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POSITIONS HELD

2015 to Present York College CUNY
Jamaica, NY Astrobotics Coordinator

Founder & Coordinator of an interdisciplinary team of student fellows that compete in several NASA sponsored applied science and programming competitions. The Robotic Mining Competition and NASA Swarmathon serve as the backdrop to undergraduate research in STEM related fields.

Research Funds

NASA/NY Space Grant Consortium
Student Robotic Fellowship Program
(2017/2018)
12K

2015 to Present York College CUNY
Jamaica, NY Associate Professor

Communications Technology Program Co-Coordinator. Serve as an tenure-track Associate Professor for the Communications Technology Program. Teach capstone courses in Emerging Technology, Advanced Digital Video, Basic Television Studio Production, Webcasting, Hacking & Building, and Advanced Documentary Production.

PSC/CUNY Research Foundation
Grant. VR/Telerobotics (2017)
12k

City Council RESOa Fund (2017)
Co-Author,
Digital Convergence Center
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2007 to 2015 York College CUNY
Jamaica, NY Adjunct Assistant Professor

Served as an Adjunct Professor for the Communications Technology Program. Teach Advanced Digital Video, Basic Television Studio Production, Webcasting, Hacking & Building, and Advanced Documentary Production in addition to re-writing much of the curriculum over the years to keep the program modern and technologically applicable in todays marketplace.

NASA/NY Space Grant Consortium
(2016/2017)
3k

NASA Swarmathon Grant (2016-19)
24k

NASA MSI Robotics Grant (2015)
25k

2006 to 2015 York College CUNY
Jamaica, NY Multimedia Production Specialist

Manage the York College television studio/multimedia facilities and assist with all Communications Technology (CT) Courses. In charge of budget and technology research & purchasing for the CT Program. Produce all commercial material, including web ads, cable material, and educational videos from York College.

City Council RESOa Fund (2014)
Digital Fabrication FDM Printers
200k

Crowd Sourced, Kickstarter (2011)
Campaign for *The Domino Effect*
15k

PSC/CUNY HEO Professional
Development Fund
(2008/2009/2010)
12k

2004 to 2006 Royster Productions
Los Angeles, CA Head of Production

Lead Editor/Producer/System Administrator for a variety of broadcast and non-broadcast productions. Also served as the purchasing/rental manager for all High Definition equipment. Directed and produced all live broadcast events. Also served as the post-production coordinator, overseeing and participating in all aspects of post-production, from off-line editing to duplication.

Education

Hunter College
New York, NY
MFA, Integrated Media Arts

California State University
Sacramento, CA
BS, Media Communication
Cum Laude

2002 to 2004 Peppers & Associates
Sacramento, CA Chief of Production

Lead Editor / Lead Videographer on two award-winning television shows airing on Sacramento's local ABC affiliate, News10. Designed and maintained the IT infrastructure for Peppers & Associates. Also headed the creation of all motion graphics, print media, DVD authoring, and DVD offset art production.

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

New major concentration program design in the area of Communications Technology; Digital Fabrication (Spring/Fall 2019)

In the final stages of submitting to the Curriculum Committee a new Major Concentration in Emerging Technology for the York College Communications Technology Program. The new Major explores emerging mediums and technologies as they apply to Science, Art, Technology, Engineering and Entrepreneurship. This includes 3D printing, Laser Manufacturing, Embedded Electronics, Crowd-Sourced Invention Models and more.

Co-Author of the Digital Convergence Center @ York College (2020 estimated completion)

The Digital convergence Center is an interdisciplinary research and incubation space for Student and Faculty research support. Consisting of the Digital Knowledge Center, Digital Incubator Lab, and an Active Learning Classroom, this space is designed with program expansion and technological creation with the latest digital fabrication tools and support staff.

25k NASA MSI Technology Grant for the 2015 Robotic Mining Competition. (2015)

Primary Investigator and Lead Faculty Advisor for the York College Robotic Mining Team. This yearly competition is held at the NASA Kennedy Space Center to challenge undergraduate students to Engineer and build a robotic vehicle that simulates mining regolith On the surface of the Moon and Mars.

200k Secured to upgrade the TV Studio Space at York College. (2014)

Proposed TV studio retrofit to the NY City Council and received \$200,000 in Reso-A funding to build-out a technical Makerspace to the existing York College TV Studio Control Room. New space intended to support advanced technical pedagogy associated with our non-fiction TV concentration and other S.T.E.A.M. curriculum.

Awards & Honors

Telly Award (2004)
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International Communicator Award (2002)
National Football Foundation & College Football Hall of Fame, Athlete of the Year (2002)
NCAA All Academic Award (1998-2002)
Dr. Miendel Academic Excellence Award (1998-2001)
National Deans List (1999/2000)

Skills

Advanced Aptitude;

3 Camera Studio Systems, HD Video Production & Workflows, Documentary Production Workflows, Makerbot Replicator G Production Environments, RepRap CURA, Repitire, ShopBot V-Varve Production Environments, 3D Video Production & Editing, Arduino I/O & Coding Environments, Pro Tools 10, Adobe Creative Cloud (PP, AE, PS, AME, SG), Final Cut Pro Studio 7, MAX/MSP/JITTER, Wordpress 3.5, Blackboard 8, Blackboard Mobile, Social Media Theory & Application, OSX, Windows, iOS, Linux OS, Jailbreaking, 1337 Speak

Hardware;

JVC GY-970U, Panasonic HMC-150, Panasonic HMC-40, Canon 5d/T2i, MBOX, Replicator 2, ShopBot Desktop, Raspberry Pi, Arduino, Audio Mixing Consoles, Field Audio Recording Equipment, Studio/Field Lighting Equipment, 12+ Video Switching Consoles, A/V Patch Bays, Blackmagic Cards & Converters, Networked RAID Environments

Commissioned by the York College SEMAA Program to build Technology demos of Virtual Reality, 3D Scanning & 3D Printing. (2012-2014)

Designed and built a "Virtual Reality Station" for use by the Science, Engineering, Mathematics and Aerospace Academy at York College. Also Hand-built a 3D printer and scanner for use in workshops as a Technology Volunteer.

Engineered and integrated The York College Television Studio's conversion from standard to high definition. (2010)

Designed and self installed the 100k upgrade to the aging video system signal chain at the York College TV Studio. Upgrades and integration included; HD camera system, multi-core infrastructure, raid 5 recording system, CCU integration, Character generation, Chroma key, multi-viewer incorporation, 12 channel switcher, and internet streaming capability.

Designed and managed installation of a new lighting system for The York College Television Studio. (2010)

Designed and managed 45k upgrade to the aging York College TV Studio lighting grid. System went from a 70's style "hard patch" system to a fully DMX controlled, 48 channel, two bus, programmable board.

Proposed and procured over 225k worth of funding from the Technology Fee budget. (2007-2014)

Yearly proposals are written to the York College Tech Fee Committee to provide continued technology support for the Communications Technology Program. Funds are used for field cameras, lighting, new edit suites, lenses, camera R&D, studio expendables, new teaching spaces and more.

Program development & support for the Communications Technology Program. (Continuing)

Designed and implemented new curriculum for the CT program to modernize the major. Development goals were to increase first year retention, remain competitive with similar CUNY programs, and increase the quality of student work coming out of the major. In total, 9 new syllabi were written, accepted, and included in the 2013 Chancellor's Report.

PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, EXHIBITIONS

Publications & Presentations

Rapid Prototyping for NASA Competitions in Higher Education. (2017)

Presentation at Construct3D Conference at Duke University. Using years of experience in NASA research competitions, this presentation discusses how under-funded, minority serving, urban institutions use rapid prototyping to compete in NASA sponsored competitions on a national level with the top engineering schools in the nation.

Hacking & Building: An Understanding of our Future Through Science Fiction and Future Fiction. (2016)

Invited presentation in the Amazing Stories Symposium, New York City College of Technology. Presentation focused on the use of Science Fiction readings in the classroom to spur creativity in real world research.

Swarm Robotics and NASA's Crowdsourcing of Technology. (2016)

Invited presentation to the engineering Faculty & Staff of New York City College of Technology's College, School of Engineering. Outlined and discussed NASA's goals with Higher Education crowd-sourcing of technology such as physical designs and programming for use in off-world exploration of our solar system.

Creating Diverse Communities Within Interdisciplinary STEM Research Competitions. (2016)

Part of the 2016 Mellon Diversity Project Conference: Creating Diverse and Inclusive Communities. This 60-minute presentation discussed strategies that created a diverse team and inclusive atmosphere for several STEM initiatives at York College, including the creation of the York Astrobotics Program in 2014.

CUNY Supporting the Nation of Makers Initiative. (2016)

CUNY IT Conference panel presentation. Interdisciplinary STEAM cohort, York College. This panel presentation consisted of several CUNY campuses that harbor Fabrication Labs, Makerspaces, and Interdisciplinary Research areas. Discussion centered around strategies to create inclusiveness and success in these spaces seeking alternative funding and Administrative commitment.

MedizDroids Project: Ultra-Low Cost, Low-Altitude, Affordable and Sustainable UAV M Vector Control in Malaria Disease Management

Management. IEEE Global Humanitarian Technology Journal 2014. (2014)

Co-Author & Presenter. The goal of the MedizDroid Project is to research the affordable and sustainable use of aerial platforms (UAV, UAS, MAVs, drones, multi-copters and multi-rotors), briefly malaria mosquito control drones, for mosquito vector control and suppression. • <http://bit.ly/1OUDtV>

Makerspaces, Maker Pedagogy and the Promise of a Maker Commons. CUNY IT Conference. (2013)

Co-Presenter. Promotion of how Makerspaces provide access to materials, tools and technologies that allow for hands-on exploration and participatory learning across traditional, and non-traditional, pedagogy.

Peripheral Visions: Italian Photography in Context, 1950s-Present. Charta Books. ISBN 8881588374 (2012)

Contributing author. Exploring a work by Italian landscape photographer, Walter Niedermayr. • <http://amzn.to/12HrBJr>

The Domino Effect: How Development in New York City is Often Bittersweet. Provost Lecture Series. (2011)

Part of the 2012 York College Provost Lecture Series, this campus-wide presentation explored the public data used in the storytelling of The Domino Effect. • <http://bit.ly/XndO3K>

Provisional Patent Awarded. iPhoneoscope, 3D goggles for the iPhone (2010)

Designed and pursued a patent for a set of 3D goggles for the iPhone and other smartphone devices. Provisional Patent was awarded in May of 2009. Patent process was abandoned due the introduction of prior art and the pursuance of a more open source approach to future design work. • <http://bit.ly/UDalMn>

iPads on Campus: A Look at the Positives and Pitfalls of Adopting Emerging Technology Platforms. CUNY IT Conference. (2010)

Co-Presenter. Presented ways that remote desktop and secure sign-in could help bridge the divide between desktop functionality and tablet.

NYC, Home of the Homeless. The Journal for Undergraduate Multimedia Projects. (2010)

Instructor reflection on the student research and production approach for Anna Charles' *NYC, Home of the Homeless*. <http://bit.ly/W7UbMW>

Content Management in the Cloud: THE END OF LOCALLY HOSTED MEDIA. CUNY IT Conference. (2009)

Co-Presenter. Offered ways to circumvent CUNY IT departments to keep storage costs down, while increasing reliability/flexibility in streaming video.

Changing Realities and Creating WAC Synergies Through Film: A Case Study of Institutional Embeddedness in Multiple Media.

The Conference on College Composition and Communication, (CCCC). (2008)

Co-Presenter. Reflection on the student/researcher production process and approach to educational filmmaking for the film *Draft My Paper*.

Exhibitions

Peripheral Visions; Casabella and Domus Interactive (2012)

The Lang Gallery, NY, NY. iPad art installation. Interactive analysis of Casabella and Domus magazines from 1950-present. Presented in conjunction with the Peripheral Visions art show, this piece used a Jailbroken iPad and heavily modified Prezi presentation software.

• <http://bit.ly/WMRuCC>

Winter Abandon (2010)

iArt Interactive Showcase, NY, NY. Arduino based art installation. 3D interactive video interfacing with MAX/MSP/JITTER. Exploring data that surrounds NYC homeless during the long winter months.

FIT 3D Live (2010)

The Future of Fashion, NY, NY. Presented at the Fashion Institute of Technology. Fully immersive, stereoscopic 3D simulcast. The first 3D simulcast runway show in the United States. Comissioned to design and engineer a custom 3D rig and signal chain developed by Daniel Phelps for FIT & UVPFACTORY. • <http://bit.ly/18Zrf5F>

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Spring 2018 York College CUNY
Jamaica, NY Virtual Reality Production (CT419)

Course Description: An introduction to Virtual Reality production and post-production through the practical application. In this course, students earn the history and techniques of VR, Stereoscopic, 180°/360° and multi channel filmmaking. This course will directly contribute to The Future American Retrospective project.

Summer 2014 York College CUNY
Jamaica, NY The Drone Workshop

Course Description: A summer program dedicated to building, from the ground-up, an autonomous Multicopter Drone. Along with Colleagues from BMCC and students from across CUNY, this 8 week summer workshop program exposed undergraduates to the world of autonomous aerial platforms.

Fall 2013+ York College CUNY
Jamaica, NY Building & Hacking (CT137)

Course Description: An introduction to electronics, programming and prototyping through building, rebuilding, modifying, and creating software, electronic hardware, or anything else, either to make it better or faster or to give it added features or to make it do something it was never intended to do.

Fall 2007+ York College CUNY
Jamaica, NY Internship (CT490/491)

Course Description: Internship coordination for all non-fiction television and web design concentration students.

FILMS & SCREENINGS

Films

Director/Cinematographer/Editor:

The Future American Retrospective (2019), • <http://www.farvr.org/>
StartUpNY @ York College Commercial (2015), • <http://bit.ly/1Jvw8nr>
The Domino Effect; Documentary (2012), • <http://bit.ly/11SJ95X>
The Alley 3D; Short (2011), • <http://bit.ly/WLzTeb>
FIT 3D Live; 3D Live Simulcast (2010), • <http://bit.ly/18Zrf5F>
Salesman; Short (2009), • <http://bit.ly/153buUW>
Shanxi – CUNY Exchange; Documentary (2009), • <http://bit.ly/XmEzFF>
Auditory Artist; Documentary (2008), • <http://bit.ly/YwBUu2>
Prospect Dreaming; Documentary (2009), • <http://bit.ly/139ffW9>
Draft My Paper; Educational (2006), • <http://bit.ly/Xir3WF>
US Open of Racquetball; Live Televised (2005-2006)

Cinematographer/Editor:

Because I Row; Commercial (2011), • <http://bit.ly/XKDExO>
The House of Pete & Travis; Shorts (2009) • <http://bit.ly/12HskdB>
NASA SEMAA Program; Documentary (2009), • <http://bit.ly/15s6IS8>
Ed Koch Promo; Commercial (2007), • <http://bit.ly/WLCvJ2>
The Grass is Greener; Short (2005)
3rd Alarm; TV Magazine (2002-2004)
City Beat; TV Magazine (2002-2004)

Screenings

The Domino Effect

The New York Preservation Archive Project Film Festival
JCAL, Jamaica Center for the Arts
Bedford and Bowery, New York Magazine
American Sociology Association Annual 2013
The Pratt Institute
Planners Network Conference 2013
The Woods, presented by NAG Brooklyn
DocWorks NYC @ The CUNY Grad Center
Greenpoint Film Festival
Williamsburg International Film Festival
The Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture, presented by Filmwax
The Urban Planning Program at Hunter College
The Urban Planning Program at Brooklyn College

The Alley 3D

BeFilm International Film Festival
The New York Stereoscopic Society @ The Museum of Natural History

Salesman

IMA Interactive Show

Draft My Paper

The Conference on College Composition and Communication (CCCC)
Writing Across the Curriculum Conference at the CUNY Grad Center