

# Curriculum Vitae

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## Skill Set in Summary:

Production Sound Mixer – IATSE Local 695 | Specialty Cameraman – Underwater & POV | Still Photographer | Safety Rigger (Mountain/River/Cave) | Emergency Medical Technician | SCUBA Instructor – PADI | Technical Diver (NSS Cave Certified) | Rescue Swimmer | Whitewater Kayak/Canoe/Raft Instructor & Guide | Rock & Ice Climber | Backcountry Skier | Advanced Avalanche Certified – US Ski Patrol | Rescue Consultant | Microbiologist | Certified Massage Therapist

## Education:

2007	MFA: Science & Natural History Filmmaking – Montana State University
1997	Advanced Avalanche Certification – National Ski Patrol, Sun Valley, ID
1996	Certified Massage Therapist – Phillips School of Massage, Nevada City, CA
1991	Full Cave Diver Certification – National Speleological Society – Cave Dive Section
1990	Open Water SCUBA Instructor – Professional Association of Dive Instructors
1989	Swift Water Rescue Instructor – Rescue Instructors Assoc., NASAR
1985	Emergency Medical Technician – Modesto Junior College
1982	BS: Food Science & Technology (Pathogenic Microbiology of Foods) – University of Wyoming

## Related Professional Experience:

**Sound Mixer / Safety Rigger / Remote Location Fixer:** Production sound mixing and field recording, technical support, and creative problem solving in remote locations around the globe. Features, TV, Commercials, Industrial; Most Major Networks: ABC, NBC, CBS, PBS, BBC, A&E, H&G, ESPN, History Channel, Discovery Channel, National Geographic, Animal Planet, Travel Channel, Outdoor Channel, etc.

**Safety & Rescue Consultant:** Designed and Directed Swiftwater Safety & Rescue Programs for the National Park Service, Yosemite SAR, US Navy, US Air Force, Bureau of Land Management, University of California, Mariposa County Sheriff Department, Friends of the River, numerous commercial rafting outfitters and other privately funded organizations. Member of Project RAFT / Rescue 3 International Safety Team providing technical advise and support for the 1991 International Whitewater Games in Costa Rica. Coordinated and directed swiftwater body recovery for US Army Corps of Engineers Stanislaus River Recreation Area – Knight's Ferry, CA; Independently engaged in numerous swiftwater extrications, vertical rock rescues, wilderness evacuations, and body recoveries. Designed tactical mountaineering systems for the military of Morocco consulting for Trebor Corp, an international systems contractor. (Dublin, CA)

**Commercial Still Photographer:** Published with Newsweek, Scholastic, Simon and Schuster, LA Times, San Francisco Chronicle, Outside, Backpacker, Canoe, Paddler, River Runner, GQ, I Form, and others; Owned and operated adventure sports photo business; Color darkroom technician (E6 Film Processing; Cibachrome, Type R, B/W Printing).

**Professional Kayaker / Rafter / Canoeist:** Extreme Class V descents in North America, Central America, and Indo-Pacific; Director of American River Kayak School, Lotus CA; Co-developed and instructed the first Whitewater Kayak Safety & Rescue curriculum ever taught in the western USA. Introduced the first Quick-Release Swiftwater Rescue Harness prototype to the USA.

**Certified Open Water SCUBA Instructor:** Experience as an Instructor and Dive Master in USA, Papua New Guinea, Netherlands Antilles, Haiti, and other remote locations.

**Certified Rescue Diver:** Experienced in technical swiftwater/underwater rescue and body recovery.

**Certified Full Cave Diver:** National Speleological Society, Cave Dive Section – Experienced in exploration and surveying both high flow and no flow, high silt solution caves in Florida and the Caribbean.

**Expedition Guide:** Nuigini Adventures/Sobek – Rafting, spelunking, trekking, and diving throughout Papua New Guinea.

**Rock Climber / Alpinist / Ski Mountaineer:** Extensive rock and ice ascents throughout California, Wyoming, Colorado, Idaho, and Montana; Numerous big wall ascents including the first known all-clean ascent of El Capitan's Salathé Wall in 1980, Yosemite National Park; First grade VI accomplished at age 16 (NW Face of Half Dome); Instructed rock climbing classes while attending the University of Wyoming. 30 years experience telemark skiing in the Rocky Mountains and Sierra Nevada.

**Certified Emergency Medical Technician:** Alpine–Motherlode District, CA. Extensive history as a first responder and medic responsible for victim extrication, stabilization, and evacuation in various urban and wilderness settings.

**Microbiologist:** Campbell Soup Company, Camden, NJ. Managed the Biological Quality Control Lab at Modesto, CA plant. Introduced a new assimilation assay facilitating more expedient detection of *E. coli* in foods. Other responsibilities included screening for human pathogens and spoilage organisms, evaluating biological quality of ingredients and finished products, overseeing duties of staff technicians, inspecting all food processing and packaging systems; Authored a weekly newsletter column on plant sanitation.

**Certified Massage Therapist:** Philips School of Massage, Nevada City CA. Sports injury recovery, neuromuscular therapy, stress reduction. Subcontracted for Sun Valley Ski Resort and Sol Avie Day Spa, Ketchum, ID

**Research Assistant:** Mutagenic Protozoology, working under Joan Smith–Sonneborn, Ph.D. – U. of Wyoming, Laramie, WY Responsibilities included performing various bio assays: Polyacrylamide Gel Electrophoresis, Chromosomal bio-marker identification and tracking, *Paramecium sp.* isolation and transfer, Media and culture management.

#### **Film and TV Production Credits:**

Winter In The Blood (Feature): Ranchwater Films – Sound Mixer  
Duck Dynasty (TV Pilot): Gurney Productions/AETN – Sound Mixer  
America Revealed (Episode 1, Montana Wheat Harvest): Lion TV/PBS – Sound Mixer  
Deep Water Horizon, Post Oil Spill Fisheries Survey: NOAA/Ocean Media Center – Sound Mixer  
Duck Commander (TV Series, Seasons 1, 3): Warm Springs Productions/Outdoor Channel – Sound Mixer  
Buck Commander (TV Series, Seasons 1, 2): Warm Springs Productions/Outdoor Channel – Sound Mixer  
The National Parks: America's Best Idea (TV Series): Ken Burns/Florentine Films – Sound Recordist  
Pirates Of The Flats (TV Series): Orion Multimedia/ESPN – Sound Mixer  
Expedition: Alaska: Indus Films/Discovery Channel – Supervising Sound Mixer  
Buffalo Wars (TV Pilot): Authentic Entertainment/Animal Planet – Sound Mixer  
Tigerhounds of the Sundarbans: BBC Natural History Unit – Sound Mixer  
Afro Ninja (Feature): First Place Productions – Sound Mixer  
Storm Stories, Avalanche!: NBC/Weather Channel – Sound Recordist  
Inside Straight Edge – Gang Conflict in Reno, NV: Part 2 Pictures/National Geographic – Sound Mixer  
No Greater Love (Feature): Coram Deo Studios – Sound Mixer  
After The Attack (TV Series, Seasons 1, 2): Creative Differences/Discovery Channel – Sound Mixer  
Ultimate Sportsman Lodge on the Big Hole River: Orion Multimedia/DIY – Sound Mixer  
PETM in the Big Horn Basin, Wyoming: American Museum of Natural History – Sound Mixer  
Eaten Alive: Nextfilm–Cineflex/Animal Planet – Sound Mixer  
Think Big: Breakthrough/TVOntario – Sound Mixer  
Fear Itself: NBC – Sound Mixer  
It Really Happened (TV Pilot): Signature Productions – Sound Mixer  
Rogue Nature: Creative Differences/Discovery Channel – Sound Mixer  
Tito Ortiz, UFC/MMA Champion: New Circuit Films – Sound Mixer  
Cordially Invited (Feature): Equalaris Productions – Sound Mixer  
The National Parks (Teton): Ken Burns/Florentine Films – Sound Recordist  
Sell This House: Screaming Flea Productions/A&E – Sound Mixer  
Buggin' With Ruud – Alaska: NHNZ/Discovery Channel – Sound Mixer  
Shut-Up Stella: Superdelicious/MTV – Sound Mixer  
Everlands–Lone Mountain Ranch: Bahati Productions – Sound Mixer  
Paradise Valley (Feature Trailer): Pacsal Grapard – Sound Mixer  
Save Our History, B–25 Bombers: History Channel/AETN – Sound Mixer  
Christmas in Yellowstone: Moore & Moore Films/PBS Nature – Sound Mixer  
Offbeat America: High Noon Entertainment/HGTV – Sound Mixer  
Broken Promises (Feature Doc): Fire In The Belly Productions – Sound Mixer  
Travel Detective: Check Six Productions/NBC – Sound Mixer  
The Wild Rules in British Columbia: Mess Media Productions/ESPN – Sound Mixer

On The Road With Butch Trucks: Gowdy Productions/Outdoor Life Network – Sound Mixer, POV Camera  
 SkiPIG: RushHD/Voom/Rainbow Media – Multi-cam HD shoot – Sound Mixer  
 SnowPIG: RushHD/Voom/Rainbow Media – Multi-cam HD shoot – Sound Mixer  
 SportSkool: Wink Inc. Productions/Rainbow Media – Multi-cam HD Shoot – Sound Mixer  
 Picabo Street's Snow Zone: Reed Productions/Outdoor Life Network – Sound Mixer  
 Kaptain Knivel's Wild Ride: Screaming Flea Productions/A&E – Sound Mixer  
 Caballo Loco on Easter Island: Boyd Films – Sound Mixer, B Camera  
 Save Our History, Gold Rush Ghost Towns: History Channel/AETN – Sound Mixer  
 Flawless Auto Commercial Series: Continuity Management/Regional Networks – Sound Mixer  
 MT Class C (Feature Doc): Class C Productions/Montana PBS – Sound Mixer  
 Ford Truck Commercial Series: Avian Way Films/Regional Networks – Sound Mixer  
 Universal Athletics Commercial Series: Chisel Industries/National Networks – Sound Mixer  
 A Snowmobile For George (Coalbed Methane in Powder River, WY): Independent – Sound Mixer  
 Under The Big Sky: CBS – Sound Mixer  
 Traveler's Guide: Mag Rack – Sound Mixer  
 Kleen Keen Commercial Series: Black Dog Films – Sound Mixer  
 Portrait Of A Taxidermist: MSU – Co-Producer, Grand Geyser Award, Best Short Doc – Yellowstone Film Fest  
 Picante! The Power of Peppers: EB Productions/National Science Foundation – Producer/Writer/Director  
 ITS in California National Parks: California DOT, National Park Service – Cameraman  
 Skaperen – New Technologies for Rebreather Design: Mediacircus/TV2 Oslo Norway – Segment DP  
 Red Oxx Montana: TurnHere/Web Development Project – DP  
 Girls vs. Boys: Dancing Toad Productions/Nickelodeon – Key Safety Rigger  
 George Of The Jungle (Feature): Walt Disney Productions – Underwater Rigger, Rescue Swimmer  
 Letters From A Killer (Feature): L.F.A.K. Productions – Technical Diver, Stunt Safety, Boat Operator  
 My Family (aka Mi Familia) (Feature): East LA Productions – Safety Kayaker, Swiftwater Rigger  
 Bushwhacked (aka Tenderfoots) (Feature): Timberline Productions – Safety Kayaker, Rigger  
 Benadryl Commercial Series: Bedford Falls Production – Safety Coordinator, Canoe Instructor  
 Marlboro Adventure Team Commercial: HSI Productions – Location Scout, Safety Kayaker, Rigger  
 Lipovitan Sports Drink Commercial: Unit 1 Productions – Rescue Swimmer  
 Jupiler Beer Commercial Series: Fuzzy Pictures – River Safety  
 Turbo Rangers (Feature): Anglegrove Productions – Safety Kayaker, Rescue Swimmer  
 Vox Vodka Layout in Big Sky, MT: Rogers Pictures – Location Scout, AC  
 Marlboro Ranch Party: Spotty Dog Productions – Swiftwater Rigger, Safety Kayaker, Medic  
 Brandy Brandt Centerfold Shoot: Playboy Magazine Oct, 1987: Location Scout, Safety Coordinator, Stunt Kayaker  
 The Good, The Bad, And The Grizzly: Moore & Moore Films/ PBS Nature Series – Backcountry Field Support  
 The Donner Party: Termite Art Productions/Discovery Channel – Location Scout, Still Photographer  
 Breakdown (Feature): Paramount Productions – Underwater Rigger, Kurt Russell's Primary Safety Deployment  
 In Search of America Concert: Tall Pony Productions/ABC – Sheryl Crow's Personal Driver & Escort

### **Talent and Presentation Experience:**

Montana Audio & Acoustic Society: Production Sound Mixing and Recording Techniques – Keynote Speaker  
 Montana State University: Production Sound Mixing and Recording workshops for Students and Faculty – Adjunct Professor  
 The Good, The Bad, And The Grizzly: Moore & Moore Films – Self, Grizzly Attack Survivor  
 Buck Commander: Warm Springs Productions/Outdoor Channel – Self, Soundman  
 River Safety & Rescue: Balanced Moon Productions / PBS – Self, Host  
 Mild 7 Athletic Commercial: Momentum Films – Kayaker  
 Nikon School of Photography: Still photography by Galen Rowell – Stunt Kayaker  
 Playboy Magazine: Still photography by Stephen Wada – Stunt Kayaker  
 Rock on Rock: Still photography by Aldo Brando – Rock Climber

### **Volunteer Service:**

Parkway Youth Center – St. Louis, MO  
 St. Louis Association for Retarded Children – St. Louis, MO  
 South Yuba River Citizen's League – Nevada City, CA  
 Friends Of The River – San Francisco, CA  
 Clavey River Preservation Trust, Groveland, CA  
 Eagle Mount Adaptive Ski & Kayak Programs – Bozeman, MT  
 Jackson Hole Wildlife Film Festival – Jackson, WY  
 International Wildlife Film Festival – Missoula, MT