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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. Experience in film and media with a specialization in film post-production/editing and event production. Passionate about helping others achieve their vision through filmmaking, photography, and event support.

PRIMARY SKILLS

Video Editing
Experienced in video editing using Adobe Premiere Pro, Adobe Audition, Final Cut Pro, and Davinci Resolve. Specialized in scripted, experimental, and vertical social media video editing.

Event Production
Experienced in technical stage management, light board operation, and sound board operation. Utilized ETC ColorSource and Element 2 DMX for lighting; Yamaha TF1 and Yamaha QL1 for sound.

ADDITIONAL 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)

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.

Welcome Change Productions | Remote (USA)

Social Media Manager | Montreal, QC **September 2025 - November 2025**

- Assist filmmaker Alice Elliot with social media to promote her new film, The Dismantled, during production.

Social Media Assistant **January 2024 - March 2024**

- Assisted with outreach, research, video editing, and content creation through weekly social media tasks.
- Created a strategy plan for Welcome Change's social media platforms with guidance from supervisor.

Marketing & Communications Intern **June 2023 - August 2023**

- Edited interview transcripts and videos for YouTube, and short-form clips for Instagram and Facebook reels.

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

Event Platform Content Creator | Office of Student Involvement **January 2025 - May 2025**

- Produced video content covering accessibility, financing, activities, and training for the college events platform.
- Recorded voiceovers and tutorials for onboarding to the events platform on both computer and mobile devices.
- Selected video tutorial topics to prioritize for student organization leaders and members alike.

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 budget to ensure organization's longevity.

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 2 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.

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.

Smith College | Northampton, MA, USA

Head Film Editor & Set Photographer | Don't Blink Media **October 2023 - December 2023**

- Photographed stills during production work; Collaborated with other editors to produce a short film.

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.

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 | GRRL HAUS CINEMA 2025 Official Selection

"*Move*" | **Film** | Creator **April 2024**

AWARDS: MHC Film Festival Selection 2024

"*Dragmire, 1999*" | **Audio** | Director, Editor, Producer **November 2023**

"*Future Feelings*" | **Audio** | Creator, Editor **October 2023**

"*Love In Spite*" | **Film** | Editor, Creator **May 2023**

AWARDS: Student LA Film Awards 2024 Finalist

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 on 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.

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