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EDUCATION

University of North Texas, Denton
M.F.A., Documentary Filmmaking (expected completion May 2028)

Defense Information School
Intermediate Public Affairs Specialist Course 2012

Defense Information School
Advanced Information Specialist - Joint Public Affairs Supervisor Course 2006

Defense Information School
Information Specialist (Journalist), Basic Public Affairs Specialist – Writer Course 2003
Honor graduate, class leader

University of North Texas, Denton
B.A, Radio/Television/Film 1999

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Documentary filmmaking stories of community resilience in the face of natural disaster; volunteerism and the relationships forged through service; autism acceptance and inclusion; and returning combat veterans and their reintegration into civilian society.

RESEARCH AND CREATIVE PROJECTS

The Ripple Effect, documentary short (director). A call-to-serve piece which focuses on the bonds formed between children with significant special needs and the volunteers who travel from all over the nation to teach them adaptive surf therapy on the shores of Galveston Island. Production began in Fall of 2026 as a second-year MFA Documentary cohort collaboration. 2026

Center Point: Strength & Renewal, feature-length documentary (producer/director/editor). A 43-minute extended cut of the film, *Center Point*, that was shown exclusively to the Kerr County community during the first anniversary of the 2925 Guadalupe River flood. The film goes deeper with a personal, more grounded approach, capturing a day-in-the-life of the volunteer firefighters as they recount personal triumphs and tragedies. *Center Point:* 2026

Strength and Renewal premiered at Center Point High School gymnasium and encored showing at the Cailloux Theater in neighboring Kerrville, Texas.

Center Point, documentary short (producer/director/editor). The 14-minute short follows three of the volunteer firefighters that initially responded to the catastrophic flood that surged along the Guadalupe River in 2025, killing 135 people. The handful of unassuming, small-town heroes rescued 23 people and evacuated 400 residents to higher ground during Texas Hill Country's worst flooding in recorded history. The film was the "first-year" production under the UNT MFA Documentary Production & Studies program and has been selected to premiere at the Flatland Film Festival. 2026

On the Spectrum @, (content creator) is a series of over 200 vlogs meant to connect with families with autism who desire to share an adventurous life on the open road, trekking through national parks, shooting river water rapids, standing atop the tallest buildings, and experiencing the most popular theme parks in America. Shot and edited mostly on smartphones, each short was, and still is, featured on the YouTube Channel "Picking Up the Pieces of Us." 2019 – 2024

Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Commemoration (event coordinator), held on board Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base, over 100 volunteers from local veteran support organizations banded together to create a Vietnam War History Center in a large aircraft hangar for a two-day forum that allowed spectators the unique opportunity to learn from the personal accounts and experiences of those who served in Vietnam. Coordinated efforts to complete 13 U.S. Library of Congress *Veteran History Project* interviews from participating Vietnam War Veterans. Each "oral histories" interview was conducted by trained members of the local Daughters of the American Revolution, documented by stenographers from Tarrant County Courts, video recorded by Airman of the Texas Air National Guard, and sent to the National Archives and Records Administration to be preserved and accessible for future generations. 2016

Eddie the Eagle veterans' promotional event (coordinator). Actors Hugh Jackman, Taron Egerton and director, Dexter Fletcher agreed to a movie-related promotional stunt to be held on-board Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base that involved Jackman receiving a F-16 incentive flight by an Air Force fighter squadron with Egerton "coaching" him from the air traffic control tower. After the flight, coordination was made for the actors to meet with service members and families and introduce a sneak preview of *Eddie the Eagle* at the base theater. 2016

"Living Memorial Uniform Pageant," a live-action parade of 50 service members in authentic period uniforms dating from 1775 to present. The pageant served as historical entertainment during Marine Corps Birthday Balls, depicting iconic scenes made popular by National Monuments in the Nation's Capitol 2005 – 2007

Faded Glory, The Von Erich Story, feature-length documentary (writer/producer/director) A University of North Texas Radio/Television/Film "Special Project" that chronicled the triumphs and tragedies of the famous Von Erich Wrestling family, a Texas pop icon of the 1980s, whose lives were cut short by accidental deaths and reoccurrences of suicide. In 2000, the documentary went on to receive regional acclaim at the USA Film Festival, Fort Worth Film Festival and Dallas Video Festival. 1999

AWARDS AND HONORS

Civilian Meritorious Service Medal, Commander, Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base, Texas 2015

Meritorious Service Medal, Commander Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 234 2015

Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Commander,14th Marine Regiment 2014

Global War on Terrorism Civilian Medal and Letter of Appreciation; Commander, Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba 2012

Letter of Appreciation, Commander, Combat Logistics Battalion 2 (Forward), Afghanistan 2011

Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Commander, Marine Aircraft Group 41 2005

Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Commander, Marine Aircraft Group 41 2004

IN-PROGRESS RESEARCH

What Happens To Them When We're Gone? is a documentary thesis that explores the lived experiences of people with autism as they age out of school-based support systems and transition into adulthood. Central to the theme is the family member's or guardian's haunting question as they navigate their loved one's future of uncertain agency, protection, and lifelong care.

Padilla's Mountain. A documentary that reveals an alarming number of chronic medical conditions in service members who were exposed to toxic conditions caused by burn pits at Camp Leatherneck in Afghanistan. Master Sgt. Padilla, a Marine who deployed to both Iraq and Afghanistan, was diagnosed with interstitial lung disease, an incurable restrictive lung condition that occurs when lung tissue around the air sacs becomes damaged and scarred. The film will focus on his life-changing medical treatment which may inevitably lead to a double lung transplant.

"Dad, is my brother going to heaven?" explores the faith-based principle of the Age of Accountability with intellectual innocence of autistic children and adolescents.

Unholy Rollers, plays upon my personal theory that more people find their initial spiritual connection through pop culture, movies and secular music that through Christian produced media and worship music.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Military Sexual Assault Prevention and Response" presentation, relaying objectives (with Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Patrick Tiernan, Lieutenant Colonel Ken Martin, and Captain Stephen Shea) at 14th Marine Regiment and Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 234's annual conferences — 2013 - 2015

"Culture of Responsible Choices" ethics brief, sole presenter of guided discussions to 366 personnel at 14th Marine Regimental Headquarters — 2014

"Leave No Marine Behind Suicide Prevention" program, relaying objectives (with Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Patrick Tiernan, Lieutenant Colonel Ken Martin, and Captain Stephen Shea) at 14th Marine Regimental Headquarters and Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 234's annual conferences — 2013 - 2015

"Noncommissioned Officer's Reawakening" and "Sustaining the Transformation" guided discussions with the squadron's full compliment of corporals and sergeants at Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 234 Hangar Deck — 2015

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Scouting America (Merit Badge Counselor) — 2023 - current
Teaching Scout youth in fields of Film Making, Photography, and Journalism

Marine Corps University College of Distance Education and Training, Davis Defense Group (Career Course Seminar Instructor) — 2017
12-week course of enlisted professional military education