

# Deanna Del Ciello

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## Documentary Producer

### Experience

#### SideXSide Studios | Washington, D.C.

Producer

2018 - present

HIAS | "We Open Our Hearts To Them"

- Pre-interviewed potential video subjects, advised final character selection
- Planned logistics for two-country shoot, managed local Kenyan crew
- Wrote script, oversaw narrative consistency throughout post-production

Hilton | Thrive Sabbatical Video Series 2018 & 2019

- Executed shoot logistics in 15 countries, including sourcing local field producers, visa and film permit applications
- Wrote scripts adhering to client messaging while highlighting personal journeys

Hilton | CEO Light & Warmth Award Compilation

- Produced and coordinated 13 shoots across 7 countries in 5 weeks
- Sourced and oversaw 5 local crews
- Wrote script, interweaving 13 stories into one cohesive narrative

Holocaust Museum Houston

- Researched, pre-interviewed, and produced shoots with 12 subject matter experts discussing the Holocaust's legacy and other mass atrocities
- Wrote 9 film and 2 immersive audio experiences scripts using a mix of interview audio and archival material

### FILMS

#### "Queens in Training" | Washington, D.C.

Producer, short documentary film

Spring 2017

- Directed a team of seven to create a short documentary on two young, African-American girls playing chess competitively
- Executed all aspects from pre-production through post-production

### Projects in Development

Untitled Jefferson County Documentary | West Virginia

- Associate Producer

### JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

#### Education Week | Bethesda, M.D.

Video Producer

2014 - 2018

- Visualized, produced, filmed, and edited character-first documentary-style storytelling for edweek.org and the PBS NewsHour
- Created project management system for growing department

#### Council on Foreign Relations | New York, N.Y.

Cfr.org Intern

Fall 2013

- Assisted research and production for interactive guide on child marriage

#### Journalism Without Walls | Turkana, Kenya

Multimedia Journalist

January 2013

- Profiled a local maternity clinic focusing on its challenges supporting the local tribe; Photographed and wrote stories for the web

### Education

#### Institute for Documentary Filmmaking George Washington University

Washington, D.C.

Graduate Certificate, June 2017

#### Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, N.Y.

Double major in Journalism and French  
Concentration in multimedia journalism  
Graduated May 2014

### Skills & Language

**Project management:** Oversee the full production process, delegate tasks, and maintain complex schedules

**Budgeting skills:** Estimate costs for local and international production, handle vendor and freelancer relationships, and actualize budgets for each project

#### Storytelling and Creative Direction:

conduct preliminary research, find appropriate subjects, write original scripts, and develop new story ideas

**Languages:** French (working proficiency)

### Awards

National Association of Black Journalists  
Salute to Excellence for single story -- 2017

Education Writers Association Single-Topic  
News or Feature -- 2016 Finalist

Society of Professional Journalists'  
Sigma Delta Chi Award for  
non-deadline reporting by a non-daily  
publication -- 2016

Martin Buskin Award for Campus  
Journalism -- 2014

Press Club of Long Island 2013 Narrative  
College Sports Reporting -- 1st Place

Stony Brook University School of  
Journalism Outstanding Achievement in  
Online Journalism -- 2013

New York Press Association 2012  
Better Newspaper Contest Feature  
Story -- 2nd Place

Girl Scout Gold Award -- 2009