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Dr. Cesare Wright is a [tech enthusiast](#), [visual anthropologist](#), [filmmaker](#), and [leadership specialist](#) whose work centers on the intersection of technology and culture. His research interests and professional expertise include [digital media production](#), [film and media studies](#), [artificial intelligence](#), [eSports/gaming](#), [virtual & augmented reality](#), [communication theory](#), [game-based learning](#), and [executive leadership](#). He appears regularly as a featured guest on KHOU Great Day Houston, Fox 26 News, Isiah Factor on Fox, and a variety of podcasts and streaming content.



Featured Media Coverage:

<http://www.kinoeyecenter.com/featured-media-coverage>

Dr. Wright served for 3 years as [Director of Digital Media Initiatives](#) and [Asst. Professor of Communication](#) at [University of St. Thomas](#). He was then appointed [Director of the Graduate Programs in Communication](#), and he created and launched the MA program in [Digital Media and Emergent Technology](#), which launched in Spring 2024.

He previously served for 7 years as [RCEL Lecturer and Leadership & Outreach Specialist](#) in the [School of Engineering at Rice University](#), where he co-developed and launched the [Rice Center for Engineering Leadership](#).

Photo Portfolio: <https://kinox.smugmug.com/Photography>

In his role as [President of the Kino-Eye Center](#) (501c3 non-profit foundation), Dr. Wright leads a series of industry sponsored technology and education programs with partners including Microsoft, Chevron, BP, the City of Houston, Houston Rockets, NASA/Space Center Houston, and World Youth Foundation. He recently launched the Kino-X studio and experience space at Memorial City Mall in Houston, which houses in-person education programs and events.

In partnership with Microsoft, Dr. Wright has created and led a variety of education and outreach initiatives, including [Microsoft EPIC \(K-12 STEM\)](#), [Microsoft FAST \(adult workforce development\)](#), and [Microsoft My:Meta \(Metaverse\)](#). In response to COVID, he developed [Microsoft VIP \(virtual engagement skills training\)](#) and hosted the first virtual Microsoft YouthSpark and DigiGirlz events.

As an [award-winning documentary filmmaker](#), Dr. Wright has worked in over 30 countries and served as a [News Editor and Special Projects Consultant for Fox 26 News](#). His content has been featured by Fox News, MSNBC, CNN, French TV 2, National Geographic, Documentary Channel, Spiegel TV, and international film festivals.

Dr. Wright also publishes and speaks on topics including STEM education, college admissions and accessibility, emergent technology, veteran employment, workforce development, human trafficking, anti-bullying, and disaster recovery.

Education:

University of Rochester (2016) | Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) | Visual and Cultural Studies

University of Rochester (2012) | Master of Arts (M.A.) | Art History

University of Southern California (2007) | Master of Fine Arts (M.F.A.) | Cinematic Arts

Rice University (2003) | Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) | Visual & Dramatic Arts

Rice University (2002) | Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) | Cultural Anthropology

Rice University (2002) | Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) | Art & Art History

Awards for education excellence and outreach:

2021 – NRG “No Trafficking Zone” Award for Dedication to Combating Human Trafficking

2017 – Rice University C.M. and Demaris Hudspeth Endowed Award for Student Life and Clubs

2016 – Houston Humanitarian Award from the City of Houston

2015 – Community Impact Award from the World Youth Foundation

2015 – Rice University Outstanding Faculty Associate

Featured Media Coverage & Articles for Academic Programs

Dr. Cesare Wright

Microsoft and Tech Segments – AI, AR/VR/Meta, Virtual Engagement

- FOX 26 interns build “Lunch for the Soul” set – FOX 26 News
 - <https://www.fox26houston.com/video/1431898>
- How AI is changing our world – risks, threats, opportunities - KHOU CH11 Great Day Houston
 - <https://www.khou.com/article/entertainment/television/programs/great-day-houston/how-artificial-intelligence-is-changing-the-way-we-work-learn-and-create/285-771870ef-1d15-4185-a601-b174b446f57f>
- *Lunch for the Soul w/ Melissa Wilson* (Television, FOX Ch. 26). “Exploring the dangers of the internet for kids.”
 - <https://www.fox26houston.com/video/1290517>
- Chat GPT and AI - KHOU CH11 Great Day Houston
 - <https://www.khou.com/article/entertainment/television/programs/great-day-houston/has-artificial-intelligence-gone-too-far-or-not-far-enough/285-c08d00ec-dcf7-4b57-a4b5-72e9ffa3f101>
- Metaverse and the Future of AI - KHOU CH11 Great Day Houston
 - <https://www.khou.com/article/entertainment/television/programs/great-day-houston/what-you-should-know-about-the-metaverse/285-e87b2bc5-26bf-4d10-b27f-894c43166d64>
- Tips for Online Work/Learning and Virtual Engagement - KHOU CH11 Great Day Houston t
 - <https://www.khou.com/article/entertainment/television/programs/great-day-houston/improving-your-online-presence-in-just-six-steps/285-18003949-76b8-4237-b3d0-3c292d55c5f3>
- Metaverse course story from UST Marketing/PR
 - <https://news.stthom.edu/the-metaverse-a-new-frontier-opens-at-ust/>
- Sample of Microsoft VIP content (promo for KHOU consult)
 - <https://vimeo.com/747334948>
- Virtual Engagement UST course story by Marketing/PR
 - <https://news.stthom.edu/usts-secret-weapon-dr-cesare-wright-helps--ust-lead-the-revolution-in-virtual-literacy/>

K12, College, & Community Education – STEM, Literacy, Arts

- *Univ. of St. Thomas.* “Dr. Cesare Wright Secures Team-based Internships with Fox 26 KRIV.”
 - <https://news.stthom.edu/dr-cesare-wright-secures-team-based-internships-with-fox-26-kriv/>
- College Advising Tips - KHOU CH11 Great Day Houston
 - <https://www.khou.com/article/entertainment/television/programs/great-day-houston/the-dos-and-donts-when-applying-to-college/285-acb53aba-ff8b-4029-aab4-062dda145edb>
- College Advising Tips - Fox 26 News
 - <https://www.fox26houston.com/video/1136375?fbclid=IwAR0HZFSAk0hXLvy9VxGC-uSReXIB4cDJdTuzMG0M7DVDdxXxR6I0eHoxT1Y>
- Microsoft EPIC and Pathways to Career Success - KHOU CH11 Great Day Houston:
 - <https://www.khou.com/article/entertainment/television/programs/great-day-houston/microsoft-helps-kids-combine-education-with-entertainment/285-0a1ebd04-5ca2-4893-9df4-fd391661650d>
- The Value of Student-led Clubs and Gaming - KHOU CH11 Great Day Houston
 - <https://www.khou.com/article/entertainment/television/programs/great-day-houston/socializing-can-help-students-in-the-classroom/285-7e710e6b-edcc-46b8-ae6b-63ed627a05c2>
- Unconventional STEM Learning Tips – Anime, Gaming, & Drones - KHOU CH11 Great Day Houston

- <https://www.khou.com/article/entertainment/television/programs/great-day-houston/tech-corner-unconventional-ways-to-get-kids-interested-in-stem/285-13b581a6-5327-45f9-a8ad-a277e8e76430>
- Microsoft EPIC Regional Winning Team for Drone Design Challenge - KHOU CH11 Great Day Houston:
 - <https://www.khou.com/article/entertainment/television/programs/great-day-houston/the-microsoft-epic-engineering-design-and-pitch-competition/285-7ba62b62-7664-4405-b83d-eccaba8c3156>
- Microsoft EPIC and Career Tips for College Students - KHOU CH11 Great Day Houston:
 - <https://www.khou.com/article/entertainment/television/programs/great-day-houston/three-tips-to-help-students-land-a-job-after-college-graduation/285-42b9da9e-0df7-4020-ab74-30c30b8bc87b>
- Dr. Wright brings Great Day Houston's Deborah Duncan to UST to create new co-taught course - [Friendship Creates a Partnership Benefiting UST Students \(stthom.edu\)](#)

Women Empowered (self-defense), Rape Prevention, Human Trafficking

- Horror Cinema meets Self-Defense – “How to Survive a Real-Life Horror Movie” – KHOU Great Day Houston
 - <https://www.khou.com/article/entertainment/television/programs/great-day-houston/how-to-survive-a-real-life-horror-scene/285-fd2c9a3b-a313-405a-a2cb-68cf78820f9a>
- *Unmuted* student-led Human Trafficking Podcast highlight reel:
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EA0ctjEB9ys>
- Human Trafficking NTZ/UST project - Isiah Factor on Fox 26
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o-0cw5y-5HQ>
- *Breaking the Silence* (Television, ULFN Network). “Students against Human Trafficking.” <https://watch.ulfn.org/breaking-the-silence/videos/initiatives-and-legislation-to-stop-human-trafficking>
- Unmuted Human Trafficking Podcast and Project-Based Practicum Course Story from UST Marketing
 - <https://news.stthom.edu/ust-communication-class-collaborates-with-ntz--to-educate-the-public-on-human-trafficking-in-houston/>
- Gracie Women Empowered series promo
 - [Women's Self-defense That Actually Works! \(Gracie Jiu-Jitsu\) - YouTube](#)
- Women's Self-Defense Seminar @ Rice University – Fox 26 News
 - [Rice University Self-Defense event w/ Gracie BJJ Black Belts - YouTube](#)
- UST/NTZ press conference on Human Trafficking project course and Max Studios podcast
 - <https://news.stthom.edu/ust-communication-class-collaborates-with-ntz--to-educate-the-public-on-human-trafficking-in-houston/>

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KEY COMPETENCIES

- 15 million+ audience reach via social media, TV, radio, and in-person speaking engagements: <https://kinoeyecenter.com/featured-media-coverage>
- Expertise in Digital Media Production, AI, AR/VR, Journalism, Cultural Studies, Engineering Leadership, Communication
- 20+ years of executive leadership experience as President of 501(c)(3) non-profit foundation
- Industry programs and partnerships with Microsoft, BP, Chevron, NASA, Intel, & more
- Courses taught in Communication, Engineering, Emergent Technology, Film Studies, Digital Media Production, Anthropology, Art History, Education, & Leadership
- Outstanding Faculty Associate Award, Houston Humanitarian Award, Community Impact Award, Hudspeth Student Life and Community Award
- 10+ years of university teaching experience with exemplary teaching and performance evaluations
- 10+ years leading K-12 and adult education outreach and STEM programs for 50,000+ learners

RESEARCH AND INDUSTRY FOCUS

Digital Media & Content Creation, Film Production, Augmented & Virtual Reality (AR/VR/Metaverse), Artificial Intelligence (AI), Representation Theory, eSports/Gaming, Influencer Culture, “Internet of Things” (IOT), Online Learning, Virtual Engagement, Technology Leadership, Entrepreneurship & Innovation, Future of Work

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS Aug. 2021 – Aug. 2024

Houston, TX

Director of Graduate Program in Communication

- Designed, created, and launched MA in Digital Media and Emergent Technology
- [Launch of the UST MA Digital Media and Emergent Technology](#)
- [Industry Partners Endorse MA Digital Media and Emergent Technology](#)
- [Student Spotlight - MA Digital Media and Emergent Technology](#)
- Anticipated steady-state tuition revenue of \$750K-1 Million/annually by Year Two
- Program endorsed by community partners at Fox 26, KHOU Great Day Houston, Microsoft, and more.
- Negotiated and launched first-of-its-kind team-based internship with Fox 26 News for 5 UST students
- BA/MA FasTrack option for undergraduate students
- Tracks include Digital Innovation & Virtual Engagement (DIVE) and Cyber Enterprise & Leadership (CELT)
- Graduate Certificate Pathways in Business, Education, Computer Science, Psychology, Criminology

Director of Digital Media Initiatives

- Develop and implement education and outreach programs for undergraduate/graduate students
- Led COMM internship program – 1000% increase in internship placements
- Cultivated and managed industry and community partnerships including Fox 26, KHOU, Microsoft, etc.
- Secure funding for new technology initiatives – 1.5mil in funding applications submitted for 2022/2023
- Created new MA/MS program in Digital Media and Emergent Technology
- Created project-based course and student-led Unmuted Human Trafficking podcast – extensive media coverage and national legislative impact driving H.R. 30 “No Trafficking Zone” bill

Asst. Professor of Communication

- Develop and implement undergraduate/graduate/community courses and curriculum
- Develop and lead project-based learning, internships, and career development initiatives
- Created and launched Microsoft partnered courses in Metaverse and Virtual Engagement
- Created 20+ new undergrad and graduate courses in Communication, Technology, and Digital Media
- Exemplary teaching and performance evaluations (available upon request)

KINO-EYE CENTER – 501(c)3 Non-Profit Foundation June 2004 – Present Houston, TX

Founder and President

- Launched Kino-X studio and experience space in Nov. 2024 - <https://vimeo.com/1050346932>
- Develop and implement education and diversity outreach programs for 5000+ students/year in partnership with industry, government, NGOs, and public/private/charter schools
- Manage industry and community partnerships: Microsoft, Chevron, BP, Univ. of Houston, Rice University, NASA, Space Center Houston, City of Houston, Houston ISD, Spring ISD, etc.
- \$500,000 in funding raised 2020-2024

Program Director and Creator

(Nov. 2013 – Present)

- Microsoft VIP (Virtual Innovation Professionals) – Virtual Literacy training
- Microsoft FAST (Future Accelerated Skills Training) – Adult workforce development
- Microsoft EPIC (Education Partnerships for Inspired Communities) – K-12 STEM outreach
- Microsoft Drone Academy – K-12 STEM program focused on UAV/UAS technology
- BP Service First – Free STEM education program for children of military families
- Manage additional programs in: Literacy, Anti-Bullying, Human Trafficking, Digital Media
- Houston Humanitarian Award (2016) – Recognized for excellence in K-12 education outreach
- World Youth Foundation Community Impact Award (2015) – Recognized for diversity outreach

RICE UNIVERSITY

Jan. 2012 – Nov. 2019

Houston, TX

Engineering Lecturer & Leadership Specialist | Rice Center for Engineering Leadership

- Co-Created Rice Engineering Leadership Certificate program with current enrollment of 200+
- Created and implemented RCEL Internship Program - 100% student career placement 2013-2019
- Outstanding Faculty Associate Award (2015), Hudspeth Award for Student Life and Clubs (2017)
- 2013-2019 Engineering Course Offerings:
 - ENGI 311/511 - Leading Change – Revolutionary Moments in Engineering and Society
 - ENGI 218/219: Engineering Leadership Lab
 - ENGI 318/319: Advanced Engineering Leadership Lab
 - ENGI 241: Professional Excellence for Engineers
 - ENGI 317: Leadership Action Learning
- Program Director for K-12 STEM outreach and education programs and initiatives
 - Rice Emerging Leaders in Technology & Engineering (ELITE) Camp (9th-12th grade) – Tuition-based program for 20 students/week that generated \$130,000/month.
 - Rice Drone Camp (7th/8th grade) – Featured by Fox News, BP, Drone 360 Magazine, WB39, Oil & Gas Journal, Style Magazine, Fortune Magazine, Microsoft, and print/online publications
 - Secure, develop and manage industry relationships and mentorship program
 - Faculty sponsor for Rice Aerial Robotics Club and Rice Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Club

Adjunct Lecturer in Dept. of Visual and Dramatic Arts

- Developed first Advanced Cinematography and Sound Production courses for Dept.
- Student films screened at SXSW and acquired by Netflix

- Mary Hale Lovett Scholarship – Rice University, 2003.

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) | Cultural Anthropology

- Ethnographic research featured on Fox News, National Geographic, French TV 2, and Spiegel TV
- Louis Sudler Award in Humanities, 2002
- Advanced coursework in Math and Computer Science

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) | Art & Art History

- Extensive coursework in Advanced Computational Mathematics and Computer Science with project-based work in virtual and augmented reality
- Studio Film Award - Dept. of Art & Art History, 2001
- Texas Independent Filmmakers Competition Finalist, 2001
- Focus on critical analysis, Media & Culture studies, documentary and ethnographic film

AWARDS & HONORS

- NRG “No Trafficking Zone” Award for Dedication to Combating Human Trafficking, 2021
- Hudspeth Award for Dedication to Student Life and Clubs – Rice University, 2017
- Houston Humanitarian Award – City of Houston and Random Acts of Kindness Foundation, 2016
- Community Impact Award – World Youth Foundation, 2015
- Outstanding Faculty Associate Award – Rice University, 2014
- Provost’s Fellowship – University of Rochester, 2007-2012
- Distinguished Alumnus Award – Rice University Dept. of Visual & Dramatic Arts, 2010

PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, EXHIBITIONS, AND EVENTS

SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE AND PRESENTATIONS

- Feb. 2025 *Great Day Houston* (Television, KHOU Ch. 11). “Kino-X – A next-generation digital media experience and studio space.”
<https://www.khou.com/article/entertainment/television/programs/great-day-houston/elevate-your-skills-in-media-production-with-kino-x/285-8c15d916-eb8f-4ba6-9e31-4cbcf7a6e72>
- Oct. 2024 “Dr. Cesare Wright launches new *Valnti-X/Kino-X* studio and innovation space.” (Television, FOX Ch. 26).
<https://vimeo.com/1023072445>
- March 2024 “Dr. Wright leads interns to create new set for Lunch for the Soul.” (Television, FOX Ch. 26).
<https://www.fox26houston.com/news/lunch-for-the-soul-livestream-fox-26-interns-help-create-set>
- Nov. 2023 *Univ. of St. Thomas*. “Dr. Cesare Wright Secures Team-based Internships with Fox 26 KRIV.”
<https://news.stthom.edu/dr-cesare-wright-secures-team-based-internships-with-fox-26-kriv/>
- Oct. 2023 *Univ. of St. Thomas*. “Unmuted’ an Anti-Trafficking Podcast Series: Communication Practicum Project Yields Impressive Results.” <https://news.stthom.edu/unmuted-an-anti-trafficking-podcast-series--communications-practicum-project-yields--impressive-results/>
- Oct. 2023 *Great Day Houston* (Television, KHOU Ch. 11). “How to survive a real-life horror movie.”
<https://www.khou.com/article/entertainment/television/programs/great-day-houston/how-to-survive-a-real-life-horror-scene/285-fd2c9a3b-a313-405a-a2cb-68cf78820f9a>
- Oct. 2023 *Lunch for the Soul w/ Melissa Wilson* (Television, FOX Ch. 26). “Exploring the dangers of the internet for kids.” <https://www.fox26houston.com/video/1290517>

- Aug. 2023 *UST MAX CENTER* (Podcast/Live Lecture, UST MAX STUDIOS). “Learn the secrets to writing successful college applications.” <https://news.stthom.edu/learn-the-secrets-to-writing-successful-college-applications/>
- July 2023 *Univ. of St. Thomas*. “Naturally curious about the Artificial Intelligence?” <https://news.stthom.edu/naturally-curious-about-artificial-intelligence/>
- June 2023 *Breaking the Silence* (Television, ULFN Network). “Students against Human Trafficking.” <https://watch.ulfn.org/breaking-the-silence/videos/initiatives-and-legislation-to-stop-human-trafficking>
- May 2023 *UST MAX CENTER* (Podcast/Live Lecture, UST MAX STUDIOS). “Into the Metaverse.” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DzrWaEU9-mE>
- March 2023 *Great Day Houston* (Television, KHOU Ch. 11). “AI, Metaverse, and the Future of Online Safety.” <https://www.khou.com/article/entertainment/television/programs/great-day-houston/hasartificial-intelligence-gone-too-far-or-not-far-enough/285-c08d00ec-dcf7-4b57-a4b5-72e9ffa3f101>
- March 2023 *Univ. of St. Thomas*. “The Metaverse: A New World of Opportunities.” <https://news.stthom.edu/ustmax-the-metaverse-a-new-world-of-opportunities/>
- March 2023 *Great Day Houston* (Television, KHOU Ch. 11). “How AI is changing our world – risk and rewards.” <https://www.khou.com/article/entertainment/television/programs/great-day-houston/how-artificial-intelligence-is-changing-the-way-we-work-learn-and-create/285-771870ef-1d15-4185-a601-b174b446f57f>
- Feb. 2023 *Isiah Factor on Fox* (Television, KRIV Fox Ch. 26). “Human Trafficking NTZ/UST project.” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o-0cw5y-5HQ>
- Feb. 2023 *Univ. of St. Thomas*. “UST Student-led Unmuted podcast team fights Human Trafficking.” <https://news.stthom.edu/ust-communication-class-collaborates-with-ntz--to-educate-the-public-on-human-trafficking-in-houston/>
- Oct. 2022 *Great Day Houston* (Television, KHOU Ch. 11). “College Application and Prep Tips.” <https://www.khou.com/article/entertainment/television/programs/great-day-houston/the-dos-and-donts-when-applying-to-college/285-acb53aba-ff8b-4029-aab4-062dda145edb>
- Oct. 2022 *Fox 26 News* “College Advising Tips” (Television, KRIV Fox 26) <https://www.fox26houston.com/video/1136375?fbclid=IwAR0HZFSAk0hXLvy9VxGC-uSReXIB4cDjdTuZMG0M7DVDdxXxR6I0eHoxT1Y>
- Aug. 2022 *Great Day Houston* (Television, KHOU Ch. 11). “Metaverse and the Future of AI.” <https://www.khou.com/article/entertainment/television/programs/great-day-houston/what-you-should-know-about-the-metaverse/285-e87b2bc5-26bf-4d10-b27f-894c43166d64>
- Feb. 2022 *Great Day Houston* (Television, KHOU Ch. 11). “Virtual Literacy and Improving Your Online Presence.” <https://www.khou.com/video/entertainment/television/programs/great-day-houston/improving-your-online-presence-in-just-six-steps/285-6ddb0109-326c-468b-849c-c545047938dd>
- Dec. 2021 *Encounter Magazine 50th Anniversary Ed.* “Revolutionary - The New Frontier of Emergent Technology”. <https://blogs.stthom.edu/encounter/2021/featured-stories/revolutionary/>
- Sep. 2021 *Univ. of St. Thomas*. “UST’s Secret Weapon, Dr. Cesare Wright, Helps UST Lead the Revolution in Virtual Literacy”. <https://news.stthom.edu/usts-secret-weapon-dr-cesare-wright-helps--ust-lead-the-revolution-in-virtual-literacy/>

- Feb. 2019 *Great Day Houston* (Television, KHOU Ch. 11). “STEM Career Pathways and Future Skilling”.
<https://www.khou.com/article/entertainment/television/programs/great-day-houston/microsoft-helps-kids-combine-education-with-entertainment/285-0a1ebd04-5ca2-4893-9df4-fd391661650d>
- Feb. 2019 *Great Day Houston* (Television, KHOU Ch. 11). “Microsoft EPIC and STEM Outreach”.
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- Oct. 2019 *Great Day Houston* (Television, KHOU Ch. 11). “Career Readiness Tips for College Students”.
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- July 2019 *Great Day Houston* (Television, KHOU Ch. 11). “Value of Academic Clubs & Teams”.
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- May 2019 *Great Day Houston* (Television, KHOU Ch. 11). “Unconventional STEM Learning Tips for K-12”.
<https://www.khou.com/article/entertainment/television/programs/great-day-houston/tech-corner-unconventional-ways-to-get-kids-interested-in-stem/285-fd0ba195-fb2f-4290-973d-82154882c6a8>
- Aug. 2018 *Great Day Houston* (Television, KHOU Ch. 11). “Flood Mitigation and Disaster Prevention”.
<https://www.khou.com/video/entertainment/television/programs/great-day-houston/his-house-will-never-flood-again/285-8230692>
- March 2017 *Fox 26 News*. “Women Empowered Rape Prevention and Self-Defense.”
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I8vbSSstBOY&t=5s>
- Aug. 2017 *Great Day Houston* (Television, KHOU Ch. 11). “Disaster Recovery Tips for Harvey Flood Victims”.
- Nov. 2016 *Expo UAV Conference*. “Women in Drones: Motivating, Inspiring, and Integrating within the Industry”.
- March 2016 *Drone 360 Magazine*. “Heading in the Right Direction”.
- Oct. 2015 *Oil & Gas Journal* [print and online edition]. “Educational drones”.
- Sept. 2015 *BP* (online blog). “Are these the drones you’re looking for?”. Stable URL -
http://www.bp.com/en_us/bp-us/community/STEM-programs/us-drones-camp.html
- Aug. 2015 *Fox 26 News*. “Live at Rice Drone Camp”.
- Aug. 2015 *Rice News Media*. “Flying toward the future”. Stable URL -
<http://news.rice.edu/2015/08/14/flying-toward-the-future/>
- Aug. 2015 *Houston Chronicle* (newspaper). “Rice Drone Camp lets kids’ imaginations soar”.
- Aug. 2015 *Style Magazine*. “Middle School Students to Learn About Science and Engineering”.
- Aug. 2015 *Houston Independent School District* (online blog). “Drones taking students on flights of STEM fancy”. Stable URL - <http://blogs.houstonisd.org/news/2015/08/21/drones-taking-students-on-flights-of-stem-fancy/>

- Nov. 2013 *U.S. Air Force* (online blog). “Women Empowered seminar instills jiu-jitsu self defense strategies”. Stable URL - <http://www.af.mil/News/ArticleDisplay/tabid/223/Article/467523/women-empowered-seminar-instills-jiu-jitsu-self-defense-strategies.aspx>
- Fall. 2008 *Ian Scotto Radio Show*, Ithaca College Radio. Featured Guest.
- Aug. 2008 *Andrew Wilkow Show*, Sirius XM. Featured Guest.
- Feb. 2007 *Chris Baker Radio Show*, Clear Channel Broadcasting. Featured Guest.
- Spring 2005 *Debra Duncan Radio Show*, Clear Channel Broadcasting. Featured Guest.
- Spring 2004 *Telemundo* (USA/Mexico). “Border Vigilantes”.
- Fall 2004 *Spiegel TV*, (Germany). Short Format Documentary.
- Fall 2004 *French TV 2*, (France). News Story.
- Spring 2003 *Fox 26 News*. “Fighting Chance”.
- Fall 2002 *Fox 26 News*. “Suspension of Disbelief”.
- Fall 2002 *Fox 26 News*. “Scarred for Life”.

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ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

- Oct. 2023 *Microsoft/NASA/US Army STEMLiner Event* (Featured Presenter, Live Lecture & Workshop). "Beyond Reality: AI, Drones, and AR/VR." - <https://vimeo.com/908839319/0905d52b6a>
- Oct. 2023 *Conroe Art League & Madeley Fine Art Gallery* (Podcast/Live Lecture). "Productive or Disruptive – Generative AI in Art and Society."
- Aug. 2023 *UST MAX CENTER* (Podcast/Live Lecture, UST MAX STUDIOS). "Almost Human? Understanding Generative AI, Internet of Things (IOT), and Autonomous Systems."
- June 2023 *Univ. of Rochester Warner School/NSF/State of NY BOCES* (Virtual Conference) - Consultant & Featured Speaker. "Teaching Technology." Teacher Professional Development for NY State Computer Science Standards
- Jan. 2023 *CEU International Conference of Educational and Teaching Innovation* (International Conference). Featured Speaker. "Emergent Technology and the Future of Learning."
- Sept. 2022 *Anime Texas* (Conference Panel) – Featured Speaker. "My:Meta - Anime & the Rise of the Metaverse."
- May 2022 *Univ. of Rochester Warner School/NSF/State of NY BOCES* (Virtual Conference) - Consultant & Featured Speaker. "Teaching Technology." Teacher Professional Development for NY State Computer Science Standards
- May 2022 *Spring ISD STEM-Fest* (Conference) - Featured speaker. "Metaverse and the Future of AR/VR."
- April 2022 *City of Houston Mental Health Virtual Symposium* (Virtual Conference) - Organizer and Featured speaker. "Impacts of Social Media and Virtual Engagement on Student Mental Health."
- April 2022 *No Trafficking Zone/Univ. of St. Thomas* (Max Studios Podcast series)- Organizer and Featured speaker. "Cybersecurity and Youth Safety for Virtual Engagement and Social Media."
- April 2022 *FaceTrace/Univ. of St. Thomas* (Max Studios Podcast series) – Organizer and Featured speaker. "Body Image, Mental Health, and Social Influencer Culture."
- March 2022 *Houston Tech Rodeo* - Featured speaker. "E-Sports and the Social Influencer Revolution."
- Feb 2022 *Microsoft EPIC Tech Rally/Spring ISD Young Engineers* - Instructor/Host. "AI & the Engineering Design Process."
- June 2021 *Univ. of Rochester Warner School/NSF/State of NY BOCES* - Consultant & Featured Speaker. "Teaching Technology." Teacher Professional Development for NY State Computer Science Standards
- April 2021 *Microsoft EPIC Tech Rally/Avalon Carver Foundation, Los Angeles* - Instructor/Host. "AI, Drones, AR/VR, & the Engineering Design Process."
- Jan 2021 *Microsoft EPIC Teacher Training/Avalon Carver Foundation, Los Angeles* - Instructor/Host. "Teaching Technology." Teacher Professional Development for California Technology Standards.
- May 2020 *Microsoft YouthSpark Home Edition*. Featured speaker. "AI & Engineering Design Process."
- April 2020 *Inaugural Microsoft YouthSpark Home Edition* (first fully virtual YouthSpark event). Featured speaker. "AI & Engineering Design Process."
- Nov. 2019 *Microsoft EPIC Program* (MS Woodlands). Lead instructor. "Intro to Artificial Intelligence"
- Dec. 2019 *Microsoft EPIC Program* (MS Galleria). Lead instructor. "Intro to Artificial Intelligence"
- Oct. 2019 *Microsoft EPIC Program* (MS Baybrook). Lead instructor. "Intro to Artificial Intelligence"

- Sep. 2019 *Microsoft Give/Hero Box Event* (Houston). Featured speaker. “Value of Military Service Members in Tech Industry”.
- Sep. 2019 *World Youth Foundation @ the Houston Hobby Center*. Featured speaker. “Be unconventional; be EPIC!”
- June 2018 *Microsoft DigiGirlz* (Houston). Featured speaker and session presenter. “Intro to Autonomous Systems and Engineering Design Process”.
- April 2019 *NASA/Microsoft STEM-Liner Program* (Houston). Featured speaker. “Navigating and unconventional career path”.
- April 2019 *Microsoft DigiGirlz/ Girl Scouts of America* (Dallas). Featured speaker and session presenter. “Drones, sensors, and robotic technology”.
- April 2019 *Microsoft DigiGirlz/ We Are Girls* (Houston). Featured speaker and session presenter. “Drones, Sensors, and Artificial Intelligence”.
- July. 2018 *NASA/Space Center Houston/Microsoft*. Featured speaker and session presenter. “Autonomous vs. Manual Robotic Control Systems”
- June 2018 *Microsoft YouthSpark @ La Cantera* (San Antonio) Featured speaker and session presenter. “Intro to Autonomous Systems and Engineering Design Process”.
- May 2018 *Microsoft YouthSpark Live @ Joint Military Base Fort Sam Houston* (Austin). Featured speaker and session presenter. “Sensors, Drones, and Internet of Things”
- May 2018 *Microsoft DigiGirlz/ We Are Girls* (Houston). Featured speaker and session presenter. “Drones, Sensors, and Artificial Intelligence”.
- Feb. 2018 *NASA/Space Center Houston/Microsoft*. Featured speaker and session presenter. “Sensors, Drones, and Internet of Things”.
- Feb. 2016 *Microsoft YouthSpark*. Featured presenter – “Teaching Technology”.
- Jan. 2015 *The Special Event Conference*. Featured speaker & workshop presenter - “Light & Sound for Events – Using AV to Tell a Story”.
- April 2013 Film screening of *Kumaré* (Dir. Vikram Gandhi, 2011) & director Q&A. Featuring Kino Lorber CEO Richard Lorber. Organizer & moderator. Hosted by Rice University Humanities Research Center & Kino-Eye Center.
- Mar. 2013 Society for Cinema and Media Studies Conference. Paper presentation – “Finding the “Truth” – Rhetoric and Actuality in the Documentary Tradition” (Conference paper).
- Mar. 2013 “Art of the Film Business”. Panel feat. Elizabeth Sheldon (VP Kino Lorber) Organizer & Moderator. Hosted by Rice University Humanities Research Center and Kino-Eye Center.
- Feb. 2013 “Interdisciplinary Career Paths in Humanities”. Guest Lecturer. Rice University Center for Career Development.
- July 2004 *Karlovy Vary Int. Film Festival* (Czech Republic). Industry Screening: *Border Wars*.

FEATURED FILMOGRAPHY

Gracie Women Empowered. DVD and online series, Dec. 2010. Director & Producer.

- Rape prevention program for women hosted by the Gracie family, founders of Brazilian jiu-jitsu and the Ultimate Fighting Championship.
- Program adopted by the U.S. Air Force in 2012 as the Core Combatives program for female soldiers
- Basis for social media campaign with 20 million+ engagements

Talk Radio. Documentary, 2009. Director & Cinematographer.

- Documentary film that addresses issues of government regulation of media and the possible reinstatement of the “Fairness Doctrine” through an exploration of the talk radio industry.
- Feat: Mike Pence, Sean Hannity, Ed Schultz, Amy Goodman, Ann Coulter, Stephanie Miller
- Production in coordination with Clear Channel, Talk Radio Networks, and Sirius XM

Goals. Documentary, 2006. Director, Cinematographer, Editor.

- Issues of assimilation and immigration are explored through the sports of soccer and baseball.
- Syndicated airing for 12 months on The Documentary Channel
- International broadcast premier on CCTV (China)

The Gracie Challenge. Documentary, 2006. Independent. Director.

- Documentary portrait of the Gracie family, who created Brazilian jiu-jitsu and founded the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC).
- Generated over 1 million views on YouTube
- Basis for social media campaign that generated 38 million engagements

Border Wars. Documentary, 2004. Independent. Director.

- Documentary exploration of immigration and smuggling along the U.S./Mexico border. The film focuses on the emergence of “border vigilante” groups, including the Minutemen and Ranch Rescue. Scenes include the civilian detainment of illegal immigrants and the first documented encounters of Mexican military/smuggler incursions onto U.S. soil.
- Featured on Fox News, MSNBC, CNN, CSPAN, Telemundo, Spiegel TV, French TV 2
- Basis for National Geographic series.

Thereisenstadt: Kingdom of Deceit. Documentary, 2004. Kino-Eye Center. Director.

- Feature documentary film that explores the propagandized use of children in specific Nazi internment camps, such as Thereisenstadt, Czech Republic. Children were forced to perform plays, operas, musical compositions, and create various artistic works, which were presented to Red Cross inspectors as evidence of the “ethical and humane treatment” of Jews in camps and ghettos.
- Incorporated as educational media content by Houston ISD and the Holocaust Museum

Back to the Primitive. Documentary, 2003. Rice University. Director.

- Documentary exploration of the world of “modern primitive” stage performers and performance events, including S&M burlesque shows, human suspension, body modification, Satanic and Luciferian rituals, and a variety of other performances.
- Featured nationally by Fox News, Discovery Channel, and National Geographic Channel

CONFERENCES/FESTIVALS ATTENDED

2008-2019	International Documentary Film Festival Amsterdam. Amsterdam, NL. Kino-Eye
2012-2015	South by Southwest Film Festival. Austin, TX
2013-2015	True/False Documentary Film Festival, Columbia, MO
2014	The Special Event Conference, Los Angeles, CA.
2013	Society of Film and Media Studies Conference, Boston, MA
Jan. 2014	Academic Event Planner Conference, Nashville, TN
Mar. 2013	Based on a True Story Documentary Film Conference. Columbia, MO
2005-2008	American Film Market Conference. Los Angeles, CA.
2002-2005	Karlovy Vary Int. Film Festival. Czech Republic.

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS & EXPERIENCE

Production and Post-Production

- Fiction and Documentary Director & Producer
- Cinematographer and Camera Operator: Super 35 Cinema, DSLR, HD/UHD, 16mm, 35mm
- Sound Design and Production - Trained by Tomlinson Holman (THX – “Tom Holman Experiment” and 5.1 Audio)
- Editing and Post-Production: Picture and Sound
- Avid, Final Cut Studio, Protools, LightWorks, Euphonix console

Anthropological Fieldwork, Research, and Film Production in Over 20 Countries:

- Exploration of major European cultural, historic, religious, and artistic centers in Italy, Spain, Greece, Holland, Germany, Portugal, Czech Republic, France, Switzerland, Austria, and Belgium
- Field research in Czech Republic, Romania, Bulgaria, Hungary, and Poland focusing on the Post-Soviet “Westernization” of Eastern European regions
- Field research in Minsk, Belarus relating to the Belarussian independence movement and the conditions of post-Chernobyl disaster reconstruction – created immersive virtual reality computer model of the region
- Field research on propaganda and the use of children in Nazi internment camps – Focus on Thereisenstadt camp in the Czech Republic, with extended site research in Germany, Poland, and Holland

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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