**Morgan Seiff**

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**EDUCATION**

**Penn State University, Schreyer Honors College** | B.A. in Film Production, minors in English & Jewish Studies May 2021

* GPA: 3.9, Summa Cum Laude
* The Jewish Studies Program's Master Director's Fund Essay Award (2021)
* Best Student Film Award at Centre Film Festival, “Halfway” (2020)
* Hartman Honors Scholarship in Communications (2019 & 2020)
* Grossman Grant & Chaiken Grant to fund my documentary “Halfway,” shot in Poland (2019)

**University College London** | London on Film & Literary London Summer 2019

**FILM & WRITING EXPERIENCE**

**Communications & Marketing Assistant** | Sixth & I | Washington, D.C. August 2021 – Present

* Creates visual and engaging social media content to promote author talks, concerts, and spiritual events

**Film Festival Designer & Copyeditor** | Centre Film Festival | Centre County, PA September 2021 – Present

* Designs and manages production of print materials including programs, posters, and merchandise
* Copyedits all written material (film descriptions, director bios, festival blocks) for 70+ page program in InDesign

**Camp Film Counselor** | Camp Ballibay for the Fine & Performing Arts | Wyalusing, PA June 2021 – August 2021

* Directed 4 camera operators simultaneously while live-editing musicals, plays, and rock shows with Multicam system
* Taught campers (ages 9-18) how to operate Panasonic cameras and Multicam switchboard to capture stage performances

**Editor in Chief** | Kalliope Literary Magazine | University Park, PA June 2020 – May 2021

* Orchestrated creation of 150-page journal, including submissions, copy editing, production, advertising, and distribution
* Tripled Instagram following and revitalized feed by creating elegant, brand-consistent content designed in Photoshop

**Film Editor** | Klio Creative Arts Journal | University Park, PA January 2021 – May 2021

* Spawned “Artist Statement” promotional video series for student creatives and produced first 4 episodes
* Recruited Penn State artists and filmmakers to contribute work, and selected projects to feature in Klio 2021

**Film Research & Development Intern |** Rock Ethics Institute | University Park, PA August 2020 – May 2021

* Researched topics for feature film, presented findings at weekly meetings, and contributed ideas to story in development

**Post-Production Assistant** |Palinka Pictures| State College, PA September 2017 – December 2021

* Edited director reels, podcast episodes, and trailers in Adobe Premiere and applied feedback
* Drafted clear and creative copy for press releases, event descriptions, social media, and newsletters

**Various Crew Positions |** Palinka Pictures | New York City, NY June 2018 & March-April 2019

* Production Coordinator for *Castles in the Sky* (2018,); PA for *Write Me* (2019) and *Ice Cream Cake* (2019)

**Film Festival Volunteer** |Centre Film Festival | Centre County, PA September 2019 – December 2019

* Led Youth Jury and high school filmmaker competition, and ran storytelling workshops for local teen film enthusiasts
* Designed promotional graphics for social media in Photoshop and updated festival Wordpress website

**Reporter, Videographer, & Editor** | Underground Student Media | University Park, PA January 2018 – May 2019

* Directed, shot, and edited video stories within 24-hours, and wrote and conducted interviews with diverse subjects
* Proactively sought out new story ideas and pitched them to newsroom

**Archaeology Videographer** |Tel Akko Total Archaeology| Akko, Israel July 2018

* Independently planned, shot, and edited film of archaeology dig, and conducted interviews with students

**SKILLS**

Adobe Premiere | Photoshop | InDesign | Screenwriting | Formal & Creative Writing | Film Production | Social Media