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## **EDUCATION**

**MJ.** University of California at Berkeley, Graduate School of Journalism  
New Media

**MFA.** Long Island University, Steiner Studios, Writing and Producing for Television

**MPS.** New York University Tisch School of the Arts Interactive Telecommunications

**BFA.** New York University Tisch School of the Arts Undergraduate Film/TV program

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Cleveland State University School of Film & Media Arts – Cleveland, Ohio**

Jan 2020 – May 2021. Adjunct Professor

- Taught FMA 121 Short Script Analysis and FMA 323 Section 2: Story Analysis for Film and Television in classroom before COVID and then via ZOOM for Spring and Fall semesters. Classes were approximately 20 students each of undergraduates majoring in film/TV.

### **SAN QUENTIN PRISON UNIVERSITY PROJECT - San Quentin, CA**

Jan-April 2017. Volunteer Journalism Instructor

- Taught basic journalism to approximately 25 student inmates.
- Co-developed curriculum for Spring 2017 semester.

### **NEW SCHOOL FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH – New York, NY**

Fall 2011 - Spring 2014. Guest Instructor *as requested*.

- Guest lectured regarding web series and video field production for Adjunct Professor Vinay Chowdhry.

**LITTLE RED SCHOOL HOUSE H.S. – New York, NY**  
Substitute Instructor *as requested*.

Fall 2006, Spring 2014

- Conducted video field production workshops for instructor, Vinay Chowdhry.

**FILM/TV/VIDEO EXPERIENCE:**

<https://gabrieltolliver.wixsite.com/creativemothership>

**Rockin' Robin Productions**

Freelance Producer. New York, NY

10/18-11/2021

- Producer of episodic content for Good Morning America Anchor Robin Roberts digital web series #ThriverThursday. Uplifting stories of people overcoming adversity.
- S1: 2019 Telly Award recipient. (Major Ed Pulido & KJ Fields)
- [www.thriverthursday.com](http://www.thriverthursday.com)

**Untitled Tupac Shakur Documentary directed by Steve McQueen**

Assistant Archivist/Researcher. White Horse Productions, Beverly Hills, CA 8/17-5/18

- Assisting the lead Archivist Producer evaluating, selecting, retrieving and arranging materials from the Tupac Amaru Shakur Estate. Assisting with the creation of the Filemaker Pro database to assist the production staff in selecting media clips for the documentary.
- Leveraging my journalism and deep hip-hop media background in providing feedback toward telling the most nuanced story about this music icon.

**YO! MTV RAPS: 30<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary Experience, Barclays Center, Brooklyn, NY**

Co-Writer. MTV, Charles Stettler & Lynda West Productions

3/18- 10/18

- MTV, artists, and fans celebrated the iconic “YO! MTV Raps” legacy and influence on Hip-Hop with a “30th Anniversary Experience” that took place on June 2018 at Brooklyn’s Barclays Center. The event was live-streamed on MTV’s social platforms to over 800K viewers.
- Writing copy for show hosts and promos.
- Documenting behind the scenes content of the concert event.

**GOLDCREST FILMS, New York, NY**

4/14-5/15

Freelancer

- Assistant Coordinator, Veteran outreach for Sebastian Junger's war documentary “*Korengal*”.
- Researcher/Writer/Associate Producer for untitled Wu-Tang Clan documentary.

**KIWI BROOKLYN MEDIA GROUP, Brooklyn, NY**

2/11- 5/15

Freelance Content Creator

- Produced/Co-Wrote/Directed "FLEECING LED ZEPPELIN" a \$25k short film inspired by true events involving the disappearance of \$200K from the legendary Rock group. Short was submitted film to the Rock Hall of Fame media archives. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OnyfIMoPCBY>
- Wrote, produced and directed an 8 part web series for a PBS affiliate, The National Black Programming Consortium. MONDOBLACK is a series of interviews and travelogue vignettes providing glimpses into the unique and inspiring realms that Black American Life occupies in the new millennium.  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/mondoblackpresents>

**UNITED STATES ARMY**

11/07- 4/2011

Broadcast Journalist

22nd Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, Fort Bragg, NC. Media Support Center, Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan. **Army Portfolio:** <http://www.dvidshub.net/portfolio/1045234#.Txiv15hCRB0>

- Created news, intelligence and morale programming for fellow soldiers, families and military and congressional leadership. Wrote, produced and directed several micro-documentaries on NATO forces mentoring the Afghan Army. Media coverage of NATO Task Forces reached 20 million viewers.
- Assisted more than 800 international journalists from all over the world including Rachel Maddow (NBC), Lara Logan (CBS) and Chris Cuomo (ABC) ensuring that their stories of NATO forces in Afghanistan reached an audience in the hundreds of millions.
- Decorated Veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom 2009-2010. Awarded Combat Action Badge, Joint Service Commendation Medal, NATO Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two Campaign Stars, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon.

**SESAME STREET WORKSHOP, NY, NY**

5/06-10//07

Freelance Live Action Producer/Director

- Produced and directed live action children's videos used as learning modules for Sesame Street Workshop programming. Directed the video "Get Up, Get Out" featuring Sarah Jessica Parker, Cuba Gooding Jr., Anderson Cooper, Eli Manning, and Chris Brown. Song from video received a 2007 TV Emmy.

## **PUBLICATIONS:**

AUTHOR, 2010-Present

*THE DAO OF WHOOPIN' ASS: reflections on living and fighting.* 2014  
366th Creative Mothership Press. <http://amzn.com/149914699X>

*EMBRACE THE SUCK: 366 Days of courage, strength, inspiration, wisdom and hope.* 2011  
Birds of a Mothership Press. <http://amzn.com/144956674X>

*BLING: THE HIP-HOP JEWELRY BOOK.* 2006  
Bloomsbury Press.

- An illustrated collection of the wild and outlandish jewels associated with Hip-Hop music showcases the cultural phenomenon of bling with an assortment of gold-and-diamond-studded pistols, platinum teeth, jewel-encrusted goblets, and more, accompanied by entertaining sidebars and facts. <http://amzn.com/1582345589>
- Created and produced a YouTube viral video sensation called “How to Make Fresh Diamonds In The Microwave”. With over 200K views. Video was featured on the TV show “Mythbusters”, April 2009. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bWhkkOYoxo>

## **MEMBERSHIPS:**

Writers Guild of America, East (currently inactive)

Cal Berkeley Veterans Group

Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America

Veterans in Film/TV/NYC/LA