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## OVERVIEW

- Producer managing projects both in the field and in the edit suite
- Strong writing skills, good sense of story, structure, and script
- Director with creative vision, people skills, and strong work ethic
- Skilled videographer for documentary, reality, and web-based productions
- Final Cut Pro editor
- Graduate of Natural History/Documentary Filmmaking and Communications Program
- Stills photographer working on all seven continents
- Experienced expedition team manager in remote locations and extreme environments

## PRODUCTION

TRAVEL BUG (Working Title) 2008

### *Field Producer*

National Geographic International & Travel Channel, USA

Executive Producer: Andrew Waterworth, NHNZ Ltd.

*Virologist Dr. Mike Leahy travels the world encountering some of the nastiest diseases and most venomous animals (In Production)*

- Produced travel stories and managed shoots in Malaysia and Australia
- Directed talent and story content

ORANGUTAN ISLAND: CHEATING EXTINCTION (Season 2) 2008

### *Producer*

Animal Planet, USA

Executive Producer: Lawrence Cumbo, NHNZ Ltd.

*Lone Droscher-Nielson's mission is saving endangered orangutans through her unique rehabilitation process*

- Produced and directed
- Developed and scripted story

I SURVIVED (Pilot and Episode 9) 2008

### *Assistant Producer / Director*

A&E Channel, USA

Executive Producer: CarolAnne Dolan, NHNZ Ltd.

*Harrowing stories of survival simply told*

- Directed post production edit and audio
- Organized and managed shoots

ORANGUTAN ISLAND (Episodes 3,5, and 10) 2007

### *Series Associate Producer / Director*

Animal Planet, USA 2007-2008

Series Producer: Judith Curran, NHNZ Ltd

*Thirty-five rehabilitated orangutans are released onto an island in Borneo and must learn how to be wild again*

- Produced and directed shoots
- Developed and scripted episodes

NEW ZEALAND'S NATURAL TREASURES			2006
<i>Director</i>			
CCTV, China			
Executive Producer: Michael Stedman, NHNZ Ltd			
<i>New Zealand's unique natural history from Gondwanaland to present day</i>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Developed and scripted story</li> <li>▪ Directed post production edit and audio</li> </ul>			
WEATHER WARRIORS: JOEL AND REED'S BIG CHASE (Pilot)			2006
<i>Camera / Director</i>			
Weather Channel, USA			
Producer: Judith Curran, NHNZ Ltd.			
<i>On the road chasing tornados with two "young gun" Oklahoma meteorologists</i>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Filmed and directed</li> </ul>			
LATINO SHORT STORIES			2005
<i>Director / Editor</i>			
BR, Germany			
Producer: Judith Curran, NHNZ Ltd.			
<i>Series of twelve children's shorts introducing the fascinating animals of Central and South America</i>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Wrote and edited</li> </ul>			
TAMDIN'S JOURNEY: A TIBETAN VILLAGE PROJECT			2005
<i>Producer / Director</i>			
Independent Film, Tibet/New Zealand/USA			
<i>A Tibetan refugee returns home after fifteen years in exile to fulfill a promise he made to the Dalai Llama</i>			
Selected: Best Mountain Environment/Culture - Mammoth Film Festival CA 2007			
Hearts and Minds Film Festival, DE 2007			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Filmed, directed and edited</li> </ul>			
BACK TO THE ICE: A YEAR IN ANTARCTICA			2005
<i>Producer/Director</i>			
Independent Film, Antarctica/New Zealand			
<i>Antarctica seen through the eyes of the people who call it "home"</i>			
Selected: Globians International Film Festival, Germany 2007			
Mason Film Festival, VA 2007			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Filmed, directed and edited</li> </ul>			
BUGGIN WITH RUUD	<i>Researcher</i>	Discovery Channel	2005
GROWING UP GORILLA	<i>Production Assistant</i>	Animal Planet	2005
REAL JOURNEYS	<i>Producer/Editor</i>	DVD	2005
ORUKANUI ECO	<i>Director</i>	DVD	2005
SANCTUARY			
SUPER SCAVERNERS	<i>Intern</i>	Animal Planet	2004

## CAMERA

*Skilled videographer with excellent camera and directing skills.*

NDP PILOT	<i>Camera Assistant</i>	A&E Networks	2009
TRAVEL BUG	<i>Videographer</i>	Nat. Geo. Intl./Travel US	2008
ORANGUTAN ISLAND	<i>Videographer</i>	Animal Planet	2008
I SURVIVED...	<i>Camera Assistant</i>	A&E Networks	2007
WEATHER WARRIORS	<i>Camera Operator</i>	Weather Channel	2006
BUGGED	<i>Camera Operator</i>	Finalist Kodak Music Video Awards	2006
NATIONAL AD CAMPAIGN	<i>Camera Assistant</i>	Ultimate Productions	2005
TAMDIN'S JOURNEY	<i>Camera Operator</i>	Independent Film	2005
NEWS	<i>Camera Operator</i>	Associate Press TV	2005
NEWS	<i>Camera Operator</i>	TV 3 New Zealand	2005
BACK TO THE ICE	<i>Camera Operator</i>	Independent Film	2005
PRODUCTION AND PRINT	<i>Stills Photographer</i>	Newspaper, magazine, web	2004

VOICE OVER/  
NARRATOR

WILD SECRETS: PACIFIC HERRING SURVIVAL BY NUMBERS	NHK	2007
ORANGUTAN SANTA: THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS	NHNZ	2007
WEATHER WARRIORS: JOEL AND REED'S BIG CHASE	Weather Channel	2006
ICE PILOTS	History Channel	2006
TAMDIN'S JORNEY: A TIBETAN VILLAGE PROJECT	Independent Film	2005

RELEVANT  
WORK  
EXPERIENCE

QUARK EXPEDITIONS <i>Expedition Staff &amp; Lecturer</i> M/V Kapitan Khlebnikov, Antarctica		2004
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Coordinated polar expedition logistics and safety</li> </ul>		
VECO POLAR RESOURCES <i>Science Technician &amp; Camp Medic</i> Greenland Ice Cap		2002
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Collected, recorded, and disseminated data for several long-term science programs</li> </ul>		
RAYTHEON POLAR RESOURCES <i>Field Coordinator</i> McMurdo & South Pole Stations, Antarctica		2001
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Planned and executed logistic support of remote field camp installations</li> </ul>		

## SKILLS

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT-B)  
Antarctic Search and Rescue Team Member  
PADI Open Water Scuba Certification  
Mountaineering- Completed New Zealand Alpine Guides Advanced Alpine Skills Course, 2005

## EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO Dunedin, New Zealand Post Graduate Diploma in Natural History/Wildlife Filmmaking and Communications		2005
VIRGINIA TECH UNIVERSITY Blacksburg, Virginia Bachelor of Science in Exercise Physiology Minor: Biology		1994