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FORMAL EDUCATION:

- **California Institute of the Arts** - MFA , 1980-1983 - Art and Filmmaking. Alexander Mackendrick (*Man in the White Suit, Lady Killers, Sweet Smell of Success*) mentor.
- **Syracuse University** - BFA, 1975 - 1979 - Printmaking and Painting major. Summa Cum Laude. Jerome Witkin mentor.

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION:

- **The Met Workshop** - 1993-1996 - acting, directing - Candy Trabucco, Ed Harris, Amy Madigan, Holly Hunter, Tom Bower
- **Friends and Artists Theater Ensemble** - 1991-1993 - acting - Sal Romeo, Michael Nehring
- **Acting for Directors** - 1990-1991 - Judith Weston
- **Acting Workshop** - 1987-1988 - Gill Dennis
- **Arts Students League** - N.Y.C. - 1975 - etching classes.

FILMOGRAPHY AS WRITER/DIRECTOR/EDITOR:

- **Noir Tonight?** - 2009 - 4 minutes
- **Hannah Petrie Minister Installation** - 2009 - 20 min
- **Your Man in India** - - 2008 - feature teaser - 5 min
- **Two Loon's for Tea Monkey Video** - 2007 - music video - 3 min
- **Frances Bay: Canadian Walk of Fame Portrait** - 2007 - 7 min
- **In the Land of Milk and Money** - 2004 - 90 minutes - feature - 35mm
- **Punctual Cowboy** - 1997 - 6 minutes - video - drama
- **Mother's Day** - 1992 - 7 minutes - 35mm - comedy
- **The Sanders** - 1990 - 4 minutes - music video
- **Breakfast Messages** - 1988 - 16 minutes - 16mm - comedy
- **Saturday Tea** - 1983 - 10 minutes - 16mm - comedy
- **Piano/Typewriter** - 1983 - 1 minute - 16mm - experimental
- **The Desk Soldier** - 1982 - 30 minutes - 16mm - drama

- **Hollywood Picture** - 1982 - 3 minutes - 16mm - experimental
- **Teacup Drama** - 1982 - 3 minutes - 16mm - experimental
- **Start With Smoking** - 1982 - 3 minutes - 16mm - experimental

ADVERTISEMENTS AND PSAs:

- **Not in my Backyard: Recycling** - 2009 - PSA
- **Smart Energy: Stripping** - 2009 - PSA
- **Flappy Dog Toy** - 2009
- **Smart Scoop: Before and After** - 2009
- **Smart Scoop: What is it?** - 2009
- **CheapO Air: Are you a CheapO?** - 2009
- **Ready2Move: Uncle's Chores** - 2009
- **Library PSA** - 2009
- **SkinIt Creep** - 2009
- **Water Hamlet** - 2009 - PSA
- **Amazon.com: Shopping for Mom** - 2009
- **A-1 Blues** - 2009
- **Obama: Ask Not. MoveOn.org** - 2008
- **Patriot or Terrorist: New Line Cinema** - 2008
- **Cheetos: Change the Game** - 2008
- **ProQuo Mailman** - 2008
- **Alpo** - 2008
- **Carmex: Addicted** - 2008
- **What Would You Do: Prop 8** - 2008
- **Bud Light Dude** - 2008
- **Heinz is the Winner** - 2008
- **Net 10- donkey Rescue** - 2008
- **Love at First Bite** - 2008
- **Ready on Ring One** - 2008
- **100 Grand** - 2008
- **Sabra Vacation** - 2008
- **Where's your Nature** - 2008
- **Slimfast Gorgeous** - 2008
- **Zorbeez vs Papertowel** - 2008
- **Heinz Unforgettable** - 2008
- **Slimfast Liberty** - 2008
- **Pepto: A Love Story** - 2008
- **Cyber Bully** - 2008 -psa
- **Pom Tea: Don't Rust** - 2007

- ***Thank a Farmer*** - 2007
- ***Workman vs Playman: Why Choose?*** - 2007
- ***Kraft Student*** - 2007
- ***Kraft Comfort*** - 2007
- ***Saved by the Cell*** - 2007
- ***Showdown: American Cancer Society*** - 2007 - PSA
- ***Tiger Balm Saves the Day*** - 2007 -
- ***Lay's Interrogation*** - 1999
- ***Dr. Brown's Soda*** - 1999
- ***Warhol's Soup*** - 1999

PLAYS DIRECTED: (ALL WRITTEN BY EMSHWILLER UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

- ***Things I Never Told You*** - 2007 - Met theater
- ***So Shall You Reap*** - 2000 - Nexus Theater's Festival of One-Acts
- ***Juan and Sooz*** - 1999 - The Met Theater - one act
- ***Defrosting Popsicles*** - 1999 - Nexus Ensemble Theater - full length
- ***Dominoes*** - 1996 - The Met Theater - work-shopped - full length
- ***BrushStrokes*** - 1994 - The Met Theater - full length - Premiere
- ***Jimmy*** - 1994 - The Met Theater - work-shopped - one-act
- ***No Smoking*** - 1994 - The Met Theater - work-shopped - one-act
- ***Girl Meets Boy*** - (Lori Romero) - 1993 - Friends and Artist's theater - one-act
- ***Words of Love*** - 1993 - Friends and Artist's Theater - full length
- ***Defrosting Popsicles*** - 1993 - Friends and Artist's Theater- full length premiere
- ***Final Placement*** - (Ara Watson) - 1992 - Friends and Artist's - one-act
- ***No Problem*** - (Catherine Butterfield) - 1991 - Friends and Artists- one-act
- ***Stops Along the Way*** - (Jeffrey Sweet) - 1990 - Gardener Stage - one act

SCREENPLAYS:

- ***Best Friend*** - treatment for romantic comedy - 2009
- ***Cryophilia*** - (co-writer: Guillaume Tunzini) - treatment for thriller - 2009
- ***Flirting with Fear*** - (co-writer: Guillaume Tunzini) - treatment for thriller - 2009
- ***Geek Beach*** - (co-writer: Guillaume Tunzini) - comedy - 2009
- ***Le Diamant Noir*** - French comedy - 2006

- ***In the Land of Milk and Money*** - was produced feature film in 2004 - Susan Emshwiller directing
- ***Pollock*** - (co-writer: Barbara Turner) - produced feature film in 2000 for Brant/Allen Productions - Ed Harris directing
- ***Cloverleaf*** - character drama - 1999
- ***The Furnace*** - thriller - official juried selection of IFP/Market 2004, Grand Prize Winner of Hollywood Gateway Screenwriting Contest 2005
- ***Six Old Men but Cool*** - comedy thriller - 1997
- ***The Wild Blue*** - comedy based on French film *Quelques Jours Avec Moi* - for Big Town Productions - Bill Pullman producer -1996
- ***Hole in the Day*** - drama based on story by Christopher Tilghman - for Big Town Productions - Bill Pullman producer -1996
- ***Dog Town*** - thriller based on novel by Mercedes Lambert - for Amer Productions - Amy Madigan producer - 1992
- ***In the Palm of His Hand*** - short mystery script - 1990
- ***Breakfast Messages*** - short comedy - produced in 1988 - Susan Emshwiller directing
- ***Cement Shoes*** - comedy 1988
- ***Burger World*** - comedy social satire - 1987
- ***Blind Sight*** - romantic comedy - 1986
- ***Cowboy Fiction*** - comedy thriller - 1985
- ***Yoshi*** - (co-written with George Bayer) - 1985
- ***Off-Night*** - (co-written with George Bayer) produced in 1983 - 35mm -40 minutes

AWARDS:

- **Grand Prize - Cursing Cap** - Environment Defense Fund - 2009
- **Prize Winning Finalist "Noir Tonight?"** - Filmaka - 2009
- **Finalist - Slydial Poker** - 2009
- **Honorable Mention - SmartScoop: What is it?** - 2009
- **Honorable Mention - Radon** - 2008
- **Grand prize - Slimfast liberty** - 2008
- **Prize winning Finalist - Pepto: A love Story** - 2008
- **Second Prize - Thank a Farmer** - 2007
- **Prize winning Finalist - Parallel's contest** - Why Choose - 2007
- **Third prize winner - Showdown** - 2007
- **Grand Prize winner - Saved by the Cell** - 2007
- **Grand Prize Winner - TigerBalm saves the day** - 2007
- **Finalist in Creative Screenwriting Open** - Screenwriting Expo - 2006

- **Audience Choice Award - Bay Street Film Festival** –*In the Land of Milk and Money* 2006
- **Screenplay Grand Winner** – Hollywood Gateway Screenwriting Contest - *The Furnace* - 2005
- **BayStreet Film Festival** - *In the Land of Milk and Money* - official selection
- **Edmonton Film Festival** – *In the Land of Milk and Money* - invited film - 2006
- **Broad Humor Film Festival** – *In the Land of Milk and Money* - opening night film - 2006
- **Eugene Film Festival** – *In the Land of Milk and Money* - invited film - 2006
- **NewFilmmaker Series at Anthology Film Archives** –*In the Land of Milk and Money* - invited film- 2006
- **Longbaugh Film Festival** – *In the Land of Milk and Money* - official selection - 2006
- **Northampton Independent Film Festival** –*In the Land of Milk and Money* - official selection - 2005
- **Bluegrass Independent Film Festival** - *In the Land of Milk and Money* - official selection - 2005
- **Mar del Plata International Film Festival** – *In the Land of Milk and Money* - official selection in La Mujer y El Cine category - 2005
- **Exground Film Festival Wiesbaden** - *In the Land of Milk and Money* - official selection in American Independents category - 2004
- **San Francisco Independent Film Festival** - *In the Land of Milk and Money* - official selection - 2004
- **Ohio Independent Film Festival** - *In the Land of Milk and Money* - official selection - 2004
- **Silverlake Film Festival** - *In the Land of Milk and Money* - official selection - 2004
- **Filmfest Hamburg** - *In the Land of Milk and Money* - official selection - 2004
- **Rhode Island International Film Festival** - *In the Land of Milk and Money* - official selection - 2004
- **Festival de Cine de Granada** - *In the Land of Milk and Money* - official selection - 2004
- **Oxford Film Festival** - *In the Land of Milk and Money* - official selection - 2004
- **Newport Beach International Film Festival** - *In the Land of Milk and Money* - official selection - 2004

- **Outstanding Direction Award** - Dramalogue - *Brush Strokes* 1995
- **Outstanding Art Direction Award** - Dramalogue - *Brush Strokes* 1995
- **Judges Award** - Sinking Creek Film Festival - *Breakfast Messages* - 1989
- **Traditional Narrative Award** - Athens International Film and Video Festival - *Breakfast Messages* - 1989
- **Winner Best Narrative** - 22nd Annual Film and Video Festival of BACA/ Brooklyn Arts Council - *Breakfast Messages* - 1989
- **Directors Choice Award** - Black Maria Film Festival - *Breakfast Messages* -1989
- **Committee Choice Award** - Bucks County Film Festival - *Breakfast Messages* -1989
- **Museum of Fine Arts** – official selection – *Breakfast Messages* -1989
- **Women in the Director's Chair Film Festival** – official selection – *Breakfast Messages* -1989
- **American Film Institute's International Film Festival** – official selection *Breakfast Messages* -1989
- **Aspen Film Festival** – official selection – *Breakfast Messages* -1989
- **Television Broadcast screenings - Z channel** - *Breakfast Messages* - 1989
- **Television Broadcast screenings - Arts and Entertainment network** – *Breakfast Messages* - 1989

TEACHING:

- **Screenplay and Play Writing Workshop** - 2005-2006 - The Met Theater, Hollywood
- **"Is the Hollywood Carrot Keeping You From Your Dreams"** Eugene Film Festival seminar - 2006
- **"Set Decoration for the Big Screen"** – Eugene Film Festival seminar - 2006
- **Screenwriting Workshop** – DIVA Art Center - 2006
- **The Guitar Workshop** – private guitar instruction 1974-1976

FILM RELATED WORK:

- **ACTRESS:** Featured **actress** in Robert Altman's movie *The Player* - 1991 - played Detective Willa Broom, partner of Whoopie Goldberg.

○ **SET DECORATING WORK:**

- **All About Steve** - (feature film re-shoots) - 2008
- **Mark Peace Experience** - (feature film re-shoots) 2008
- **Just Friends** - (feature film re-shoots) - Roger Kumble - director - 2005
- **Silver Bells** - (Movie of the Week) - Dick Lowrey - director - 2005
- **Just Legal** - (TV pilot) - Andrew Davis - director - 2005
- **High School Undercover** - (TV pilot) - Katherine Bigelow - director - 2004
- **Hollywood Division** - (TV pilot) - James Foley - director - 2004
- **Spartan** - (feature film) - David Mamet - director - 2003
- **Calendar Girls** - (feature film -L.A. segment) Nigel Cole - director -2002
- **The Good Girl** - (feature film) -Miguel Arteta - director - 2001
- **Two Can Play that Game** - (feature film) - Mark Brown - director - 2001
- **Blond** - (mini-series) - Joyce Chopra - director - 2000
- **Bounce** - (feature film re-shoots) - Don Roos - director - 2000
- **Cookie's Fortune** - (feature film) - Robert Altman - director - 1998
- **Replacing Dad** - (feature film) - Joyce Chopra - director - 1997
- **Kansas City** - (feature film) - Robert Altman - director - 1995
- **Indictment** - (feature film) - Mick Jackson - director - 1995
- **Past Tense** - (feature film) - Graeme Clifford - director - 1993
- **Short Cuts** - (feature film) - Robert Altman - director - 1992
- **The Player** - (feature film) - Robert Altman - director - 1991
- **Tooth of the Lion** - (feature film) - Michael Tuchner - director - 1990
- **'Til There Was You** - (feature film pickups) John Seale - director -1990
- **Drug Busters** - (movie of the week) - Lynn Hamrick - director - 1989
- **Heart Condition** - (feature film) - James Parriot - director - 1989
- **Wired** - (feature film) - Larry Peerce - director -1988
- **Gleaming the Cube** - (feature film) - Graeme Clifford - director - 1987
- **Russkies** - (feature film) Rick Rosenthal - director - 1986
- **The Kindred** - (feature film) - Jeffrey Obrow - director - 1986

○ **ASSISTANT SET DECORATOR WORK:**

- **A Time of Destiny** - (feature film) - Gregory Nava - director - 1986
- **Cherry 2000** - (feature film) - Steve DeJarnatt - director - 1985
- **Runaway Train** - (feature film) - Andrei Konchalovsky - director - 1985
- **The Forth Wise-man** - (feature film) - Michael Rhodes - director - 1984
- **Tuff Turf** - (feature film) - Fritz Kiersch - director - 1984

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS:

- Writers Guild of America, West
- International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employes- (IATSE) Local 44
- Alliance of Los Angeles Playwrights
- Filmmakers Alliance
- Screenwriters Network
- Alameda Writer's Group
- The Met Theater