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Filmmaking Experience

- Direction, cinematography and editing experience on several short films that have screened at local theaters and film festivals, where four of which have won first place awards. Films available online at <http://www.jacobmendel.com>
- Extensive experience with 16mm sync-sound film, video and audio editing proficiency in Final Cut Studio, Adobe After Effects, Logic Pro and Pro Tools

Employment and Other Experience

- Anonymous Content Internship** *Los Angeles, CA* Summer 2008
Responsibilities included script coverage, budgeting, web design and video editing.
Web Clients: Dakar the Movie: <http://www.dakarthemovie.com/synopsis.html>
The Reason Campaign: <http://votingreason.com/>
Video Clients: Director Sunu Gonera for project RED and Animal Planet
- University of Michigan News Service** *Ann Arbor, MI* Summer 2007 – Spring 2008
Sole videographer employed by U of M News Service. Responsible for filming and editing U-M events and interviews posted on the University of Michigan News website (<http://umich.edu/news/>).
- University of Michigan Donald Hall Collection** Winter 2007 – Spring 2008
Student librarian employed at U of M Donald Hall Collection (the University film department reserve library of DVDs, VHSs, laserdiscs, 16mm and 35mm film). Responsibilities include archiving films and obtaining films for U of M film professors and students for academic use.
- Film Programmer and Assistant Manager at The Alibi** Winter 2007 - Spring 2008
Coordinator of a bi-weekly film series called "Cinephiles Anonymous" at The Alibi in Ann Arbor, a joint-run, privately owned space for music performances, film screenings, and art gallery showings.
- Videographer (Self-Employed)** Fall 2003 – Present
Freelance videographer, providing video services of event recording, editing and DVD authoring for individuals and institutions. Hired most recently by the U of M School of Literature, Arts and Sciences to make a documentary about a University of Michigan special program taught by an English department Professor Ralph Williams.
- Ann Arbor Film Festival, Ann Arbor, MI** Winter 2007 – Spring 2008
Selection Committee Prescreeener
- East Lansing Film Festival, East Lansing, MI** 2006 - 2007
Selection Committee Member

Education

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
School of Literature, Science and the Arts Honors program
Major: Screen Arts & Culture

2007-Present
Class of 2011

Relevant Coursework:

Criterion Collection Research Project (Winter 2009): Research Assistant to Professor Daniel Herbert who is writing a book on video stores and home video cultures more broadly. Through the support of travel and research grants from the U of M Undergraduate Research Opportunity, My work has been on *The Criterion Collection* in the form of conducting interviews and the literature review of theoretical and industrial writings.

Okemos High School, East Lansing, MI

2003 – 2007

Related Experience:

The Jacob Mendel Project (2006 - 2007) : Established a program on the Okemos High School Television channel and created films on a monthly basis for it, each one exploring a different style/genre of the film form.

School Newspaper Graphics Editor and Film Columnist (2006-2007): Created all the graphical content for the high school newspaper, using the Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator and InDesign software products, and wrote a monthly film column, reviewing both theatrical and video releases.

Awards

- Official Selection of *Rooms* for the 2009 47th Ann Arbor Film Festival
- 1st Place Cinematography for *The Waking Artist* and *Eschatology* at the 2009 Lightworks (an end of term screening of student film productions, judged by Screen Arts & Cultures department faculty)
- Official Selection of *The Cobrasnake* for the 2009 Summer NewFilmmakers Festival at Anthology Film Archives in New York
- 1st Place at 2007 East Lansing Film Festival Lake Michigan Film Competition student category for *Madness of Existence*
- 1st Place at Chicago Future Filmmakers Festival within Long Form Narrative category (2006) for *Oasis*
- 1st Place at Ann Arbor Young Filmmakers Cinema Slam (2006) for *Oasis*
- 2009 Recipient of the *Sidney J. Winer Scholarship* (scholarship awarded for student summer internships)