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## SUMMARY

Recent graduate from Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts, USA, earning a B.A. in Film Media Theater, minor in Computer Science, and a pre-professional minor in Journalism, Media, and Public Discourse with Magna Cum Laude honors. Experienced in film and media with a specialization in film post-production and audio/radio production. Passionate about uplifting underrepresented stories and voices through my work.

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## SKILLS

**TECHNICAL:** Adobe Creative Cloud | Microsoft Suite | Google Suite | Canva Pro | Python | Java  
**EQUIPMENT:** Nikon DSLR | Canon DSLR | Film Photography | Zoom H4N Recorder | Shotgun & Lavalier mics  
**LANGUAGE:** English (native) | French (intermediate) | American Sign Language (proficient)

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## EDUCATION

**Mount Holyoke College** | South Hadley, MA, USA September 2021 - May 2025

Bachelor of Arts, Film Media Theater, Minor in Computer Science GPA: 3.92 / 4.00

Pre-professional minor (Nexus) in Journalism, Media, and Public Discourse

**Relevant Coursework:** Women Experimental Filmmakers; Directing Actors for Screen; Audio Storytelling; Media & Sexuality; Experimental Video; Media, Fandom, and Fan Studies; Video Editing; Scripted TV Series Production

**Honors & Awards:** Magna Cum Laude, 21st Century Scholar, and Mount Holyoke Fund Scholar 2022-23

**Horton High School** | Wolfville, NS June 2021

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme Score: 34

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## FILM & PHOTOGRAPHY EXPERIENCE

**Freelance Editor** | Remote (Canada, USA)

**Junior Editor, Desiree Lavoy** | Montreal, QC November 2025 - Present

- Clean up auto-transcribed sequences and cut unnecessary dialogue.
- Place product images according to the reference format, and prepare the sequence for the final steps.
- Advise on other projects as a Junior Editor as needed.

**InQlusive** | Montreal, QC

**Photographer & Media Volunteer** November 2025 - Present

- Attend community events to record content, primarily photographs.
- Coordinate with members of the volunteer team for planning events.
- Produce and edit content for publicity and highlighting community organizations, artists, and events.

**Max Bell School of Public Policy at McGill University** | Montreal, QC

**Freelance Communications & Event Support** July 2025 - November 2025

- Organize communications and event planning assets in preparation for the new cohort.
- Edit and post videos/graphics to school social media accounts; capture new content during events.

**Mount Holyoke College** | South Hadley, MA, USA

**Film Festival Director** | Film Media Theater Department December 2024 - May 2025

- Worked with one peer and two faculty members to organize the fourth annual Mount Holyoke Film Festival.
- Created all graphic design elements for festival, collaborating with department staff for publicity distribution.
- Organized events for the film festival, culminating in a festival showcasing student films from all over MHC.

**Assistant Photographer & Videographer** | Office of Marketing & Communications **September 2024 - May 2025**

- Documented events for promotional and archival materials for the Office of Marketing & Communications.
- Recorded and edited interviews with university alums for promotional material in the “Forever Shall Be” series.

**Co-President/Founder** | MHC Photography Club **August 2024 - May 2025**

- Founded the first photography-focused organization at Mount Holyoke College.
- Authored club constitution and partitioned club leadership responsibilities, delegating titles for positions.
- Ran workshops on exposure, composition, and film photography and hosted events on and off campus.
- Cultivated a thriving community of photographers and maintained a budget to ensure the organization's longevity.

**Photographer & Audio Editor** | Mount Holyoke News **October 2023 - December 2024**

- Completed various photo assignments and edited podcast (The Summit) for Mount Holyoke News

**Department Student Liaison** | Film Media Theater Department **August 2023 - May 2025**

- Coordinated events for students in the department with other liaisons and department chairs.
- Hosted weekly study hours, creating a space for students to get peer support & feedback on coursework.

**Office & Communications Assistant** | Division of Student Life **June 2024 - August 2024**

- Provided customer service, file management, event planning, and office support to the Division of Student Life.
- Created and managed original content for official university social media accounts on Instagram and Facebook.

**Freelance Photographer** | Wolfville, NS | South Hadley, MA, USA | Montreal, QC

**Dance Photographer (Freelance)** | Multiple Clients **February 2026 - Present**

- Communicate with clients at least one month in advance to finalize photographic needs.
- Shoot and edit photos within one week of the concert, including three photos within 24 hours for publicity.

**Concert Photographer** | Multiple Clients **October 2025 - Present**

- Reach out to artists before shows to confirm photographic needs.
- Shoot and edit photos within one week of the concert.
- Artistically frame and edit the photos to showcase the true energy of the performance.

**Senior Photo Photographer** | Multiple Clients **May 2024 - May 2025**

- Organized photo shoots for students in their final year at Mount Holyoke College.
- Scouted locations and utilized campus spaces to find relevant settings for photos.

**Dance Photographer (Contract)** | MHC Dance Department **April 2024, April 2025 - May 2025**

- Shot two Student Choreography Concerts (Spring 2024 and 2025) and the 2025 Senior Commencement Concert.
- Edited photos in Adobe Lightroom.
- Met with the Dance Department before the event to establish expectations and delivered photos within 5 days.

**Mind's Eye Productions** | Remote (USA)

**Production Company Intern** **June 2024 - August 2024**

- Conducted outreach for upcoming documentary; tailored communications for a diverse audience of 60+.
- Assisted filmmaker Deirdre Fishel with pre-production tasks, researched archival footage, and secured funders.
- Presented reflections on this experience during Mount Holyoke College's Learning through Application (LEAP) Symposium in Fall 2024 (see **Conference Presentations**).

**Five College Consortium** | Pioneer Valley, MA, USA

**Jury Member/Print Trafficking** | 5 College Film Festival **December 2023 - March 2024**

- Organized film festival for the Five College Consortium, tracking submissions and finalizing festival run.
- Narrowed down over 80 submissions to 25 film finalists for the festival day.

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## TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE

**Forget the Box** | Montreal, QC

**Fundraising Coordinator** **September 2025 - February 2026**

- Prioritize community events through fundraising initiatives.
- Creatively integrate fundraising into existing arts events throughout the city of Montreal.

**Mount Holyoke College** | South Hadley, MA, USA

**Stage Crew** | Office of Student Involvement

**December 2023 - May 2025**

- Managed sound reinforcement and lighting design for week-long productions with rehearsals.
- Coordinated campus event staging logistics and provided backstage support for performers.

**Traffic Director** | WMHC Radio

**April 2023 - May 2025**

- Distributed Public Service Announcements (PSAs) and station mail as a member of the WMHC radio board.
- Organized medium to large-scale concerts on campus, serving as a point-of-contact for artist representation.
- Designed merchandise and assisted with the sale and distribution of merchandise around campus.

**Assistant Stage Manager** | Film Media Theater Department

**September 2022 - March 2024**

- “**Marisol**” – Spring Semester 2024 | “**Short Eyes**” – Fall Semester 2022
- Performed stage management duties including attending production meetings and taking rehearsal notes.
- Cleaned the stage before/after rehearsals, set up and struck the set, assisted with scene changes during show.

**Show Host** | WMHC Radio

**November 2021 - May 2025**

- Hosted a weekly hour-long radio show on WMHC Radio 91.5 FM.

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## KEY WORKS & CREDITS

**“Pour ce que ça vaut”** | **Film** | 1st Assistant Director

**September 2025**

Featured in: La Course des régions 2025

**“Halfway to Something**” | **Film** | 1st Assistant Director, Producer, Editor, Colorist

**May 2025**

AWARDS: MHC Film Festival 2025 Headliner

**"mimic"** | **Film** | Director, Editor, Creator

**February 2024**

AWARDS: MHC Film Festival 2024 Selection | Junk Dump 2024 Quarter-Finalist | Absurd Film Festival Best LGBTQ+ Honorable Mention | GRRRL HAUS CINEMA 2025 Official Selection

**"Dragmire, 1999"** | **Audio** | Director, Editor, Producer

**November 2023**

**"Future Feelings"** | **Audio** | Creator, Editor

**October 2023**

**"Love In Spite"** | Editor, Creator

**May 2023**

AWARDS: Student LA Film Awards 2024 Finalist

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## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

**“Witches and Cougars and Grandmas, Oh My! My Experience in Documentary Development and Pre-Production.”** | Presented at the **Learning through Application (LEAP) Symposium**, Mount Holyoke College, 25 October 2024. <https://events.mtholyoke.edu/event/filmmaking-perspectives-from-pre-to-post-production>.

- Presented work under Deirdre Fishel during Summer 2024 internship.
- Discussed learnings from working on the development process for a documentary
- Part of coursework for College-211: Connecting Internship and Research to Your Liberal Arts Education

**“Why So Doom and Gloom? Representations of Apocalypse in a Changing World.”** | Presented at the **Senior Symposium**, Mount Holyoke College, 18 April 2025.

<https://events.mtholyoke.edu/event/session-2-panel-c-fmt-humanities>

- Presented on my independent study about representations of apocalypse in fiction and nonfiction film and media
- Included images and clips of the film, which will be the final product of my independent study, as well as the research I did on apocalyptic media throughout the past two semesters.