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### Key Skills

- Extensive experience filming with ROVs
- Nikon D850 and Sony A7iii owner
- Sony VENICE 2 + CN20 operator
- Canon R3, R5 C, C70, and C400 operator
- RED V-Raptor and Komodo operator
- Mavic 4 Pro operator
- FAA certified drone pilot
- PADI Advanced Open Water Diver
- Drysuit diver
- Proficient with Adobe Creative Cloud
- Strong editing skills on Mac
- Extensive experience working at sea
- Experience filming in zodiacs/on small boats
- Supervised technical experience in rackrooms on ships
- Experience creating and repairing cables

### Work Experience

#### **Inner Space Center at University of Rhode Island**, May 2026 - present

Video engineer, camera operator, and documentarian

- 28 total expeditions on NOAA Ship *Okeanos Explorer* since 2016 (see GFOE below)
- Troubleshoot broadcast functions on NOAA Ship *Okeanos Explorer*
- Operate video and stills cameras on ROV *Deep Discoverer* and ROV *Seirios*
- Film and photograph topside imagery from provided shotlist
- Teach and mentor new video hires

#### **National Geographic Expeditions**, January 2024 – present

Photography and location expert

- Present lectures to Guests about photography and location of trip
- Give field lectures in zodiac about wildlife and photography
- Specializing in trips to New Zealand and Antarctica

#### **National Geographic Pristine Seas**, January 2024 – October 2025

Photographer, DIT, second camera

- Vanuatu expedition, September and October 2025 – DIT, audio, photographer, drone pilot, second shooter on Canon C70, editor for short video shown to Vanuatu's Prime Minister
- Fiji expedition, July and August 2025 – DIT, audio, drone pilot photographer, substituted for DP when ill
- Solomon Islands expedition, October and November 2024 – DIT, audio, camera assistant on RED V-Raptor, second shooter on RED Komodo, drone pilot, photographer; part of team that discovered world's largest coral
- Palau expedition, March 2024 - DIT, camera assistant and second shooter on RED V-Raptor, drone pilot, photographer

## **Global Foundation for Ocean Exploration**, March 2016 – July 2025

Filmmaker, photographer, video engineer, public speaker

- Video team on NOAA Ship *Okeanos Explorer*
  - Produced, shot, and edited 100+ short form videos for web distribution
  - Operated video and stills cameras on ROV *Deep Discoverer* and ROV *Seirios*
  - Logged footage and created frame grabs from footage daily
  - Filmed topside footage, including in small boats
  - Create topside photos
  - Set up cameras for live events
  - Created an inventory for over 700 items
  - Created and laid cables as needed
  - Provided supervised video engineering support
  - Part of team that discovered multiple new species and shipwrecks
  - Presented multiple times to all ages about ocean exploration
- Expedition aboard USCGC *Healy* to the Arctic, July 2016
  - Shot and edited 13 short form videos for web distribution
  - Created topside photos for web distribution

## **Wildstar Films**, National Geographic *Underdogs*, October 2023

Camera Assistant and Photographer

- Assisted on VENICE 2 with CN20 lens and on a M1 Shotover with RED V-Raptor
- Shot on VENICE 2 with CN20
- Shot behind the scenes photos and videos, including interview, with Canon R5C
- Premiered on Disney Plus in June 2025
- Won awards for Limited Series and Animal Behavior at Jackson Wild 2025

## **Ocean Geographic**, February 2023

Cinematographer, audio, DIT

- Shot for feature length documentary *2099 Power in Us* in Antarctica with RED V-Raptor with Angeneiux and Fujinon lenses onboard the M/V *Sylvia Earle* with Dr. Sylvia Earle
  - Included topside and on water in zodiacs
- Shot Sony A7iii underwater and on DJI RS 3 Pro gimbal

## **National Geographic Field Ready Program**, October 2022 – October 2023

- Received mentorship from Mark Linfield from Wildstar Films and training to work on broadcast natural history programs

## **National Geographic Early Career Grant**, January 2019 – April 2021

Explorer - photography and filmmaking

- Documented the Texas Horned Lizard Reintroduction Project at San Antonio Zoo through photography and filmmaking
- Photos distributed multiple times on National Geographic social media
- San Antonio Zoo uses photos when communicating with donors

### **National Geographic Second Assistant Program, June – July 2018**

- Inaugural participant
- Assisted National Geographic Photographer David Liitschwager on documenting plankton and microplastics in Hawaii
- Photographs from project were published in May 2019 issue of *National Geographic Magazine*

### **Ocean Exploration Trust, April – May 2015**

Video Engineering Intern

- Operated cameras on ROV *Hercules* and ROV *Argus*
- Provided video engineering support

## **Education**

### **Master of Fine Arts in Science and Natural History Filmmaking**

Montana State University, August 2012 – December 2015

### **Bachelor of Science in Animal Biology, Cum laude with Honors**

Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi, August 2008 – May 2012

## **Continuing Education**

- REducation in-person course with Field Ready Program, April 2023
- REducation in-person course, September 2022
- REducation virtual course, March 2022

## **Organizations and Awards**

- Short film *To Pō and Back Again* won Best Film at the Ocean Geographic Pictures of the Year 2026
- Member of The Explorers Club, 2026
- Member of Emerging League at the International League of Conservation Photographers
  - Presented deep sea work at WildSpeak, November 2025
- Partner Filmmaker/Photographer with Girls Who Click
  - Provide mentorship to early career photographers
  - Ran photography workshop for teen girls in March 2026
- Board member of the Ocean Media Institute
- Member of the International Association of Wildlife Filmmakers
- Wrote article about filming in the deep sea for *Zerb* magazine from The Guild of Television Camera Professionals, June 2025
- Feature in *BBC Wildlife Magazine*, June 2024
- Top 100 and Top 250 photo awards from the 2024 North American Nature Photography Association Showcase
- Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi Young Alumni Award 2019

