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EDUCATION

University of Southern California - B.F.A. Film & TV Production, Theatre Minor

AUGUST 2021 - MAY 2025

EXPERIENCE

“Trestle” Junior Thesis CTPR 310 Film, School of Cinematic Arts - *Dir., Prod., Post-Sound Editor*

JUNE 2023 - DECEMBER 2023 (6 months)

- Collaborated with actors and award-winning industry professionals to bring creative visions to life. Handled the SONY FX6.
- Funded and managed 4-figure budget, demonstrating logical financial judgment.
- Utilized cutting-edge technology to build scene momentum and enhance storytelling & visual aesthetics during primary and post-production.

“Eulogy” Senior Thesis CTPR 480 Film, School of Cinematic Arts - *Key Grip*

DECEMBER 2023 - PRESENT (2 months)

- Expertise in operating various grip equipment, including dollies and rigging systems.

“Coach’s Office” USC Black Art Collective Film - *1st Assistant Camera*

MAY 2023 - MAY 2023 (1 month)

- Collaborated closely with cinematographer to set up and operate SONY Venice equipment for various shots, ensuring adherence to creative vision.
- Oversaw the building of the camera unit and ensured the proper handling of digital media.
- Mentored camera assistants to enhance overall team efficiency.

Doheny Cinematic Arts Library, University of Southern California - *Library Assistant*

JANUARY 2022 - PRESENT (2 years)

- Manage the circulation of library materials, answer general in-person and telephone questions, and maintain active records of materials.
- Organize current and incoming materials and supervise researchers.

EXTRACURRICULAR

John Singleton’s USC African American Cinema Society - Primary Videographer

USC Black Art Collective - Assistant Fine Arts Chair, WINNER of Merch Design Contest

SKILLS

Fine Arts, Teamwork, Communication, Proficient in AVID, ProTools, Adobe Suite, Procreate, Canva, Dragonframe

AWARDS

Official Selection into The 2024 F.R.O. Fest Film Festival - TRESTLE (Director)

Best Student Short Film for The 2022 Sight + Sound Film Festival - ONLY YOU (Cinematographer)