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Degrees Earned

M.S. in Radio/TV, Ft. Hays State University, 1984

B.S. in Communication, KS State University, 1980

Professional Licensure and Certifications

FCC General Operator's License (formerly 1st Class)

Professional Publications and Artistic Performances/Exhibitions

Articles

- "Looking Good on Video", April '88 GIG Magazine p.54
- "More Colors in HiRes", Vol. 4 issue 2 of Amiga Animation
- "Playing with the Band", Sept. '92 Videomaker
- "Interesting River Trips" Summer '93 Family Ties
- "The Bandera Medina" March '94 South Texas Traveler
- "Why an Amiga" part1 began display June '98 AmigaInformer (web version)
- "Pablo II, son of Picasso IV" issue 16 (print ver.) AmigaInformer
- "XDVE, eXtended Digital Video Effects Generator" review in issue 17 (print ver.) AmigaInformer
- Several music software reviews for FWSA newsletter 2002, 2003
- Wrote "It's Prostate Cancer" Men.com (Health section) 2007
- Series of short articles for MicNiter Newsletter, by Kenny Courville, 2015-16
- voiced "Honoring Traditions" video <http://www.shsu.edu/campaign> 2017

Commercial writings

"Strange Stories of the Civil War" published by WaltSan LLC, 2002
"The Dark Hole" mystery novel, unpublished
"Openings" SciFi novel, unpublished
"The Phantom Boat" screenplay, Chosen top 10 at Charleston Film Festival 2013

Production work (regularly scheduled)*

- Produced Financial News by Craig Pierce on TCI access channel, Corpus Christi, TX 94-96
- Produced annual series of highlight tapes for high school football teams, Kingsville, TX 93-96
- Produced annual "Friends of Radio/TV Telethon" on Charter Cable, Kingsville, TX 92-98
- Produced audiotape of Christmas songs for local distribution, Kingsville, TX 96
- Produced training video for Union Pacific gas plant, Kingsville, TX 96
- Produced videotape of concert preparations for **Geo. Strait concert**, Kingsville, TX 97
- Produced CD slideshow of "Miss HSU" pageant Arkadelphia, AR 2000
- Produced the only webcasts of home football games from HSU, Arkadelphia, AR Sept. 2000

- Produced audio CD & videotape of Lawrence Hamilton concert at HSU, Arkadelphia, AR 01
- Produced Weekly magazine program "Washburn Edition" Fall 2002-3
- Produced Weekly Sports Show "the 'bod Sports weekly" Fall 2003
- Produced testimonial video for Breakthrough House, Topeka, KS 2003
- Produced Football season coverage SHSU, Huntsville, TX 2005-2008, 2010
- Produced Basketball season coverage SHSU, Huntsville, TX 2005-currently
- Produced Volleyball season coverage SHSU, Huntsville, TX 2009-currently
- Produced 2 Public Affairs Programs/week Cable 7 SHSU, Huntsville, TX 2007-2009
- Produced Professional Wrestling Programs Cable 7 SHSU, Huntsville, TX 2009
- Produced & Directed Bearkat Sports Report Cable 7 SHSU, Huntsville, TX 2009
- produced Award Winning (NBS) music performance, **Danny Everitt** 2009
- Produced student newscasts SHSU, Huntsville, TX Fall 2009, Spring 2010-currently
- Produced & edited "**Dan Rather in Studio A**", Huntsville, TX Fall 2011
- Produced & edited "Mingling with the Media" broadcast, Huntsville, TX Fall 2009-2010
- Assist. Produced "Wall of Honor" videos for CHSS 2010 & 2011
- Audio Consultant for Trinity Co. District Attorney (Bennie Shiro) 8/10/2011
- Cam. Operator/PA recorded play for UT Med Center 9/10/2011
- Recorded interview of Dr. Harley Rex for **BBC radio documentary "Prisoner Soul", Broadcast on Radio 4**, 4/13/13, produced by Gary Younge & Vivienne Perry
- Provided Voice Over for "Let's Talk" Live Presentation at SHSU 3/25/12
- Provided Voice Over for **2012 Bronze Telly Award: 13875C "Great Names"**
- Produced & Edited "The Sammy Awards 2012" for local cable (2 hour program)
- Produced & Edited 2 hours of cable production from Sam Houston Folk Festival 4/28/12
- Produced & Edited the half hour documentary "**Dan Rather, Back in Galveston**" 4/27/12
- Production consultant for grant funded video on AIDs/HIV 2013 (CINDY Award)
- Provided Voice Over for SHSU radio spots (played Sam Houston) produced by DELTA 2/26/13
- Producer & Post-Prod. Interview Program with **Mary Fitzgerald** at SHSU April 2013
- Producer & Post Prod. Interview Program with **Ann Compton** at SHSU April 2013
- Producer & Post Prod. Interview with **Dave Ward** Nov. 2013
- Produced (with my classes) over 30 hours of cable programming in Spring of 2013
- Producer & Director for Interview with **Ernie Manouse** Mar. 2014
- Produced & Edited "The Sammy Awards 2014" for local cable/live web (2 hour program)
- Produced & Edited "Mingling with the Media" with **Ilona Carson**, for local cable/live Fall '15
- Produced & Edited "4 Guys in Studio A" for local cable 7, Fall 2015
- Produced & Edited 65th **Anniversary SHSU Rodeo Finals**, Nov. 2015 & 2016
- Produced & Edited "easy kiddo" concert, Feb 26th 2016
- Produced & Edited "Mingling with the Media" with **Bill Brown**, for local cable, Spring '16
- Completed B17 Documentary, **Domination From Above**, Nov. 2016
- Produced video about **Texas Prison Music Program** (presentation in Tyler, TX) 2016-17
- Produced video & slide show about **Dark Tourism** (conference at Erasmus Univ.) 2017
- research & slide show about **Dark Tourism** (conf. at U. of BC, Vancouver) Nov. 2017
- Presentation **Refrain From Prison** (TX Folklore Society in Tyler, TX) 4/21/2017
- Produced & Edited video of "Mingling with the Media" w/ **Khambrel Marshall**, Spring '17
- Did voice over for **The Texas Navy** Presentation on the Lexington moored in Corpus Christi
- Produced & Edited "Mingling with the Media" **Melanie Lawson**, for local cable Spring '18

Other Institutional Activities

- instructed Boy Scout merit badge for video production at SHSU 2006, 2009
- interviewed for LED studio lights Nat. promo video by Ikan (<http://vimeo.com/40534314>)
- instructed Girl Scout interest patch for A/V study at SHSU, Spring 2012

Artistic Exhibitions

- took digital pictures for musician's websites: Cosy Sheridan (cosysheridan.com), Sloan Wainwright, The Gillette Bros (campstreetcafe.com/guy&pipp), the English Bros (canyontrailchuckwagon.com/photos), Brison Bursey Band, Connie Mims (conniemims.com)
- provided picture for album covers: Cosy Sheridan "Live at the Cedar House", The Brison Bursey Band, self titled

Panels/papers/contests

- Served on the Distance Learning Committee (TAMUK) '94-'97
- KAB (KS Assoc. of Broadcasters) 2002-04
 - Judge for high school entries in video category contest 2003
- BEA Broadcast Educators Assoc. 2002-04, 2007-currently
 - Moderator of radio panel at BEA convention Las Vegas, 2003
 - Moderator of radio panel at BEA convention Las Vegas, 2009
- NABE (National Assoc. of Broadcast Educators)
 - Judge for national radio contest entries, 2008
- Presented paper in panel discussion "ITFS, a partnership of commerce and education" at BEA convention Las Vegas, 2010
- BEA Broadcast Educators Assoc. 2012-15, Judged Video entries for national contest
- Presentation at conference "Deconstructing HIV video" w/Dr. Massingill BEA regional Fall'15
- Research project about **Texas Prison Music Program** (mid 1930s-1986) 2016
- Research project presentation **Dark Tourism** (Erasmus University) April 5-7, 2017

Professional memberships

- TAB Texas Assoc. of Broadcasters 1992-96
- Texas Faculty Association [Kingsville Chapter] 1992-98 (VP in 95-96)
- KAB KS Assoc. of Broadcasters 2002-04
- BEA Broadcast Educators Assoc. 2002-04, 2007-currently

Personal Achievements

- Winner 1st & 2nd place Ft. Worth Songwriters Secular Christmas song 2000
- Co-Host PBS Auction segments for KTWU, 2002-03
- Was opening musical act (as singer/songwriter) for Buddy Mondlock, Topeka 2005

Work or Professional Experiences

radio:

KTAI Kingsville, TX Jan.'91-Aug.'98 (STATION MGR.)
KOKO (part-time) Warrensburg, MO Sept.'85-Aug.'86
KGCS Derby, KS June'80-Aug.'80

KWHK (part-time) Hutchinson, KS Sept. '73-Dec.'74

KJRG Newton, KS Sept. '72-Sept.'73

television:

KENW TV (volunteer) Portales, NM Sept.'86-Aug.'88

KAYS TV (professional internship) Hays, KS May'84-July'84

WIBW TV Topeka, KS Mar.'81-Aug.'83

cable TV:

(produced programs) during all teaching positions ('86-currently)
programs included student news, talk shows, information specials,
music programs and guest speakers among other things

teaching:

Sam Houston State University Huntsville, TX since Aug 2005

Washburn University Topeka, KS Aug. 2002-04

Henderson State Arkadelphia, AR Aug. 2000-May 2002

UTA Arlington, TX Aug. '98- May 2000

Texas A & I (now A&M) Kingsville, TX Jan.'91-May'98

Northwest MO State U. Maryville, MO Aug.'88-May '89

Eastern NM State U. Portales, NM Aug.'85-Aug.'88

Central MO State U. Warrensburg, MO Aug'84-May '85

Honors and Awards

The "KENW Coffee Cup" for excess of 40hrs of volunteer work, '87

Oxford's Who's Who '92-'93

SHSU Mass Com Dept. Service Award 2009-2010

Special Achievement **CINDY Award** for soundtrack on AIDs/HIV video 2014

Service Activity

Sam Houston Folk Festival Committee 2011-2014

Huntsville's Old Town Theater Board 2011-2012

Professional Competencies (*samples available*)

Video editing w/Adobe Premiere (main program) Final Cut Pro 7, any nonlinear editors

Audio recording, editing and mixing (various programs)

Digital photographic manipulation & enhancement (Adobe Photoshop, Photostudio,
others)

Videographer

Narration and Voice Overs

Other Competencies

Performing Songwriter, NSAI 1991-96, FWSA 2000-presently

Have written several screenplays (unpublished) in several genres

* Note that due to the high volume of productions, I'm listing the only a small percent of the shows I've done over the past 20 years or so.