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INVESTIGATIVE VISUAL JOURNALIST. PRODUCER. FILMMAKER.

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Awards / Grants / Residencies

FESPACO, official selection for short film 'Louvri pou mwen' (2023)

Radio Television Digital News Association (RTDNA) Murrow award for Hard News - Haiti on the Edge (2022)

Photo Exhibition at Prix Bayeux Calvados-Normandie, "In Port-au-Prince, Life According to Gangs" (2022)

IWMF Emergency Fund (2022)

Vimeo Staff Pick, Maryland Film Festival official selection for short film, 'Ti David' (2021)

Visura Artist-in-Residence (2021)

Visual Artist Fellow - 'Still I Rise' Films (2020)

Skills

Photojournalism

Audio, Podcast Editing

Video Production

Filmmaking

Editing

Social Media Management

Investigative reporting and research

Adobe Creative Suite

AP Style Reporting and Writing

Intermediate French, Fluent Haitian Creole

Certified HEFAT

References (*contact information available upon request*)

Mimi Chakarova

Executive Director at Still I Rise Films

Paisley Dodds

Investigations Editor, The New Humanitarian

Prue Lewarne

Broadcast correspondent for SBS Australia

Training

NYC Women's Weekend Film Challenge | 2022

- Selected out of more than 500 applicants, trained as a video editor to produce a film in a weekend that premiered at Village East Cinema

VICE Media | Hostile Environment Training | 2022

- Sponsored by ACOS Alliance

Education

Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication | Arizona State University

- BA: Journalism
- Related area of study: Sociocultural anthropology, documentary filmmaking

Experience

Visual Journalist, Video Producer/Editor and Filmmaker

Independent. – US, Latin America & The Caribbean – Jan. 2015- Present

- Filmed, produced, directed and edited video for clients like *Al Jazeera English, Bloomberg Q/T, AJ+, Univision, ARD, TRT World, The New Humanitarian, SBS Australia*
- Researched and wrote investigative articles, photographed and produced short documentaries for clients such as *Buzzfeed News, Reuters, The Guardian, 1843 Magazine (The Economist), Al Jazeera English, Univision, The New York Times, The New Humanitarian, and Rest of World, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)*, spanning from children recruited into armed groups in Haiti; peace builders living in conflict zones in Port-au-Prince; the deportation of Haitian migrants; youth along the US-Mexico border
- Member of Video Consortium, Frontline Freelance Register (FFR), National Press Photographers Association (NPPA), Overseas Press Club of America (OPC)

Senior Assistant Editor

Freethink. – New York, New York – June 2023 - Dec. 2023

- Primary editor on the audio podcast, handled organization, post-production and delivery; creative partner with the director to develop episodes; edit together paper edits; responsible for revisions from partner et al; edit shorts for the full show; support in regular assistant editor work

Photography and Video Mentor

Girls' Voices. – Mirebalais, Haiti – June 2018 - April 2020 (seasonal)

- Led workshops with seven girls from ages 12-16 in the Central Plateau, Haiti and taught them how to create their own documentaries
- They participated in a global competition between 300 girls and 14 countries; all were nominated, and 3 won for their films

Communications Manager Consultant

Beyond Borders. – Port-au-Prince, Haiti – Sept. 2019 - March 2020

- Directed, supervised and produced content, photos and videos
- Managed website, social media and campaigns that raised over \$300,000
- Produced development materials and trained the communications team in Haiti

Communications Manager

Summits Education. – Mirebalais, Haiti – Sept. 2017 – Sept. 2019

- Directed and produced multimedia content such as photo stories and social media videos
- Managed website, social media and campaigns
- Produced development materials and trained the communications team in Haiti

Creative Content Producer

Summits Education. – Mirebalais, Haiti – July 2016 - Sept. 2017

- Developed multimedia content for the Summits Education brand on deadline internationally in Haiti; articles, short videos and photos for social media, website, and future marketing materials and outreach

Multimedia Intern

Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting. – Washington, DC – Sept. 2015 - Jan. 2016

- Managed website, social media and event outreach
- Produced videos, aided student fellows and journalist grantees working in the field internationally