jennifer Egan. Incorporated into college fiction curriculum nationwide.

DOCUMENTARY FILM & VIDEO

Director, *The Jim Irsay Collection* (Indianapolis Colts, 2022-2023)

Feature-length documentary about the traveling museum/live concert tour featuring the music memorabilia and Americana artifacts collected by Jim Irsay, owner of the NFL's Indianapolis Colts. Filmed events in Nashville, Austin, Washington, DC, NYC and LA.

Producer/Director, *Sanctuary* (Deportation & Immigration Response Equipo, 2018)

Original documentary short depicting the journey of Harry Pangemanan, an Indonesian Christian immigrant threatened with deportation, who took refuge in a small church in Highland Park, NJ.

Director/Producer, *Blood, Sweat & Tears: A Basketball Exorcism* (2016)

Feature-length documentary exploring issues of race, class, anti-Semitism, and police profiling that seethed below the surface of a NJ high school basketball championship game in 1987. Winner of the Youth Jury Award for Best Documentary at 2016 Flickers Rhode Island International Film Festival.

Director/Producer, *Unknown Soldier: Searching for a Father* (HBO, 2005-2007)

Feature-length documentary for HBO's *America Undercover*. Winner of Best New Director and Audience Choice Award for Best Documentary at the 2003 Rhode Island International Film Festival.

MULTIMEDIA & DIGITAL STORYTELLING

Creator/Producer, *No Man's Land* (WVHP/Writers House, 2017-present)

Original true-crime/horror podcast and created with Highland Park High School and Rutgers' Writers House students. Released on all podcast platforms in October 2021.

Co-Host, *Writers House Podcast* (Rutgers University, 2021-present)

Original podcast featuring guest appearances by professors and students, along with their work.

Producer, *Man Out Podcast* (2022)

Podcast advocating for the release of Tyree Wallace, created in concert with Rutgers's Writers House students and hosted by formerly incarcerated Rutgers student Christopher Smack.

Producer, *Abolish the Drug War NJ* (2020, Abolish the Drug War Coalition)

Social media video series featuring survivors of the so-called "War on Drugs." Created with students in Rutgers' *Documentary Filmmaking for Writers* class in hopes of changing policy in New Jersey.

Writer/Director/Creator, *Vanishing Point Radio Drama* (NPR/XM Radio, 1995-2000)

Original, episodic radio drama for National Public Radio's *American Playhouse* and XM's *Sonic Theater*. Featuring appearances by Christian Slater, Mary Stuart Masterson, Pat Hingle and Donal Logue.

Writer/Creator, *Vanishing Point Online* (Microsoft, 1996-2000)

Digital role-playing game based upon the *Vanishing Point* radio drama. Game-world involved hundreds of real and fictional characters whose story was told via travelogues, graphic novels, audio clips, animation and music. Featuring work by Jonathan Ames, Larry Fessenden and Jennifer Egan.

VIDEO PRODUCTION & COMMERCIALS

Director/Producer, *Nylabone Chews Best* (Nylabone, 2014-2019)

Continuing series of online advertisements for international pet toy and treats brand.

Director, *Engine to Turn* (Fantasy Records, 2010)

Music video for Grammy-nominated alt-country artist Tift Merritt.

Director, *Hideaway House* (Kaplan Records, 2008)

Music video for New Brunswick-based rock band, The Fletchers.

Director, *Pretraumatic Stress Disorder* (Powerbunny Records, 2006)

Music video for New Brunswick-based punk rock band, The Stuntcocks.

Director/Producer, *Snacks* (Snacksmusic, 2005)

Original DVD and online video for popular Pennsylvania-based children's music band.

Consulting Producer, *The All-True Network* (Sunshine Media, 1998-2004)

Online outlet for reality-based video clips. Developed content and wrote initial pitch document.

Director/Producer, *1-6* (MTV, 1998-99)

Series of black & white, silent comedy shorts. Winner of the Best Short Film award at the 1998 North Carolina Film Festival. Aired as a series of 30-second interstitials on MTV.

Producer, *Winterlude* (1998)

Short film based upon the story of the same name from *Voices of the Xiled*. Winner of the Best Short Film award at the 1998 Hamptons Film Festival. Starring Donal Logue and Amanda Peet.

ACADEMIC & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Guest Instructor, Documentary Filmmaking, Mason-Gross School of the Arts, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ
Introduction to Screenwriting, Rider University, Lawrenceville, NJ
Death By Incarceration Podcast, Philadelphia, PA
Ending Solitary: Live Story Slam, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ
Vietnam Veterans of America convention, Las Vegas, NV
Digital Media Production, Kent State School of Journalism, Kent, OH
Introduction to Filmmaking, University of North Carolina-Wilmington, Wilmington, NC
American Studies & History, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ
School of Arts and Sciences Honors Program, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ
Creating Writing Middle Grade/YA Fiction, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ
Children's Literature, Manhattan College, Riverdale, NY
Media Studies, Montclair State University
Freshman Seminar, University of Texas San-Marcos, San-Marcos, TX
Contemporary Social Problems, Middlesex County College, Edison, NJ
Introduction to Sociology, Middlesex County College, Edison, NJ
Speakers Series, Vietnam Era Museum & Educational Center, Holmdel, NJ
Professional Development Workshop, Piscataway High School, Piscataway, NJ
2017 Diversity Day Keynote Speaker, Highland Park Middle School, Highland Park, NJ
K-12 Schools throughout the US for classroom events, book tours and movie screenings.
Guest Speaker, The Daily Show, Comedy Central
Guest Speaker, CNN Live, CNN
Guest Speaker, The Today Show, NBC-TV