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EDUCATION

The S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications; Syracuse University

Master of Arts in Television, Radio and Film | August 2024 | GPA 3.82

State University of New York at Fredonia

Bachelor of Science in Communication - Video Production | May 2023 | GPA 3.57

Minors in Film Studies | Criminal Justice

WORK EXPERIENCE

Horticulturist; NYS Department of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation - April 2026 - Present

- Assist in identification and removal of weeds and invasive plant species at Niagara Falls State Park
- Assist in locating landmarks, answering questions, and providing a welcoming environment for visitors
- Adhere to OSHA guidelines to ensure safe workplace practices

News Photographer; WIVB-TV News 4 - February 2025 - April 2026

- Collaborated with reporters and producers to ensure content was up to CBS News standards
- Film and edit news stories, operate cameras and equipment, and produce content on strict deadlines
- Lead editor for 2025 "Bills Make Me Wanna Give" series and Christmas special of the same name

Production Assistant; World War II Foundation - May 2024 - Aug. 2024

- Shadowed Chief Photographer and Director on-location in Germany and Austria
- Assisted in camera operation, location scouting, and interview production
- Produced behind-the-scenes and social media content for the WWII Foundation's website

Editor & Post-Production Associate; Orange Television Network - Jan. 2024 - Aug. 2024

- Led post-production for 8 episodes of OTN's highest performing podcast series, "Culturally and Technically Legal," totaling 2,810+ views on YouTube
- Editor of the Dean's Message to Parents, speaker engagement events, student spotlights, Syracuse Stage promotions, and award ceremonies for Newhouse School

Instructional Associate; Syracuse University - August 2023 - May 2024

- I.A. for Production Capstone, Animation for Film & TV, VFX for Live Action, True Crime Programming, and the Art of Editing for TV and Film
- Assisted in instruction and demonstration of equipment and computer programs, taking attendance, scheduling student presentations, and hosted office hours for undergraduate and graduate students
- Supervised student-usage of production studios during and after class hours

Computer Technician; ITS Service Center; SUNY at Fredonia - Jan. 2022 - June 2023

- Repaired university and student-owned computing software and hardware
- Communicated with clients at reception desk and by using Atlassian Jira software
- Assisted in clerical duties such as answering phones, monitoring inboxes, and record keeping
- Provided support for on-campus internet connectivity and printing services

Video Production Ambassador; Communication Dept., SUNY at Fredonia - Aug. 2021- Dec. 2022

- Mentored 5 freshmen and transfer students in the Communication Department each semester
- Hosted and managed community-building events for mentees and ambassadors to partake in
- Assisted in preparations for 2022 UFVA Conference being held on campus

Broadcast Video and Social Media Intern; University Film & Video Association - Summer 2022

- Hosted, edited, and uploaded interviews with keynote speaker and vendors
- Assisted in live streams, interviews, and gathering b-roll footage during conference
- Assisted in creation and SEO management of UFVA website/app using Web.com (Network Solutions)

“Just About Anything” Radio Show; Fredonia Radio Systems - January 2020 - May 2022

- Co-host and technician of “Just About Anything” on WDWL 89.5 The Inferno
- Assisted in creating social media posts to promote the talk show and boost listener engagement
- Assisted in planning and researching topics to be discussed on air

Remote Production Assistant and Editing Assistant Intern; The Abode - Sept. 2021- Jan. 2022

- Coordinated cast and crew hiring and pay rates, craft services for on-set catering, researching animal wranglers, and equipment rental locations for the St. Augustine, Florida area
- Produced daily production reports using data sent from crew
- Wrote and edited deal memos for each cast and crew member

FRS Summer Operations; Fredonia Radio Systems - May 2021 - August 2021

- Remained on-call to ensure systems were functioning as intended
- Input new music into automation, uphold station communications, maintained general operation
- Ensured station was adhering to FCC guidelines

Station Manager; Fredonia Radio Systems - August 2020 - May 2021

- Managed card access for members of Fredonia Radio Systems
- Coordinated events open to the campus community
- Assisted General Manager in running E-board and general body meetings

HIGHER EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

Resident Assistant; Office of Residence Life, SUNY at Fredonia - Jan. 2021 - Jan. 2022

- Supported the safety, well-being, comfortability of 100+ residents in McGinnies Hall
- Maintained the building while working 390+ duty hours over the course of two semesters
- Hosted programs to reinforce community building, DEI, mental health, and academic progression

Jump Start Mentor; Admissions & Orientation Office, SUNY at Fredonia - June 2021- Aug. 2021

- Mentored incoming Fredonia students during their pre-orientation period
- Facilitated zoom sessions with students to discuss what the campus offers, such as classes, clubs, majors, advising, financial aid, Diversity Equity and Inclusion support, and other initiatives

FELLOWSHIPS AND RESEARCH

Graduate Fellow; University Film & Video Association - July 2024 - Aug. 2024

- Sponsored Graduate Fellow by the UFVA to attend the 2024 conference in Cleveland, Ohio
- Collaborate and attend workshops with professors and graduate fellows from universities across the United States and multiple other countries

“The Covid Classroom” Documentary; Sponsored by the Donald Nasca Undergraduate Student Research and Creativity Award - June 2021 – April 2022

- Self-produced research-based promotional documentary portraying how the COVID-19 Pandemic affected SUNY Fredonia
- Conducted interviews with students and staff members about their experiences on and off campus
- Presented documentary to panel of respondents at SUNY Undergraduate Research Conference (SURC)

SKILLS

- Adobe Creative Suite
- Multimedia Production
- Student Mentoring
- Public Speaking
- Leadership and Supervision
- Microsoft Office Suite
- Project Management

AWARDS AND CERTIFICATIONS

- The A. William Bluem Award for Outstanding Teaching Assistant - April 2024
- Graduate School Master's Prize - April 2024
- UFVA Graduate Student Fellowship Program - July 29th - August 3rd, 2024
- Lambda Pi Eta Communications Honor Society - April 2022
- Dean's List - Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Fall 2022