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My practice in literature and video is a transformative investigation of the spaces between established conventions. Using traditions in self-reflexivity, I produce narratives informed by my research in gender, culture and technology.

Much of my creative work addresses the absence of queers in the technological landscape. I also examine socio-cultural fissures that manifest in the personal, urban spaces of western culture. I often combine essay with anecdote, theory with tale. I am interested in voicing the quiet and/or overlooked American experience, whether it be marginalized, abused, or bizarre.

Education

MFA candidate, California Institute of the Arts, Writing and Integrated Media
BA, Pitzer College, 2013, Media and Gender Studies. Thesis: A Manifesto in Feminist Filmmaking

Honors

2013 "The Screening" Audience Award, OW Film Fest
2013 "Mama" Audience Award, OW Film Fest
2013 "The Dancer" Audience Award, OW Film Fest
2011 "The Dancer" Best Director, RCC Film Fest
2011 "The Dancer" Best Screenplay, RCC Film Fest
2010 "MOGODS" Best in Editing, RCC Film Fest

Selected Writing

TRVNS4M, Mr. Roach Magazine (2014)
Truths, The Eye Literary Magazine (2014)

Performances/Lectures

Exploited, USCSB Video Presentations for World Homeless Day, (2014)
The Filmmaker's Voice, USCSB Video Lecture (2014)
The History of Film, USC workshop for visiting Chinese students (2014)
Video as Trans-disciplinary Tool, The Claremont Colleges' Digital Humanities Symposium (2015)
TRVSN4M Video Installation and Reading, California Institute of the Arts (2015)

Employment

Project Manager for the Mellon Digital Humanities grant at The Claremont Colleges (2014-current)
Owner/Producer for Letter A Films (2011-current)
Instructional Assistant, California Institute of the Arts (2014-current)
Paid Internship in Video Production, Pitzer College (2012)

Volunteer

Video Producer, FemTechNet (2012-2015)

References

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