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EDUCATION

Master of Fine Arts	
Documentary Production & Studies, North Texas University, Denton TX	Expected 2026
Bachelor of Arts	
Cinema, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Carbondale IL	2023
Associate of Arts	
Ozark Technical Community College, Springfield MO	2020

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Rural America, Americana, the Ozarks, history, cinema verité, literature

RESEARCH & CREATIVE PROJECTS

Undergraduate Research Capstone

McNair Scholars Program	2022
Research title: “Cause any bronc could be your last”: Chloé Zhao’s Portrayal of the Mythic Western in <i>The Rider</i> (2017).	

Creative Projects

1. ***God Bless Gatesville***: Director
2025
A look into the community, personality, and heart of Gatesville, Tx. From the local small-town rodeo to the summer night drive-in movie theater. *God Bless Gatesville* invites viewers to live inside a type of community that is slowly disappearing in the cultural landscape of America.

2. ***Borne By the Sea***: Director, Cinematography, Editor.

2024

Orthodox Christian Preist Fr. Paul Waisanen explores the question of mystery.

3. ***Larry at the Lake***: Director, Cinematography, Editor.
2022

Larry at the Lake is a documentary on my late father, Lawrence Gaydos, and his final visit to an old fishing spot. The film acts as a mediation on memory, family, and loss.

4. ***Hand of the Hunter***: Director, Cinematography, Editor
2022

Hand of the Hunter is an observational documentary focused on the relationship of man to nature, old age to youth, and the quiet focus of the hunter's eye.

5. ***Breakin' Time - A Memory of Doyle Lorenz***: Director, Cinematographer 2022

Doyle Lorenz describes an early memory of a wild horse he encountered on his father's farm.

6. ***UNTITLED***: Director, Editor
2021

UNTITLED is a hybrid fiction/documentary piece that explores depression and spiritual longing. The project was inspired by the slow cinema aesthetics of Chantal Akerman and Tsai Ming-liang

IN PROGRESS RESEARCH

Thesis Prospectus	2025
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AWARDS AND HONORS

Paramount Pictures Scholarship	2024
Oscar & Kaywin Blankemeyer Scholarship	2024
McNair Scholars Program	2022
Dean's List Honoree	2022/2023
Gary Kolb Scholarship	2022

A+ Program

2019

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Fellow

Introduction to MRTS Production

2025

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Teaching Assistant

Intermediate Film Production - MRTS 4140 Section 001

2023

University of North Texas

Teaching Assistant

Film and Television Analysis - MRTS 3610 Section 001

2023

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