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## WORK EXPERIENCE SELECTS

### *Chef Vs. Wild*

**Producer:** Season 1: British Columbia, 8 episodes, in production

ITV / Hulu

2021

- Show Concept: Survival + Culinary Docu-Reality. Teams go head-to-head in a cinematic Outdoor Primitive Survival Challenge paired with a 5-star Cooking Competition. A unique fusion of foraging for wild ingredients, indigenous cultural techniques and a showcase of the wild on a plate.
- On-location creative producer. Directed cast & crew, scouted locations, managed logistics, worked directly with EPs and Network on concepts and story.

### *The World's Most Amazing Vacation Rentals*

Critical Content / Netflix

2019 - 2020

**Supervising Producer:** Seasons 1-2, 15 episodes. #7 worldwide.

- Scouted, cast & locked International & US shoot locations
- Worked side-by-side with EP on all creative development & logistics
- Wrote and directed scenes with 3 hosts + local talent
- Maintained a COVID-Safe production over 48 int'l locations
- Made trade-outs, schedules, field notes, hot sheets, edit outlines

### *Naked & Afraid franchise*

Renegade 83 / Discovery

- Lived in & adapted to harsh environments: jungles, oceans, deserts
- Scouted shoot locations and determined all movements for a Survival Docu-Follow series, working directly with Fixers and EPs
- Directed crew & cast. Developed story & interviews in the field
- Carried the seasons through Post (Avid)
- Shooter/Producer

### Supervising Producer

#### *Naked & Afraid of Love*

Season 1: Philippines, 10 episodes

2021

#### *Naked & Afraid*

Season 6: South Africa, Bahamas, 2 episodes

2019

### Field Producer

#### *Naked & Afraid XL - Valley of the Banished*

Season 6: South Africa, 11 episodes

2019

### Associate Producer

#### *Naked & Afraid XL - Philippines*

Season 5: Philippines, 10 episodes

2018

## STAFF GIGS:

### CBS 19 WOIO

2007-2011

#### Journalist - Sr. Producer

Wrote, Shot, Produced & Edited content for a CBS News Station & Special Projects in the Marketing Department

### Studio City Productions

2012-2019

#### Editor

Produced & Edited Show Opens, Promos and Sizzles for clients such as *Ellen*, *Dr. Oz*, *Wendy Williams*, and *The Olympic Games*

## AWARDS

### Daytime Emmys

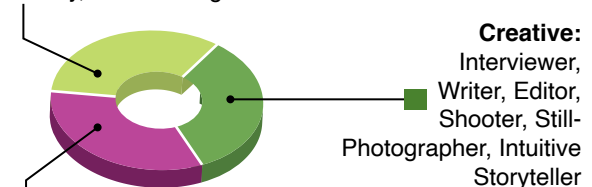
- **Nominated:** 2015, Outstanding Announcement

### Lower Great Lakes Emmys

- **Winner:** 2011, Editor  
2010, News Investigation Spot  
2008, Arts/Entertainment Special
- **Nominated:** 2009, On-Air Talent. 2008 & 2009, Editor

## PERSONALITY

■ **Logistical:** Deadline Driven, Decisive, Organized, Detail-Oriented; Researcher, Problem Solver, Tech Savvy, Time Manager



■ **Team Player:** Proactive, Adaptive, Positive, Communicative, Enthusiastic, Multi-Tasker, Accountable, All Hands on Deck

## SKILLS (FIELD + POST)

Panasonic LUMIX S1H, Sony NX70u, Canon XA40, Avid, Premier, Multicam, Photoshop, Illustrator, Scripts, Edit Outlines, Hot Sheets, Field Notes, Pitch Decks

## EDUCATION

### BACHELOR OF ARTS: ENGLISH WRITING

#### CONCENTRATION: PHOTOGRAPHY

University of Pittsburgh, 2006

### DIPLOMA: GRAPHIC DESIGN

Art Institute of Pittsburgh, 2006

### CERTIFICATE: INT'L TOUR MANAGEMENT

International Guide Academy, 2017

## FUN FACTS

- Wilderness Backpacker / Hiker / Rock Climber
- Former Pyro-Technician, Special FX
- Former Vacation Tour Manager
- Aerial Circus Artist in Training