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### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### OWNER/DIRECTOR

March 2018-Present

#### JOSH SKURNIK PRODUCTIONS ([WWW.JOSHSKURNIKPRODUCTIONS.COM](http://WWW.JOSHSKURNIKPRODUCTIONS.COM))

- Owner and chief creative force of a full-service video production company based in San Antonio, TX
- Focus on non-scripted and documentary film making and providing professional video for small businesses
- Manages a crew of subcontractors through all phases of production
- Dedicated to creating dynamic and poignant videos to move and engage viewers through authentic storytelling
- Multiple feature-length documentaries and television pilots currently in production

#### REPORTER

March 2016-March 2018

#### KSAT 12 SAN ANTONIO, TX (#31)

- Morning reporter for Good Morning San Antonio (GMSA), the #1 rated morning newscast in the market
- Covered a mix of breaking and feature news live on-location for the two-and-a-half-hour show beginning at 4:30 am and often for GMSA @ 9
- Worked with a photographer to create compelling liveness driving viewership into the next hour or half-hour while updating social media
- Filed a package for the noon show often on an entirely new subject and under tight time constraints
- Backfilled for 9 months as a nightside reporter filing for the 10 pm show

#### Highlights and Accomplishments:

- Was the primary morning and noon reporter for the historic flooding in Houston during Hurricane Harvey. Provided visually compelling live reports and packages. Completed Facebook live updates from the scene in-between shows
- Was the main reporter on the sexual assault hazing scandal surrounding 13 varsity football players and their junior varsity teammates at La Vernia High School. Obtained an exclusive interview with the district superintendent
- Reported from the scene of the deadly bus crash killing 13 senior citizens returning from a church retreat and led continuing coverage by obtaining cell phone video of the suspect's truck driving dangerously before the crash. Sourced and interviewed an eyewitness who called emergency dispatch about a truck with the same description an hour and a half before the crash with no units responding

#### VIDEO JOURNALIST

Dec 2015 – March 2016

#### CBC EDMONTON, AB

- Freelance general assignment nightside and weekend reporter and photographer. Filed for all three of CBC's platforms: web, radio and television
- Fronted, shot and edited packs for the newscast or to post directly online
- Wrote and edited radio wraps and composed web copy
- Juggled multiple story assignments per day
- Filed for the national network on stories of national interest

**REPORTER / PRODUCER  
CTV EDMONTON, AB**

Apr 2015 – Dec 2015

- Freelance General assignment reporter and writer on a casual contract
- Worked with a photographer and editor to turn stories for the 5 and 6 pm newscasts
- Covered a range of stories from the fallout of the historic NDP provincial election win to the impact of the construction of the new Oilers hockey arena

Highlights and Accomplishments:

- Initially hired on a 4-month summer relief contract but proved myself as an effective and reliable reporter and remained employed after the contract lapsed
- Was able to use my legislative experience and storytelling abilities to quickly gain the trust of management to assign me the lead story
- Filed for CTV National News with Sandie Rinaldo while on the ground of the Nexen oil spill

**MOBILE JOURNALIST, EDMONTON AND VANCOUVER  
SUN NEWS NETWORK (NATIONAL)**

Apr 2013 – Feb 2015

- Operated the Alberta Legislative Bureau as the sole reporter
- Monitored and relayed assignments back to Toronto
- Performed live-hits into programming throughout the day
- Pitched, shot, edited and reported stories for the franchise 'Oil Nation' on *The Source with Ezra Levant*
- Wrote print articles for the Edmonton Sun (local print franchise of Sun Media)
- Began as a freelance weekend studio reporter for Western Canada doing regular live updates out of the Vancouver bureau
- Had this role for seven months before they promoted me to the Edmonton posting

Highlights and Accomplishments:

- Relocated to Alberta to found and open the Edmonton Legislative Bureau in January 2014
- Set up the office and the fiber wire live-shot transmission system
- Covered the resignation of AB Premier Alison Redford and the election of Jim Prentice
- Embedded on the Progressive Conservative campaign reporting on the entire six-week writ period of the 2014 Ontario provincial election
- First to get facts on record and to air on the mass floor crossing of the Wild Rose Official Opposition
- Reporter on the June 2013 flooding in Calgary and October 2013 fracking riots in New Brunswick

**WRITER / RESEARCHER, VANCOUVER  
'INJUNUITY' PRODUCTION (APTN, CBC, FNX)**

Jan 2013 – May 2013

- Lead writer/researcher for a one-hour documentary on Native People's contributions to science and culture throughout the world.
- Outlined and storyboarded the film
- Booked and conducted field interviews
- Actively pitched story ideas
- Wrote the pilot for Cedar Root Television and Film Production

**WRITER / EDITOR / VOICE-OVER ARTIST, VANCOUVER  
'U=US' PRODUCTION, (APTN, FX)**

Oct 2012 – Feb 2013

- Wrote, edited and performed voice-over for seven episodes for a magazine journalism series (U=US) on Aboriginal youth from around the world for APTN
- Provided logistics and editorial direction on field shoots
- Actively pitched story ideas
- Contracted by Cedar Root Television and Film Production

Highlights and Accomplishments:

- Wrote and edited 11 features
- One of my episodes was nominated in two categories for the 2013 Leo Awards

**TELEVISION COMMERCIAL WRITER, SEATTLE, WA  
INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

May 2012 – Apr 2013

- Wrote for nationwide commercials in conjunction with Comcast Digital Cable's Northwest production team
- Provided editorial direction during the shoots

**REPORTER / VIDEO JOURNALIST, WACO, TX  
KCEN HD WACO-TEMPLE-BRYAN (#88)**

Sep 2010 – Feb 2012

- Reporter/photographer/editor on more than 270 primetime news packages
- Produced double packages for the 5 and 6 pm newscasts
- Operated a live-truck and shot own live-shots

**REPORTER / ANCHOR, COLUMBIA, MO  
KOMU 8 COLUMBIA-JEFFERSON CITY (#137)**

Nov 2008 – Sep 2010

- Reporter/photographer/editor for daily newscasts
- Anchored one of the weekend 6 pm evening newscasts
- Operated a live-truck and shot live-shots

**INTERN  
NBC NEWS INVESTIGATIVE UNIT, WASHINGTON, DC**

Aug 2009 – Dec 2009

- Researcher for national investigative stories
- Reporter/photographer/editor for stories on chemical contamination in the Chesapeake Bay for MSNBC.com

**STATE HOUSE REPORTER / INTERN, ST. LOUIS, MO  
KMOX 1120**

Sep 2008 – Dec 2008

- Reporter/editor on radio news covering state politics and business out of the Missouri State Capitol
- Covered the 2008 election season

**EDUCATION**

**Bachelor of Journalism in Radio and Television, University of Missouri-Columbia**  
2010

- Graduated Cum Laude

**SKILLS**

**Equipment:** Microwave Truck Operator, Panasonic P2, Sony XDCAM EX HD, 3-point lighting  
**Software:** Avid, Adobe, Final Cut Pro, INews, ENPS

### **ACTIVITIES AND ACCOLADES**

Eagle Scout	2005
University of Missouri varsity wrestling team member	2006-2008
Leo Award nominations, 'Best Youth or Children's Program or Series' and 'Best Direction in a Youth or Children's Program or Series'	2013