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## EDUCATION:

**Fort Lewis College**, Durango, CO 2013  
B.A in Humanities (English, French, Philosophy)

**Vermont Academy**, Saxtons River, VT 2008

## CLIENTS:

- **Backcountry.com** 2016  
Directed the short branded film *Out There*. Premiered at Action on Film International Film Festival in Las Vegas, Nevada. Featured on Adventure Journal and Epic TV.
- **Patagonia** 2017  
Contributed rock climbing photography in Bears Ears National Monument to Patagonia's online conservation and adventure blog *The Cleanest Line*.
- **National Science Foundation** 2018  
Directed the short research film [Caddisflies, Engineering an Ecosystem](#) in partnership with San Francisco State University, Montana State University, and the Stroud Water Research Center.
- **Montana State University** 2018  
Co-wrote and directed *Caddisflies, Engineering an Ecosystem* with Dr. Lindsay Albertson of the Cross Laboratory.
- **Backcountry Hunters and Anglers** 2018  
Directed the feature documentary film *The Durfees* in partnership with Sitka, OnXMaps and Traditional Bowhunters of Montana. Premiered at the Emerson in Bozeman, Montana.
- **Salsa Cycles** 2019  
Directed the short film [The Sky Way](#) in partnership with 45 North and Backcountry Experience.

## EXPERIENCE:

**Free Voice Media** - Bozeman, MT. 2017 - Present  
*Executive Director*

- Founded Free Voice Media, a Bozeman based media non-profit.
- Developed fundraising, outreach, and organization growth strategies.
- Designed financial structure and program development.
- Produced and directed Free Voice Media's first feature length film, *Frequent Caller*.
- Successfully solicited corporate advertising sponsorships for multiple film productions.

**Idaho River Adventures** - Salmon, ID. 2015 - Present

### *Licensed Backcountry Guide & Social Media Manager*

- Provided multi-day wilderness experiences to public clients on the Middle Fork of the Salmon River in central Idaho.
- Educated clients on natural history, Leave No Trace ethics, and swiftwater safety.
- Handled expedition logistics and risk management discussions.
- Provided photography and videography services to company and clients.
- Develop, manage, and maintain all social media content and accounts.

### **Cairns Film** - Bozeman, MT.

2015 - Present

#### *Owner*

- Founded and operated this video production company.
- Provided internships for students and contracts for filmmakers and cinematographers.
- Directed many commercials and short branded films for corporate clients including Outdoor Life Magazine, Jack's Plastic Welding, and Guayaki Yerba Mate.
- Developed partnerships with the publications The Climbing Zine and Adventure Journal.
- Fostered key relationships with documentary film industry professions, film festival directors, and corporate directors of marketing.

### **Fort Lewis College** - Durango, CO.

2013-2015

#### *Head Coach - Men's Ice Hockey*

- Developed the collegiate Division 3 Men's Ice Hockey program.
- Managed fundraising, logistics, scheduling, advertising, and employees.

### **FILMS:**

- [\*Out There \(2016\)\*](#)
- [\*Last Thoughts On The Dirtbag \(2016\)\*](#)
- [\*The Durfees \(2017\)\*](#)
- [\*I'm A River Guide \(2017\)\*](#)
- [\*Just A Climber For Bears Ears \(2019\)\*](#)
- [\*Frequent Caller \(2020\)\*](#)
- [\*Dear Granny \(2020\)\*](#)

### **AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS:**

- *Out There (2016)* won Best Short Film- Durango Independent Film Festival.
- *Out There (2016)* accepted at Action On Film, New Zealand Mountain Film Festival, Flagstaff Mountain Film Festival, Kendal Mountain Festival - United Kingdom, and Adventure Outdoor Festival - Italy.
- *Last Thoughts on the Dirtbag (2017)* accepted at Adventure Shorts Film Festival, Mountain Film Festival, Flagstaff Mountain Film Festival, and Kendal Mountain Festival - United Kingdom.
- *Awake: A Dream From Standing Rock (2017)* Premiered at Tribeca Film Festival. Contributing Cinematographer.
- *Just A Climber For Bears Ears (2019)* accepted at 5Point Adventure Film Festival and Flagstaff Mountain Film Festival.
- *Dear Granny (2020)* accepted at the Wild Rivers Film Tour.