



Curriculum Vita

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Theology and Apologetics (in process) Liberty University School of Divinity, VA	2018
Master of Arts in Theological Studies Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary, VA	2014
Master of Fine Arts – <i>Creative Writing: Script, Stage, Fiction (w/Thesis)</i> Queens University of Charlotte, NC	2013
Master of Professional Writing – <i>Screenwriting & Playwriting (w/Thesis)</i> University of Southern California	2004
Bachelor of Science – <i>Business/Finance (Summa Cum Laude)</i> Woodbury University, CA	2000
Additional Graduate Courses – <i>Theatre</i> University of Virginia and Mary Baldwin College, VA	2011
Life and Leadership Coaching – Certified Lifeforming Leadership Coaching, VA	2011

AWARDS / HONORS

“Best Director” Winner: film <i>Texas Rein</i> , Great Lakes International Christian Film Festival	2016
“Best Director” Nomination: film <i>Texas Rein</i> , International Christian Film Festival	2016
“Telly Award” Producer/Director feature film <i>Texas Rein</i>	
“Illuminate Grant for the Improvement of Teaching” “Exploring Narrative Story through 360 Degree Virtual Reality Filmmaking” Cinematic Arts, School of Communication and Creative Arts, Liberty University	2016
“Winnie Winner” film <i>Texas Rein</i> , Equus Film Festival, New York City	2015
“Couple of the Year” awarded by Operation Children for Foster/Adopt Awareness	2011
“First Prize Winner” Maryland Film Festival Screenwriting Competition	2010
“Finalist” Virginia Governors Screenwriting Competition:	2010
“First Prize Winner” Creative Genius Award for Poetry, Los Angeles, CA	2008
“Best Actor in a Leading Role Nomination” <i>Los Angeles Weekly</i>	2004
“First Prize Winner” Jerome Lawrence Award for Playwriting, USC	2002
“High Scholastic Achievement Award” Delta Mu Delta National Honor Society	2000
“Summa Cum Laude” Business/Finance, Woodbury University, Burbank, CA	2000

PROFESSIONAL TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Liberty University • Lynchburg, VA Assistant Professor – Cinematic Arts: Screenwriting and Film Production	2013 - Present
Queens University of Charlotte • Charlottesville, VA Lecturer – <i>Wrestling Against the Flaw: Story Worldview</i> - Graduate School	2013
University of Virginia • Charlottesville, VA Guest Lecturer – MFA Drama: Master Class for the Professional Film Actor	2012
Piedmont Virginia Community College • Charlottesville, VA Adjunct – School of Theatre: Intermediate & Advanced Acting Workshops Adjunct – Screenwriting	2010 - 2012
Firehouse Theatre • Richmond, VA Guest Lecturer/Coach: Master Class for the Professional Film Actor	2012
University of the Nations • Kona, Hawaii Guest Lecturer – Film School: Screenwriting & Christian Worldview	2005
White Horse Productions • MN Guest Lecturer – Youth Film Acting Conference: Acting for Film & Television	2003
Professional Script Consultant • Los Angeles/Virginia	2009 - 2013
Professional Acting Coach • Los Angeles/Virginia Consulting and Private Coaching for Actors (Film and Stage)	2009 - 2013

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS / LECTURES / CONFERENCES

“Horses in Film”, Great Lakes Christian Film Festival, Buffalo, NY	2016
“The Making of Texas Rein”, Richmond International Film Festival	2016
Filmmaker Panel, Equus Winnie Winner Tour, Camden, SC.	2016
Directors Panel, Equus Film Festival, New York City	2015
“Making the Faith-based Film”, Point University, West Point, GA.	2015
“A Pedagogical Approach: Transitioning Film Students from Theory to Practice” University Film & Video Association Conference, Washington, D. C.	2015
Directors Panel, “Cultivating Home Grown Film in Virginia”, Virginia Film Office	2015
<i>Dragonflies</i> (television pilot script) Juried Presentation University Film & Video Association Conference, Washington, D. C.	2015
“Your Industry Career: Preparing for the Long Haul”, Virginia Production Alliance	2014
“Wrestling Against the Flaw: In Pursuit of Character”, Queens University of Charlotte	2013

PROFESSIONAL FILM & TELEVISION EXPERIENCE

Corporate Appointments

Beautiful Feet Productions, LLC • CA & VA (Film Production-Owner/President)	2007 - 2016
Highway Video • Los Angeles (Finance & Marketing Consultant)	2005 - 2009
RKO Pictures • Los Angeles (Director of Finance)	1993 - 2007

Film Production Positions

Director

Texas Rein (Feature Film)	Beautiful Feet Productions, LLC	2016
Hitting Home (Short Film)	Beautiful Feet Productions, LLC	2012

Producer

Texas Rein (Feature Film)	Beautiful Feet Productions, LLC	2016
Hitting Home (PSA)	Beautiful Feet Productions, LLC	2012
The Congo (Documentary)	Beautiful Feet Productions, LLC	2012

Actor

Texas Rein (Feature Film)	Beautiful Feet Productions, LLC	2016
Drop Dead Diva (TV Series)	Lifetime Television	2014
Blues in the Night (TV Series)	New Millennium Pictures, LTD	2013
Killing Lincoln (TV Movie)	National Geographic	2013
The Congo (Documentary)	Beautiful Feet Productions, LLC	2012
A Haunting (TV Series)	New Dominion Pictures	2012
The First Stone (Short)	VCU Arts	2011
An American Carol (Feature Film)	MPower Pictures	2008
Entangled (Short)	Hand Stitched Films	2006
Passions (TV Series)	NBC	2004
The X Files (TV Series)	FOX	1999
JAG (TV Series)	NBC	1999
The Marshal (TV Series)	ABC	1995
Models Inc. (TV Series)	Spelling Entertainment	1995
Scars That Heal: The Dave Roeveer Story (Short)	World Wide Pictures	1993
Born Killer (Feature Film)	Action International Pictures	1989
Dead End City (Feature Film)	Action International Pictures	1988
Les uns et les autres (TV Mini-Series)	Les Films 13	1981

Writer

Dakota Rising (Feature Screenplay)	Beautiful Feet Productions, LLC	2016
Dragonflies, Shadow of Drones (TV Pilot)	Beautiful Feet Productions, LLC	2015
The Home Game (Feature Screenplay)	Beautiful Feet Productions, LLC	2008
In Harm's Way (Feature Screenplay)	Beautiful Feet Productions, LLC	2007

Stuntman Coordinator

Texas Rein (Feature Film)	Beautiful Feet Productions, LLC	2016
Alter Egos (Feature Film)	Spirit Fruit Productions	2015

Stuntman

The Doors (Feature Film)	TriStar Pictures	1991
The Toxic Avenger (Feature Film)	Troma Entertainment	1984
Night Shift (Feature Film)	The Ladd Company	1982
Blow Out (Feature Film)	Les Films 13	1981

PUBLICATIONS: LITERARY PROPERTIES

Dragonflies (Novel – Science Fiction/Thriller) (June 2015).

Dragonflies: Shadow of Drones (teleplay): based on novel by Andy Straka

“The Linguistic Interpretation in the Discordant Authorship of Evil.” *International Journal of Linguistics, Literature and Culture*. (March 2015).

The Home Game (screenplay): faith-based, family story

In Harm’s Way (screenplay): political action/thriller

Falling Lightly (stage play): family drama, produced in Los Angeles, 2002

Silent Night, Stille Nacht (stage play): produced in Los Angeles, 2002

Stains (stage play): family drama

The Drum Maker (stage play): drama - Oppenheimer’s moral dilemma

The Beast (short story): drama/thriller

Crossing Time (poetry)

Tribes (poetry)

Continuing, White Oak Press (2008) “Expressions” & *Noble House* (2007)

EXHIBITIONS / SCREENINGS**Texas Rein movie**

Great Lakes Christian Film Festival	Buffalo, NY	August 2016
International Christian Film Festival	Orlando, FL	April 2016
Richmond International Film Festival	Richmond, VA	March 2016
Equus Film Festival: Winners Tour	Camden, SC	February 2016
Point University	West Point, GA	November 2015
Equus Film Festival	New York City	November 2015

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Society for Cinema and Media Studies / American Screenwriters Association / Screen Actors Guild

International Screenwriters Association / University Film & Video Foundation /

Virginia Production Alliance

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Durrell and Rebecca Nelson and their four children reside in Lynchburg, VA.