

## Monika (MJ Watz) Browatzki

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### EDUCATION

**University of Texas at Austin** - 3.56 FALL 2023 - CURRENT  
Masters of Fine Art in Film and Media Production | Radio, Television and Film  
**LACC Hollywood Foreign Press Association Center, California** - 3.96 GPA SPRING 2018 - SUMMER 2019  
Producing Skills Certificate, Directing Skills Certificate  
**The University of California, Los Angeles** - 3.8 GPA FALL 2012 - SPRING 2015  
Bachelor of Arts in Film and Television with a Minor in Theater Cum Laude

### EXPERIENCE

**Director / Producer** | "Abortion in America" Documentary - Texas, Austin | August 2023 - November 2023

- Interviewed experts, filmed B-roll, sourced archival video, edited audio and video with UT feedback.

**Lab Proctor** | Moody College of Communication Digital Media Labs - Austin, TX | August 2023 - CURRENT

- Assist guests, manage and maintain 7 digital media labs and classrooms, and enter room reservations.

**Volunteer Column Editor** | FLOW Journal - Austin, TX | September 2023 - November 2023

- Communicated with writer deadlines, managed content creation, coded and uploaded column to WordPress.

**Volunteer Reader** | Austin Film Festival - Austin, TX | July 2023 - October 2023

- Read over 75 scripts, wrote coverage with script evaluation and feedback, and decided on script placement.

**Volunteer** | Groundworks: Music, Art, and Youth Non-profit - Tucson, AZ | September 2022 - November 2022

- Key Holder, managed events, worked with volunteers, reconciled cash box, participated in policy development, created a new booking form. Presented to local organizations and on social media.

**Elective Teacher** | Paulo Freire Freedom School - Remote | January 2021 - March 2021

- Planned and executed a 3-month course on creating a YouTube Channel and content for 8th graders on Zoom.

**Assistant Director / Associate Producer** | "Look For Me" - Remote | February 2020 - December 2020

- Planned, scheduled and coordinated rehearsals and filming. Created call sheets, confirmed attendance. Tested video conferencing and recording tools, troubleshoot. Organized video and audio recordings for the editor.

**Production Assistant** | Nat Geo Wild - "Thinking About Water" - Tucson, AZ | March 2020

- Drove crew to locations, loaded and unloaded gear, shopped, organized receipts, ordered and delivered lunch.

**Research Assistant** | "Evil Lives Here" - Tucson, AZ | October 2020

- Organized and digitized tapes and documents from the Robert Lee Walden Jr. case at the Pima Supreme Court.

**Writer / Director / Producer** | "Leash Leader" feature film - Tucson, AZ | March 2018 - May 2019

- Wrote script, budgeted project, scheduled filming, secured locations, crew and cast, created contracts, booked national and international travel, maintained shooting schedule, managed post-production, and self-distributed.

### FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS & AWARDS

ACADEMIC: - Amazon Scholarship 2022 - Hy Weintraub Scholarship 2021 - Peter Stark Scholarship 2013, 2014  
FILMMAKING: - Best Documentary, LACC Cinema & Television Awards 2021 - Selected in various film festivals for "Leash Leader", The Loft Cinema Golden Gong for "Datch", Happiest Sad Song Yab Yum Music and Arts "Crag"

CERTIFICATIONS - EP Scheduling, Budgeting, Smart Start, Accounting 101, Production Accounting 101 & 102

ORGANIZATIONS - SEED (Student Employee Excellence & Development) | FALL 2023 - PRESENT  
- GROUP EFFORT INITIATIVE | OCTOBER 2021 - PRESENT