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education

2016 M.F.A The University of Alabama, USA Book Arts
2002 B.F.A Pratt Institute, USA Media Arts Film & Video

academic appointments

2018 – Current American University of Sharjah, UAE
Asst. Professor – Dept. of Art & Design, Multi-Media

2017 – 2018 *Visiting Asst. Professor – Dept. of Art & Design, Multi-Media*
Course: The Art of Film , Multi-Media Design Studio III, Documentary, Analog Photography, Photography I, Multimedia Systems & Distribution
My teaching experience included both studio and lecture based classes ranging from 15 to 70 students of both majors and non-majors in the class. The studio topics ranged from pre-production, production, post-production and distribution of media arts and photography. I introduced many students to the importance of film in our culture and how to critique moving images as art. The central issues of film aesthetics, including formal and stylistic elements: color, lighting, editing, sound, movement, mise-en-scene were part of the exploration.

2016 – 2017 University of Zambia, Zambia
Fulbright Research Fellow - Fulbright Commission IIE
UNC Chapel Hill Women's Health Initiative – Journalism

2015 - 2016 United States Embassy/NIPA, Zambia
Professional In Residence – Digital Arts & Communication
Course: Documentary Storytelling, Personal Narratives & Podcasting

2012 - 2014 The University of Alabama, USA
Staff, Producer & Director - The Center for Public Television

professional experience

2001 - 2016 Freelance Independent Video Journalist, Producer, & Documentary Camera
Clients Include: National Geographic, Natural History New Zealand, Discovery, PBS, ABC Sports, Travel Channel, Smithsonian, Travel Channel
I spent over 15 years crafting my video and media skills as a professional in the international documentary television industry.

select positions
2012 – 2014 Center for Public Television / *Producer & Shooter*
Series: *Alabama Life, Detours*, sports and commercial work

2010 - 2011 Natural History New Zealand (NHNZ), Production & Development Dept. / *Writer & Producer*
Series: *Tribal Hunting & Beyond and Back* & Development Department

2003 - 2008 National Geographic Television, NHU & Specials Dept. / *CP, Field Producer & Videographer*
Series: *Hunter and Hunted, Planet Carnivore, and Ultimate Explorer*

grants // fellowships

2019-2021	Faculty Research Grant DARK TIDE: Fraternities, Politics, and the Secret Machine at the University of Alabama	American University of Sharjah	35,500 USD
	Faculty Research Grant Cross-Disciplinary Approaches to Bricolage: Combining Paradigms From the Arts and Business	American University of Sharjah	35,500 USD
2018-2019	Faculty Research Grant The Role of Psychological Capital and Entrepreneurship in the Transformation of Refugee Camps into Self-Sustaining Communities: Evidence from the Zaatari Camp Experiment	American University of Sharjah	17,500 USD
2018	Policy & Research Division, Film Grant	Sheikh Saud bin Saqr Al Qasimi Foundation	7,000 USD
	CBAA Conference Travel Grant	College Book Art Association	1,200 USD
2016 -17	Fulbright Commission Student Fellow	The U.S. State Department	9 months
2016	Penny McAllister Book Arts Scholarship	The University of Alabama	1,000 USD
	Dr. Judith Temple Scholarship <i>Draw Like A Textile; Craft Like A Drawing</i>	Arrowmont School of Art & Craft Instructor: Jane Lackey	2,500 USD
	Summer - Assistantship Scholarship <i>Radical Bookworks: Repurposing Found Books</i>	Penland School of Craft Instructor: Doug Beube	3,500 USD
2015	Windgate Fellowship	The University of Alabama	12,000 USD
	Individual Small Art Grant	Tuscaloosa Arts Council	1,000 USD
	Matching Small Art Grant, SLIS	The University of Alabama	1,000 USD
	CG-GC Materials & Supply Scholarship	The University of Alabama	300 USD
2014	Graduate Council Fellowship	The University of Alabama	14,500 USD
	Creative Research Award Grant	The University of Alabama	15,000 USD
	Crowd Sourcing Campaign	Kickstarter	3,000 USD
	Project Assistance Grant	College Book Art Association	600 USD
	Summer - Work Study Scholarship <i>Books with Bulk</i>	Penland School of Craft Instructors: Dolph Smith & Dan Essig	2,500 USD
2013	Travel Award Grant, SLIS College	The University of Alabama	1,200 USD
awards			
2018	Best Documentary Short <i>WARD: B12</i>	Portland Intl Film Festival	
2014	S.E Regional Emmy Award <i>Detours</i>	Center for Public Television	
2013	Best Documentary Short <i>Tasia and the Cheese Revolution</i>	Asheville Film Festival	
	Best Alabama Film <i>Tasia and the Cheese Revolution</i>	Sidewalk Film Festival	
2006	CINE Award <i>Hunter & Hunter: Stalked at Sea</i>	National Geographic Television	
	CINE Award <i>Hunter & Hunted: Predators in Paradise</i>	National Geographic Television	
	Worldfest Gold REMI <i>Hunter & Hunted: Predators in Paradise</i>	National Geographic Television	
	Worldfest Silver REMI <i>Hunter & Hunted: Mangrove Maneater</i>	National Geographic Television	

exhibitions

2019	Portland International Film Festival Portland	Film	<i>WARD: B12</i>
	Sharjah Film Platform 2019	Film	<i>WARD: B12</i>
	Al Ain Film Festival - Falcon Competition, UAE Residents	Film	<i>Aminah</i>
	7th Annual Ras Al Khaimah Fine Arts Festival	Film	<i>Aminah</i>
	<i>Fully Booked</i> // Dubai Art Week Exhibition	Book Work	<i>Timber</i>
2018	<i>One World – Many Papers.</i> // Curated by: CavePaper Online, Book, and Traveling Exhibition	Book Work	<i>A Letter To Paper</i>
2017	<i>Third Space</i> // Birmingham Museum of Art	Film	<i>Namibian Craft: The Unknown & the Outsiders</i>
	<i>Debtfair</i> // Whitney Biennial 2017	Book Work	<i>Evolution of Tradition</i>
	Sidewalk Film Festival	Film	<i>Namibian Craft: The Unknown & the Outsiders</i>
	<i>B16: Biennial</i> Exhibition // Wiregrass Museum of Art	Book Work	<i>Evolution of Tradition</i>
	<i>Namibian Craft: The Unknown & the Outsiders.</i> // University of Alabama, Huntsville - Library Gallery	Multi-media	Solo Exhibition
	MFA Thesis Exhibition: Book Arts The University of Alabama	Book Work	<i>A Functional Outsider: The Namibian Collection</i>
	<i>Southern Exposure: Academic Book Arts in the New Millennium</i> // UNC Chapel Hill	Book Work	<i>Follow Me to the Light.</i>
2016	6th Life Sciences Film Festival // Czech Republic	Film	<i>Namibian Craft: the Unknown & the Outsiders</i>
	Science Media Awards and Summit // Jackson Hole, WY Student and Emerging Science Filmmaker	Film	<i>Namibian Craft: the Unknown & the Outsiders</i>
2015	<i>Namibian Craft: The Unknown & Outsiders</i> // Dinah Washington Cultural Arts Center, AL	Multi-media	Solo Exhibition
	<i>Bound by Tradition, Unbound by Choice</i> // M.G Nelson Family Gallery, Springfield Art Association	Book Work	<i>The KAT</i>
	<i>Books, Tradition, Alabama</i> University of Alabama - Gorgas Library	Book Work	<i>Timber</i>
2014	Miniature Book Society // US Traveling Exhibit	Book Work	<i>Timber</i>
2013	<i>ARTprize</i>	Installation	<i>Pulp Fiction Chandelier</i>
	<i>Monster Make Over IV</i> // Bama Theatre Gallery	Book Work	<i>Three and Trees</i>
	Sidewalk Film Festival	Film (2)	<i>Tasia & the Cheese Revolution Turkey Man</i>
	Asheville Film Festival	Film	<i>Tasia & the Cheese Revolution</i>

2012	Sidewalk Film Festival	Film	Z.A.R.S
	South Alabama Film Festival	Film	Z.A.R.S
2008	WGBH - Public Broadcasting Channel	Film	<i>Tell Me to Believe.</i>

publications // filmography

published
2019

Aminah Film

2018 *Everything We Touch* Film

2017 *WARD: B12* Film
Fulbright Commission IIE

Media Collides with Medicine, Zambia
ASA 2017 Annual Meeting Multimedia Presentation Paper

How to Catch a Bat Article, Online
National Geographic's Voices for Wildlife
<https://blog.nationalgeographic.org/2016/12/07/how-to-catch-a-bat/>

Understanding the Mystery of the World's Largest Mammal Migration Article, Online
National Geographic's Voices for Wildlife
<https://blog.nationalgeographic.org/2016/12/01/understanding-the-mystery-of-the-worlds-largest-mammal-migration/>

2015 *Namibian Craft : the Unknown & the Outsiders.* Printed Pamphlet

Namibian Craft : the Unknown & the Outsiders. Film

Nothing Left to Give Small Press Book

2014 *The Tooth Book* Small Press Book

Follow me to the Light. Small Press Book

Timber. Small Press Book

2013 *Tasia & the Cheese Revolution* Film

Turkey Man Film

2012 Z.A.R.S Film

2008 *Tell Me To Believe* Film, PBS Premeire

in progress

#Metoo : the Artists & the Exhibition
Misogyny, Media and the Clash of Cultures Book Chapter / Author

Creative Expression As International Business
Research Output: Using Bookmaking to Explore the
Impac of Grey Tourism on Indigenous Craft Processes Article / Co-Author

Using Bricolage for Conflict Zone Entrepreneur
Training: Evidence From The Iraq Public Leadership
Program Article / Co-Author

conferences // presentations

2019	Invited Guest Speaker & Moderator	1st Fikra Design Campus Movie Night
	Artist Talk	7th Annual Ras Al Khaimah Fine Arts Festival <i>Documenting Aminah</i>
	Invited Guest Speaker	Emirates Writers Guild <i>Conversation Between a Filmmaker and a Poet (Aminah Film)</i>
	Conference Presentation	Association of International Business (AIB) Topic // Paper Competition Division <i>Using Bricolage for Conflict Zone Entrepreneur Training: Evidence From The Iraq Public Leadership Program</i>
	Conference Moderator (Declined)	Broadcast Education Association Topic // Gender and Sexuality Division - <i>Encouraging women in Media Production Work & Courses</i>
2018	Invited Guest Speaker	<i>How She Creates</i> Podcast Ep. 221 - <i>Documentary Film Making With Becky Beamer</i>
	Conference Presentation	Annual College Book Art Association Conference Topic // Collective Relevance: The Reciprocity of Art and Artifact <i>Utilizing Artifact Collection As Inspiration for Book Arts</i>
2017	Conference Presentation	Annual Conference African Studies Association (ASA) Topic // Eye Catching Engagements with Africa <i>Media Collides with Medicine, Zambia</i>
2016	Invited Guest Speaker	US Embassy - Lusaka, Zambia <i>Documentary Storytelling & Digital Toolsets</i>
	Artist Talk	University of Alabama – Huntsville <i>Namibian Craft: The Unknown & the Outsiders</i>
	Conference Presenter & Moderator	Annual College Book Arts Association (CBAA) Conference Topic // Lightning Round <i>Memoirs of a Yellow Border</i>
2015	Artist Talk	Dinah Washington Cultural Arts Center <i>Namibian Craft: The Unknown & the Outsiders.</i>
	Invited Guest Speaker	The University of Alabama Topic // Brown Bag Lunch Presents <i>Producing Across Borders : Craft Culture in Namibia</i>
	Conference Presentation	Digitorium: National Digital Humanities Conference Topic: Digital Documentation <i>“Outsiders” Influence on Namibian Indigenous Craft Culture</i>
	Poster Presentation	Discerning Diverse Voices: National Communication and Information Symposium <i>Digital Documentation of “Outsiders” Influence on Namibian Indigenous Craft Culture</i>

professional activities

2017 – 2019	Certificate	<i>Faculty Teaching Certificate Program</i> American University of Sharjah, UAE
	Certificate	<i>Data Visualization for Storytelling</i> Google News Initiative - MOOC
	Reviewer	<i>Mise-en-scène: The Journal of Film & Visual Narration</i> (MSJ) Broadcast Education Association - Faculty Documentary Judge (2018) Broadcast Education Association - Student Documentary Judge (2018)
	Community Outreach	Student Exhibition // <i>Doppelganger: Digital Double</i> // Maraya Arts Center, UAE Student Exhibition // <i>Maknoon</i> // Sharjah Museum Authorities, Bait Al Na Boodah
	Committees	American University of Sharjah Curriculum, Scholarship & Awards, Advisor – Film & Multi-media Juniors
	Course Development	Introduction to Book Arts // American University of Sharjah
	Guest Lectures	<i>Introduction to Vlogging for Critical Evaluation of Films</i> <i>Handmaids Tale & Women in the Movies</i> <i>Introduction to Book Arts</i> <i>Media as the Message</i>

workshops

2019	<i>Digital Storytelling on a Budget</i>	7th Annual Ras Al Khaimah Fine Arts Festival
	<i>The Art & Business of Bricolage : II</i>	Iraqi Public Leadership Program
2018	<i>The Art & Business of Bricolage: I</i>	Iraqi Public Leadership Program
2017	<i>Re-Imaging Identity On Paper</i>	Sharjah Ladies Club
2013	<i>In Appreciation of Paper</i>	C.A Frost Environmental Science Academy

collections

Dyson Family Collection // Asheville, NC
The Tooth Book

Miniature Book Society Archive (MBS) // San Francisco, CA
Timber

School of Library Science (SLIS) Archive // The University of Alabama
Timber

professional organizations

Broadcasting Education Association, International & Documentary Committee Member
College Art Association
College Book Arts Association
Fulbright Association, Scholar Member , Current: Faculty Specialist Roster
PADI Advanced Diver Certification
Producers Guild of America (PGA), Associate Producers Member, International Region, Vetting Committee

bibliography // press

2019

Maknoon Exhibition - TBD

Portland Film Festival Award

<https://www.albayan.ae/five-senses/east-and-west/2019-02-21-1.3493892>

<http://www.alkhaleej.ae/alkhaleej/page/0fdce1df-1084-43cf-b0bb-e44b1cbad031>

<http://www.gulftoday.ae/portal/33d528e8-0351-4dc4-812e-27cda566b39e.aspx>

<https://www.sharjah24.ae/en/studies-research/universities/173888/AUS-filmmaker-receives-Best-Documentary-Short-award>

<https://www.digitalstudiome.com/production/31360-american-university-of-sharjah-professor-wins-award-for-maternity-award-documentary>

Ras Al Khaima Award & Film

<https://gulftoday.ae/news/2019/03/27/aus-filmmaker-celebrates-poet>

<http://www.tellerreport.com/life/--amina-documents-the-life-of-an-emirati-poet-.Syx8uH69OV.html>

<https://www.thenational.ae/arts-culture/art/ras-al-khaimah-fine-arts-festival-photographer-karen-knorr-to-exhibit-works-as-event-opens-its-doors-1.825748>

<https://wow-rak.com/news/his-highness-sheikh-saud-bin-saqr-al-qasimi-will-open-the-ras-al-khaimah-fine-arts-festival-rakfaf/>

2015

Namibian Craft: the Unknown & the Outsiders. Exhibitions & Talks

WVUA Local Newscast // Nov. 02 2015 // Interview on Solo-Show at Dinah Washington Nov. 06, 2015

<https://www.ua.edu/news/2015/11/namibian-craft-culture-exhibited-at-ua-gallery/>

<https://www.tourwestalabama.com/event/artist-talk-becky-beamer-and-documentary-viewing/>

2014

Regional Emmy Award

<https://www.ua.edu/news/2014/06/uas-center-for-public-television-and-radio-wins-two-emmys/>

2013

Best Alabama Film Award

https://www.al.com/business/2013/08/wish_you_were_beer_first_craft_1.html

https://www.al.com/entertainment/2013/07/short_documentary_on_elkmont_g.html

https://www.enewscourier.com/news/local_news/saying-cheeeese-to-belle-chevre-expansion-in-elkmont/article_e8d86487-94d4-5cdd-b3f0-f6cff2cee03a.html

<http://elkmont1.blogspot.com/2013/10/we-all-love-belle-chevre.html>

<https://www.sidewalkfest.com/award/2013-awards/>