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## Television and Film Production

### Producer/Host

#### ***Not Your Average Travel Guide***

Research, write, shoot, produce, host and edit various half-hour city guide shows slated for broadcast primetime fourth quarter 2006.

**Travel Channel**

*March 2006-Present*

### Director/Producer

#### ***Longevity issue***

Shot, produced and edited series of 10 online video segments in Okinawa, Japan as companion to November 2005 magazine cover article.

**National Geographic Magazine**

*October 2005- November 2005*

### Director/Producer

#### ***Reality series "Made"***

Shoot and produce for various episodes in series.

**MTV**

*August 2004- Present*

### Shooter/Producer/Assistant Editor

#### ***Emmy-award-winning documentary film series "True Life"***

Segment produced, shot, and story edit episode: "True Life: I'm Rallying to L.A."

**MTV**

*June 2004-August 2004*

### Shooter/Producer

#### ***News and documentary series "Diary"***

Shot and segment produced episode: "The Diary of Fat Joe and T.I."

**MTV**

*May 2005*

### Cinematographer

#### ***"Seamless" (formerly "The Fund")***

One of three main cinematographers for theatrically released documentary film directed by Douglas Keeve, award-winning director of "Unzipped" (Miramax 1995); world premiere Tribeca Film Festival, special broadcast Sundance Channel.

**Vogue/ Douglas Keeve Studios**

*September 2004-April 2005*

### Director of Photography

#### ***Reality drama "8<sup>th</sup> and Ocean"***

Worked with co-executive producer to develop look and feel for MTV reality drama pilot picked up for full season; wrote "style bible" for series.

**MTV**

*February 2005*

### Producer/Camera/Photography

#### ***News and documentary special "After the Tsunami"***

Traveled to Banda Aceh, Indonesia to produce segment of a one-hour tsunami special report.

**MTV**

*January 2005*

### Reporter/Producer/Shooter

#### ***One-hour news magazine series "Medical Incredible"***

Reported, produced and shot segment about an artist suffering from Synesthesia.

**Discovery Health**

*October 2004*

### Reporter/Producer/Shooter/Editor

#### ***"News Night with Aaron Brown"***

#### ***"Inside Politics"***

Conceived of, pitched, reported, produced, shot, and edited various political news packages.

**CNN**

*June 2003-February 2004*

## Other experience

- Won Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism's John M. Patterson Documentary Television Award for documentary film about a drag queen entitled, "Made in Queens".
- In post production on "Afghanistan: a Journey Home" based on footage shot while following a refugee back to his homeland of Afghanistan after more than 25 years of exile.
- Independently produced "Juliet's Legacy" a documentary film about a pregnant woman's battle with a rare, aggressive form of breast cancer.

## Education

### **Columbia University**

Master of Science in Journalism (awarded SPJ's student-of-the-year)

**New York, NY**

### **University of Michigan**

Bachelor of Arts in Communications

**Ann Arbor, MI**