



SCOTT ANDREW TAYLOR

Cinematographer
Content Creator
Storyteller

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EDUCATION

COLUMBIA COLLEGE CHICAGO

(2019, SUMMA CUM LAUDE)

B.A. CINEMA ART & SCIENCE

GPA 3.97- Superior Academic
Achievement.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF THE AIR FORCE

(2016)

A.S. PUBLIC RELATIONS

GPA 3.97- Superior Academic
Achievement.

SKILLS

Professional: Proficient in Adobe Suite (Premiere, After Effects, InDesign, Photoshop, etc) Vegas, Final Cut, DaVinci. Lighting, sound, stabilizing, coloring, & other video support equipment. Sony, Canon, Arri, Nikon & Blackmagic cameras. Social Media. Night Sky Photography. Entire Microsoft Office suite. Google Docs/Sheets/slides.

CAREER BACKGROUND

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Visual Information Specialist

Mar 2022 - Mar 2025

- Produced, shot, edited classified and public digital content, including videos and graphics using Adobe Suite for distribution across official State Department platforms.
- Streamlined numerous processes and codified them into SOPs boosting project efficiency by 250%.
- Pioneered video captioning and audio description capabilities, increasing accessibility and ensuring legal compliance.
- Developed multi-million dollar contracts, led contractor teams, automated public inbox processes, and contributed to councils and review boards.

MULTIPLE CLIENTS

Freelance Videographer

Jun 2019 - Present

- Collaborate with clients to produce creative content, including corporate, social media, and event videos, ensuring all deliverables meets or exceeds expectations.
- Direct and film single and multi-day shoots, manage logistics, and own post-production services including editing, color grading, and sound design.
- Support documentary filmmakers as a camera operator and assistant, contributing to projects featured on Hulu, Tubi, at Sundance, and other notable festivals.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Visual Information Specialist

Jul 2020 - Oct 2021

Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks (April 2021 - October 2021)

Shenandoah National Park (July 2020 - March 2021)

- Led production, research, filming, and editing of high-impact video campaigns for park social media (live and prerecorded). Designed sophisticated motion graphics to enhance storytelling and capture audience attention. Simplified complex scientific concepts into engaging, accessible content.
- Pioneered a new video content format, establishing consistency in video creation. Combined passion for nature to produce a successful stargazing video series, boosting night time attendance and leading informal stargazing talks in the park.
- Earned Star Award. Consistent high quality and insight into audience behavior (social media usage etc.) resulted in 715% higher views on my videos compared to those of my peers produced during the same timespan.
- Coordinated multi-day travel, produced videos, and designed final design files for physical and digital museum exhibits and wayside displays.
- Developed and managed a Squarespace website to deliver essential information to displaced employees during wildfire evacuations.
- Hosted 8 "Live" on-camera broadcasts for weekly fall updates, providing a well spoken and approachable on-camera presence.

CAREER BACKGROUND (CONTINUED)

KARTEMQUIN FILMS

Cinematographer & Outreach Jan 2020 - May 2020

- Shooter and Camera Assistant on in-progress documentaries (including Hulu docs).
- Managed org wide merchandise & DVD sales. Supported in promotional campaigns for films premiering at Sundance and other festivals. Created newsletters using Mailchimp.

CITY OF DES PLAINES

Media Services & Event Host Jun 2019 - Jun 2020

- Content Creator for videos broadcast on local TV, city displays, and social media.
- Designed promotional and informational graphics for all social platforms.
- Served as key host for citywide concerts, parades, and other community events.

COLUMBIA COLLEGE CHICAGO

Camera Tech & Teacher's Asst. Jan 2019 - Dec 2019

- Managed, maintained, and cleaned cinema cameras. Supported in teaching camera seminars for undergrad students. Fulfilled customer orders and confirmed equipment was operational.

U.S. AIR FORCE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Broadcast Journalist Dec 2011 - Dec 2017

- Created all forms of digital video including narrative films, documentaries, and PSA's with graphics, actors, and music. From formulation to distribution: produced 100+ videos.
- Packaged media for all social media and news networks increasing audience engagement.
- Non-Commissioned Officer in Air Force, leader of 90+ people, served in hazardous locations, worked directly with highest ranks in the military and national news.
- Created and broadcasted news and entertainment via anchor desks, live television, streaming, and radio broadcasts to US bases around the world.

RUSTY BUCKET KIDS CLUB

Actor & 2nd Asst. director Oct 2010 - Dec 2011

- Guest Star for pilot episode, assisted casting sessions, location scouts, worked with actors and producers for future episodes. 3X Regional Emmy™ Nominated show.

VOLUNTEER

- 2024- Soup Kitchen volunteering at Our Big Kitchen
- 2021- Created promotional motion graphics for The Source LGBT+ Center.
- 2020- Vice President of Columbia's VIVA DOC! documentary film club.
- 2019- Chicago International Film Fest Theater Ops and "Ask Me" staff.
- Additional: Founded Incirlik Film Club, coordinated red carpet premiere for production.
- Group Leader at Planetary Society, Booth leader at 2016 March for Science.
- International humanitarian work.
- Conducted video editing training at high schools.

SKILLS (CONT'D)

Personal: Public Affairs and Relations. Tech savvy on PC and Mac, voice acting, public speaking, punctual, attention to detail, self-starter. Worked and traveled in 38+ countries. Martial Arts, Scuba, CPR, Motorcycle certified. Passionate about science/astronomy.

AWARDS

Earned top-ranking "outstanding" rating at State Department

4 Outstanding Achievement Cash Awards during time at State Department

STAR Award - Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks

STAR Award - Shenandoah National Park

Three 1st place video awards in Air Mobility Command

Dean's List at Columbia College Chicago

Numerous military awards, medals, accommodations, and video awards