

JACOB SZYMANSKI

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EDUCATION.

Columbia College Chicago | Chicago, IL Expected Graduation: Dec 2026

Bachelor of Arts, Film and Television | Screenwriting | Deans list (6 consecutive semesters) Honor Roll (GPA: 3.9)

- Dean's Scholarship, Columbia Scholar Award, Faculty Recognition Award

Aveda Institute | Chicago, IL | Cosmetology Program

Sep 2014-Sept 2015

EXPERIENCE.

Chicago Roundup | Chicago, IL

Sep 2025-Present

Fundraiser & Content Creator

- Provided development and fundraising support for a Chicago-based non-profit that promotes and supports sober living among LGBTQIA2+ individuals through programming, resources and community engagement.
- Created and curated social media content for Chicago Roundup to promote events and community engagement.

Trouvaille Med Spa | Tinley Park, IL

Jan 2018-Jan 2021

Sales Associate & Stylist

- Worked with clients and creative teams to achieve sales goals and stylized advertising.
- Delivered professional cut, color, and makeup services to maintain an extensive clientele.
- Managed client intake using scheduling software to book and manage appointments.

Lips | Chicago, IL

Jun 2019-Dec 2020

Server & Performer

- Supported live drag dinner productions in a high-volume performance venue to serve guests while maintaining awareness of show cues and timing.
- Coordinated with performers, hosts, and DJs during live events.
- Developed strong skills in audience engagement, multitasking, and improvisation.
- Maintained a welcoming environment, enhancing the overall guest experience.

Art & Science | Chicago, IL

Aug 2015-Dec 2016

Makeup Artist & Cutting Apprentice

- Assisted senior artists in professional photoshoots and creative projects.
- Applied makeup for editorial and styled photography.
- Collaborated with photographers, stylists, and models in studio settings.
- Developed skills in visual aesthetics, lighting awareness, and character presentation.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE.

Columbia College Chicago Editors Guild | Chicago, IL

Sep 2024-2025

Board Member

- Organized and reserved meeting spaces for guild events, ensuring proper setup and logistics.
- Represented the organization at campus events and meetings.

STUDENT SHORT FILMS & SCREENPLAYS.

<i>The Shadow People</i>	Screenwriter & Director	<i>Drag Trilogy of Terror</i>	Screenwriter, Director, Editor
<i>Weirdo</i> (Feature Script)	Screenwriter	<i>Venus</i>	Director, Editor, Producer

SKILLS.

Professional: story development, visual horror aesthetics, industry research, office administration, pitchdecks

Software: Final Draft, Adobe Premiere Pro, Photoshop, Microsoft Office, Google Workspace

Interest: horror, drag, recovery, community, queer activism, performance (*Captive State* (2018) / *Miss Serenity* 2025)