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**EDUCATION** 

Master of Science – Telecommunications Kutztown University of PA - 2000

Master of Social Welfare – Family Studies University of California – Berkeley - 1985

Bachelor of Science – Individual & Family Studies Pennsylvania State University – 1979

## PRODUCTION EXPERIENCE

**Creative Director/Festival Director** of ReadingFilmFEST celebrating community and film. Produced by the ReadingFilm office, the festival works to engage local film lovers and filmmakers across the world. (Reading, PA, 2015- Present)

**Producer/Director** of Schott Productions, an independent production company. Projects include film production, corporate communications, informational videos, television commercials and programming, still photo shoots, theatrical presentations. (Reading, PA, 2011 - Present)

**Speaker/Trainer/Producer** of Voices for Change, a community engagement campaign to raise awareness, train professionals on intimate partner homicide. Presented to audiences at over 35 settings internationally and domestically. (2015 – Present)

**Director/Producer** of FINDING JENN'S VOICE, an award-winning feature length documentary film that examines intimate partner homicide, a leading cause of death during pregnancy. (Reading, PA, 2011 - Present)

**Producer** of BLACKOUT GIRL, a documentary film based on the memoir of Jennifer Storm. The film examines the link between sexual assault and addiction. In development.

**Executive Producer** and advisor to the award-winning short films A PERFECT YOU and TRAFFIC OPERA, and feature film DUST NUGGETS. (Reading, PA, 2016 – Present)

**Writer/Director** of a two-time Emmy-nominated, reality TV show DREAM WEDDINGS on NBC-affiliate-WGAL. (Lancaster, PA, 2010 - 2014)

**Producer** of LOCATION! LOCATION! short film for the Greater Reading Film Commission to showcase the diverse locations of the region. (Reading PA, 2010)

**Executive/Field Producer** at an independent film and video production company. Responsible for budget development and implementation, with yearly sales averaging more than 1.5 million dollars. Managed a staff of 12, and a large number of freelance associates. Developed hundreds of projects including television commercials, corporate communications, meeting elements, and branding films for a diverse clientele. (Ephrata, PA, 2001-2009)

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#### SOCIAL WORK EXPERIENCE

**Board Member/President/Interim Executive Director -** Provided clinical direction, program development and fundraising efforts at grassroots, counseling program for women. (Women's Counseling Services, Reading, PA, 1990 – 1999)

**Clinical Social Worker -** Provided outpatient psychotherapy in a private practice to children, individuals and families dealing with a wide variety of psychosocial issues. (Wyomissing, PA 1988 – 1995)

**Adjunct Instructor/Supervisor -** Taught graduate level Social Work students on topics related to clinical practice. (Marywood School of Social Work, Scranton, PA, 1993 – 1994)

**Counselor/Infant Development Specialist -** Created a child abuse prevention program for young at-risk parents at a community-based agency. (Alternatives, Inc., Pottsville, PA, 1988 – 1990)

**Outpatient Social Worker –** Provided individual, group and family therapy to a diverse group of clients in an outpatient mental health clinic. (Reading Hospital Center for Mental Health, West Reading, PA, 1988 – 1989)

**Family and Child Therapist/Team Supervisor -** Led a team of specialists in a day treatment program for emotionally disturbed children and their families. (Eastfield Children's Center, Los Gatos, CA, 1985-1988)

**Preschool Director –** Developed and supervised educational, recreational and day care programs at a community-based YMCA. (West Chester YMCA, 1981 -1982)

**Developmental Specialist –** Provided home-based services to developmentally delayed infants and their families. Specialized in working with premature infants. (Family-Child Program, York, PA, 1979 – 1981)

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#### **AWARDS**

Girls Scouts of America – Southeastern PA Division, Recipient of 2019 Take the Lead Award. Albuquerque Film & Music Experience – Finding Jenn's Voice – Social Impact Award, 2016. National Association of Social Workers – Finding Jenn's Voice - Best Documentary Feature, 2015.

**Pittsburgh Independent Film Festival –** Finding Jenn's Voice - Best Documentary Feature, 2015.

Berks Women in Crisis - Recipient of 2015 Voices for Change Award.

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## **COMMUNITY**

**SAFE Berks –** Healthcare Advisory Committee member since 2019. **Reading Theater Project –** Board member since 2015.

Interests - Photography, Travel, Yoga, Pilates, Cooking, Wine, World Peace

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### PRESENTATIONS/SCREENINGS – FINDING JENN'S VOICE

**Safe Berks –** Presented film and a 2 training to law enforcement and advocates on identifying and working with high risk victims and perpetrators. (Reading, PA, January 2020) **Texas State Capitol DVAM Screening –** Presented the film and led a panel discussion with 4 survivors of intimate partner homicide attempts who were featured in the film for an audience of DV survivors, professionals, policy makers and law enforcement. (Austin, TX, October 2019)

Western Central Texas NASW & Hardin Simmons University Department of Social Work – Presenting the film and led a panel discussion for DV professionals, survivors and students. (Abilene, TX, October 2019)

**Riley Center: Services for Survivors of Domestic Violence (St. Vincent de Paul Society) –** Presented the film and led a panel discussion for local DV survivors and professionals. (San Francisco, CA, October 2019)

**National Coalition Against Domestic Violence –** Presented "Becoming a Voice for Change – Changing the Cultural Narrative by Engaging the Media" to over 70 DV professionals at the National Conference. (Washington, DC, September 2019)

**Conference on Crimes Against Women -** Presented the film and panel discussion at conference for over 2800 criminal justice professionals. (Dallas, TX, April 2019)

**Pennsylvania Criminal Justice Training -** Presented the film and panel discussion for over 100 criminal justice professionals. (State College, PA, April 2018)

**Reading School District/Safe Berks Training -** Presented the film and an in-service training for over 100 school counselors, nurses and teachers. (Reading, PA, November 2017)

**Moms Demand Action Screening –** Presented the film and led a discussion about domestic violence and gun control to a community action group. (Philadelphia, PA, October 2017)

**Berks County MHDD/Safe Berks Training –** Presented the film and a training for over 100 mental health professionals. (Reading, PA, October 2017)

**Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of Victim Advocate -** Presented the film and panel discussion for 45 state officials. (Harrisburg, PA, October 2018)

**DCCADV Presentation –** Presented the film and panel discussion for the DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence for DVAM event. (Washington DC, October 2018)

**U.S. Navy Counseling, Advocacy & Prevention Training -** Presented the film and panel discussion with survivors featured in the film at a training for over 225 professional Navy counselors. (Washington DC, August 2017)

**Albright College -** Presented the film and facilitated a discussion of the issues with nearly 100 students, community members, and faculty. (Reading, PA, April 2017)

**Bucks County Community College/A Women's Place -** Presented the film and facilitated a discussion of the issues with 50 students and community members. (Newtown, PA, March 2017)

**NASW – Virginia**, **Annual Conference –** Presented the film and facilitated a post-screening panel discussion with over 100 professional social workers. (Williamsburg, VA, March 2017)

**Continuing Education Seminar for Berks Municipal and State Police –** Presented the film and an educational seminar on "Preventing Intimate Partner Homicide" for nearly 100 police

officers and legal support staff. Seminar approved for 3 CEUs by MPOETC. (Reading, PA, March 2017)

**Penn State – Berks -** Presented the film and facilitated a discussion of the issues with 50 students, faculty and community members at an event sponsored by the Stand for State bystander intervention and campus police. (Reading, PA, February 2017)

**James Madison University -** Presented the film and facilitated a discussion of the issues with 50+ students at an event sponsored by the Student CARE Association. (Harrisonburg, VA, February 2017)

**Alvernia University –** Facilitated a post-screening discussion with Criminal Justice students on the Anatomy of an Abusive Relationship, and how to support others in abusive relationships. (Reading, PA, February 2017)

**Diverse Voice Family Violence Conference** – Presented the film and facilitated a post screening discussion with hundreds of domestic violence prevention professionals at an international conference for their opening night event. (Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, November 2016)

**Berks Women in Crisis/Reading Health System -** Presented the film and facilitated a discussion of the issues with 125 medical professionals. (Nursing CE Credits offered). (Reading, PA, October 2016)

**Cedar Crest College –** Presented the film and facilitated a discussion of the issues with students and alumni of the Social Work department. (Social Work CE Credits offered). (Allentown, PA, October 2016)

**Newark March of Dimes/University Hospital -** Presented the film and led a panel discussion on intimate partner homicide and risks during pregnancy at a community screening. (Newark, NJ, October 2016)

**Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence –** Presented the film to the PACDV Giving Circle followed by a discussion of the issues with a professional audience. (Pittsburgh, September 2016)

**National Association of Social Workers Conference** - Screened film at the conference film festival for professional Social Workers (Social Work CE Credits offered); co-presented symposium "Using Theater and Film to Promote Social Justice". (Washington, DC, June 2016)

**New Jersey Coalition to End Domestic Violence Annual Conference –** Presented Keynote presentation "Becoming a Voice for Change" and workshop for Domestic Violence Professionals. (New Brunswick, NJ, June 2016)

**Virtua Center for Women/Providence House Domestic Violence Services –** Screened the film, participated in a panel discussion on intimate partner violence. (Burlington, NJ, May 2016)

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**Albuquerque Film & Music Experience -** Presented the film followed by a round table discussion with domestic violence professionals at a film festival. (Albuquerque, NM, April, 2016)

**Iowa NASW Diversity Committee Screening/Presentation –** Presented the film followed by a Q&A to professional social workers for CEUs. (Des Moines, IA, March, 2016)

**Jewish Women's International Alliance to End Domestic Abuse –** Presented a 90-minute webinar to an audience of DV advocates, social workers, legal and medical professionals. (February, 2016)

**Capitol Hill Screening –** Presented an abridged version of the film and led a panel discussion to an audience of Congressional staffers and representatives from national organizations at a screening sponsored by Congresswoman Louise Slaughter. (Washington, DC, November, 2015)

**Loyola University Screening –** Presented and led a panel discussion of the film to students and community advocates. (New Orleans, LA, October, 2015)

**In-House Training –** Presented the film to the state's domestic violence prevention advocacy organization during Domestic Violence Awareness Month (Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Harrisburg, PA, October, 2015)

**Global Peace Film Festival –** Presented Finding Jenn's Voice and led a panel discussion during two screenings of the film at a social justice and change film festival. (Orlando, FL October, 2015)

**Lehigh Carbon Community College –** Presented the film and led a panel discussion for a large group of students, community advocates and faculty at a benefit for the Jennifer Lyndsey Snyder Scholarship Fund. (Allentown, PA, September, 2015)

**San Antonio Film Festival –** Presented the film and led a lively discussion with survivors, law enforcement and advocates at a film festival. (San Antonio, TX, August, 2015)

**New Hope Film Festival –** Presented the film and led a post screening discussion. (New Hope, PA, July 2015)

**DC Roundtable Presentation -** Presented an abridged version of the film to a select group of representatives of national domestic violence and social work organizations. (Washington, DC, July, 2015)

**Pittsburgh Independent Film Festival –** Festival Premiere. Won Best Documentary Film Award. (Pittsburgh, PA, June 2015)

**Take Back the Night –** Presented excerpts of the film to students at a violence prevention rally (Moravian College, Bethlehem, PA, March, 2015)

**Social Justice Conference –** Presented on the challenges of domestic violence survivors in finding justice and understanding in the legal system, society, and media. Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA, February, 2015)

**Finding Jenn's Voice Premiere –** Presented the film to an audience of over 200 supporters of the film with a panel discussion incl. Jenn's family and survivors from the film. (Reading, PA, February, 2015)