

Elyse Frenchman

Documentary Filmmaker,
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I am a documentary filmmaker and video journalist working to tell stories that shift perspectives and confront truth. Determined and innovative, my passion lies in the crossover between telling stories as a journalist and finding the beauty and impact of those stories—bringing them into a visual medium—as a filmmaker.

Skills

Video/Film Production

cinematography

directing

writing

producing

editing

interviewing

reporting

Post-Production/Video Editing

Avid

Final Cut Pro

Adobe Premiere Pro

Photoshop

Other

organization

mentoring

teaching

research

Employment

Kunhardt Films - HBO Documentary Films

Associate Producer

Production for "King in the Wilderness", an HBO feature documentary about Martin Luther King Jr., premiering at Sundance. Research for upcoming interviews and write preliminary questions. Work with director/writer to develop story. Post-production: create an organizational systems, extensive work in avid—logging media, thematically categorize archival footage, edit string outs of selects, ingests and exports. Associate Producer on another upcoming documentary for HBO in 2018.

New York, NY
Mar 2017 to Current

NBC News

Associate Producer - MSNBC Longform Documentary/Original Programming

Associate Producer for in-house documentaries: edited scripts, compiled archive footage and photos, logged tape, fact checked, booked interviews and scouted shoot locations. Productions include: "Citizen Trump", "Hillary Clinton: It Takes a Country", "You Vote, They Decide: The Secret Campaigns for President".

New York, NY
Aug 2015 to Feb 2017

Development and Production Coordinator - MSNBC Longform Documentary/Original Programming

Developed ideas and assessed pitches for original documentary series and specials. Researched content for shows in production and development. Provided creative feedback and notes on scripts and cuts. Produced digital videos for web and social media. Researched and wrote updates for shows. Managed invoices and deliverables. Hired and supervised interns.

New York, NY
Aug 2015 to Mar 2017

MSNBC Longform Documentary

Documentary Intern

Created video clips and wrote captions for msnbc.com. Researched stories for shows in production. Wrote and produced social media content. Tracked competitor programming. Worked on the premiere for the documentary film "Just Eat It", and produced an animated video for msnbc.com, narrated by Tom Colicchio.

New York, NY
Jan 2015 to May 2015

MSNBC Media Relations

Intern

Managed press clippings, wrote blog posts, and created press lists for MSNBC dayside and primetime shows.

New York, NY
Sep 2014 to Dec 2014

International Academy of Arts and Sciences

Intern, International Emmy Awards

Screened and evaluated television shows submitted for an international Emmy award.

New York, NY
Jan 2014 to May 2014

TLC's "What Not To Wear"

Production Intern

Assisted production on set and in studio, scouted locations, filmed secret footage, created call sheets, booked travel, and selected props.

Sep 2012 to May 2013

Seftel Productions

Production Intern

Researched ideas for show development, transcribed interviews, scouted locations, and created call sheets.

New York, NY
Jan 2012 to May 2012

Harvard University

Admissions Assistant

Cambridge, MA
Dec 2011 to Jan 2012, Dec 2012 to Jan 2013

The River's School and Winchester Figure Skating Club

Figure Skating Coach

Massachusetts
2007 to 2011

Education

New York University, Gallatin School of Individualized Study

BA Individualized Study 2015

Concentration: film production with a focus on global media and its effect on our social and political landscape

New York University in Prague: Focus on European political media, 2013

Volunteering/Activities

NBC Universal Mentors - Mentor to NYC high school student

New York, NY

Sep 2016 to May 2017

Figure Skating

World, national and regional level competitive figure skater

1998 to 2011

Projects

The Iceman (in progress) (w/t)

Short Documentary: Brad spent 25 years working as a respiratory therapist. Suffering from PTSD, Brad quits his job and rebuilds his life in a new town with a new patient: a frozen dead guy. (in progress)

Mar 2017 to Current

Kingsley (in progress) (w/t)

Short Documentary: Since being released from prison 18 years ago, Kingsley has earned his masters degree and built a family—yet, he still faces obstacles and discrimination regardless of his success. A story of re-entry and family. (in progress)

Apr 2016 to Current

Beyond the Bars: A former inmate returns to his roots

Digital Documentary: Stanley Richards grew up surrounded by crime. After spending time behind bars himself, Richards has devoted his life to helping former inmates re-enter society. (writer/director/producer/cinematographer)

Aug 2016

Citify

A short documentary that traces China's unprecedented, rapid urbanization. In a unique 30 year collaboration, American and Chinese designers struggle to create more humane cities, confronting development forces that threaten China's cultural heritage. (writer/director/producer/cinematographer/editor)

Jun 2016

MSNBC Original Documentaries and Series - Digital Extras

Digital videos for MSNBC's documentary series "In Other News" and original documentary, "You Vote, They Decide". Video Link: Rennie Davis, National Coordinator of the Anti-War and Civil Rights Coalition in 1968, recalls the violence that surrounded the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago. (writer/producer)

Apr 2016

Cadaverous

Short film: A disturbed mortician finds unexpected comfort as her therapy session takes an alarming turn. (writer/director/producer/editor)

May 2013

Mokbar

Restaurant Chef Esther Choi talks about her inspiration for her signature dish, the ho- cake. (writer/director/producer/cinematographer/editor)

Oct 2014

Gett

Web commercial for international car service company. (writer/director/cinematographer/editor)

Jul 2013

Awards

Hollywood International Independent Documentary Awards - Best Female Filmmaker

Winner of best female filmmaker for documentary film Citify

Sep 2016

NYU Gallatin School of Individualized Study - Deans Award for Graduating Seniors

Grant from NYU to fund original research or creative projects pursued after graduation

May 2015

NYU Gallatin School of Individualized Study - Dean's Award for Summer Research

Grant from NYU to fund proposal for documentary film Citify

May 2014

New York University - Founder's Day Award

Honor recognizing superior academic records

May 2015

New York University - Fusion Film Festival, Official Selection

Finalist at the docs-in-the-works pitch competition to pitch documentary film proposal to HBO, POV, Impact Partners, and IFP

Feb 2016