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Education:

Master of Fine Arts in TV and Screenwriting
Stephens College (Low-Residency Program) Expected: May, 2023
Columbia, MO

Master of Science in Film Production & Media Management
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE) Graduation: May, 2020
Edwardsville, IL

Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Science
Sathyabama University Graduation: May, 2011
Chennai, India

Grad School Work Experience:

Teaching & Research Assistant August, 2018 – May, 2020
SIUE: Mass Communications Department Edwardsville, IL

- Teaching Assistant for ‘International Advertising’; Research Assistant for ‘Media Campaigns’
- Worked as a part of the Media Campaign class to create a marketing campaign with the objective of changing the image and perception of East St. Louis, Missouri, for the non-profit organization ‘East Side Aligned’
- Specialization in Qualitative Data Research, Review and Management
- Assisted undergraduate students with ‘Video Editing 101’.
- Presented research paper and findings on the ‘Portrayal of Asian Indians in American Films in the last 10 years’ that talked about representation in films at University of Oklahoma.
- Worked alongside Broadcast Engineers, in guiding students to work with various Audio – Visual equipment
- Wrote, edited, directed & produced 6 Short Films and 1 PSA in 2019

Work Experience:

On-set Production Assistant & Post-Production January, 2021 - Current
Simian Design LA Los Angeles, USA

- Working as an On-Set Production Assistant on shoots
- Assisting on Video Editing assignments
- Projects worked:
- Deftones – Ceremony (On-set Production Assistant)
- John Legend & Faouzia – Minefields (2 Versions) - (Video Editing Intern)
- Jason Mraz – Be Where Your Feet Are (On-set Production Assistant)

Video Editor (Remote) August, 2020 - Current
The Yoga Stuff Edwardsville, USA

- Review shooting scripts & raw footage for 'The Yoga Stuff'
- Trim footage segments and put together the sequence of the film
- Input music, dialogues, graphics and effects
- Creating rough and final cuts

Film Crew Management May, 2019 – January, 2020
AMC Theatres Edwardsville, USA

- Scheduled and managed the shows and screens
- Participated in Customer, as well as Corporate and Vendor relationships

Screenplay Writer & Assistant Director February, 2018 – July, 2018
Indian Feature Film (Sayanna Varthakal) Kerala, India

- Produced by 'D-14 Entertainments' and Directed by Arun Chandu.
(www.imdb.com/title/tt9174214)
- Handled script rewrites for the entire movie, prepared shot schedules, call sheets, handled scene continuity, and was responsible for the location scouting

Copy Supervisor January, 2017 – February, 2018
DMAS Advertising & Communications Pvt. Ltd. New Delhi, India

- Handled Content Ideation – worked on creating new print, television and media campaigns for clients, which involved Copy Writing, Copy Editing and AV Script Writing
- Managed a team of interns & junior writers, and helped them with knowledge transitions

Software Engineering Analyst (Regression QA Lead) June, 2011 – June, 2014
Accenture Services Pvt. Ltd. Hyderabad, India

- Reviewed scope of requirements, managed order entry, client reporting, inventory management, defect analysis, and prepared delivery reports
- Received ACE award along with the team for quality assurance in 2013

Skills:

- Software: Microsoft Office Suite (MS Word, MS PowerPoint, MS Excel)
- Video Editing: Adobe Premiere Pro
- Screenwriting: Celtx, Final Draft
- Languages: Fluent in English, Hindi and Malayalam

Campus Leadership & Involvement:

- Film Society of SIUE – Founder & President April 2019 – May 2020
 - An organization for screening of foreign films, that deals with race, inclusivity, and international issues
- Student Government – *Marketing and Communications Member* March 2019 – May 2020
- Campus Activities Board – *Entertainment, and PR Cmte. Member* March 2019 – May 2020
- Kimmel Student Involvement – Legacy Program August, 2019 – May, 2020
 - Part of the 15-student cohort that worked on various action-oriented sessions and leadership skills

- Participated in the first Collegiate Leadership Summit hosted at SIUE February 8th, 2020
- Center for Diversity & Inclusion January 22nd to March 26th, 2019
 - Participated in the 10-week 'Sustained Dialogue' program, which dealt in understanding issues of race, ethnicity, ability, class, etc.
- Participated in the 'Women's Leadership Institute' at SIUE February 19th, 2019
- Part of the SIUE delegation that attended the '15th Annual Summit on Leadership Development' (SOLD) at Washington University, St. Louis February 9th, 2019

Awards & Honors:

- 'Creative Brilliance Award' – SIUE Kimmel Awards 2020
- 'Best New Student Organization Award' - Film Society of SIUE (Founder & President) – SIUE Kimmel Awards 2020
- Gold Tier – 'Student Leadership Development Program' – SIUE Kimmel Awards 2020
- Nominated for 'LeaderShape Vision', 'Graduate Student Leader' & 'Student Organization Officer Award' – SIUE Kimmel Awards 2020
- AEJMC 2019 National Conference – Presented a research paper on the 'Portrayal of Asian Indians in American Films in the last 10 years' that talked about representation in films, why inclusivity matters in films, etc. at University of Oklahoma, from March 1 – 2, 2019
- Nominated for 'Outstanding Student Leader of the Year' – SIUE Kimmel Awards 2019
- Bronze Award - 'Student Leadership Development Program' – SIUE Kimmel Awards 2019
- Participated in the 'LeaderShape Institute' - a six-day immersion program, from May 13th to May 18th, 2019
- Winner 'Best Amateur Short Film' (CowBot) award at Short to the Point International Film Festival 2019 - Writer, Editor & Director
- 'The Final Act' & 'Dead Air' – Nominated for St. Louis Filmmaker's Showcase 2020
- Winner 'Best Horror Short Film' (Dead Air) at 'Our Voices Film Festival 2020' (Canada)

Certifications:

- Completed a certification course in Mental Health First Aid USA, issued by the National Council for Behavioral Health

Volunteer Experience:

1. IHP (International Hospitality Program)
 - Worked with international students and various host families, that were based in and around the Edwardsville, IL area
2. Student Ambassador: International Students and Scholars (ISS) of SIUE
 - Assisted with semester orientations, as well as worked as a Student Ambassador & guide for the new students
3. Making A Difference (Non-profit) – St. Louis, Missouri
 - A part of their weekly food distribution and food collection drive, late-night community outreach program etc.