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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Writer, director, and comedian with a diverse background spanning over 10 years in the culinary industry as an executive chef, kitchen manager, recipe creator, and restaurant consultant. U.S. Army veteran with 5 years of service as a military police officer and 3 years in mortuary affairs, providing a strong foundation in leadership, discipline, and cross-cultural awareness. Writing under Montana Clayton, I craft compelling narratives inspired by my extensive travel to 45 states and 20+ countries. As an award-winning screenwriter, I specialize in creative storytelling, public speaking, and cross-cultural communication. Currently pursuing a degree in screenwriting, I am open to freelance and consulting opportunities in writing, film, and the culinary industries.

EDUCATION

Southern New Hampshire University – B.A. English - Minor Art History

International Culinary School at The Arts Institute, Sunnyvale, CA

United States Army Mortuary Affairs School, Fort Lee, VA

United States Army Military Police School, Fort Leonard Wood, MS

KEY SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS

- Canva Certification
- Leadership
- Strong Public Speaking
- Recipe Creation/Writing
- Management/Training
- Teamwork/Building
- Training Manuals
- Final Draft Pro
- Resume and CV Writing
- Google SEO Certification
- Word Press Certification
- Writing/Copy Editing
- Menu Creation and Design
- MLA and APA Citations
- Social Media/Marketing
- Microsoft Office Suite
- Scholarly Databases and Research
- Poetry and Creative Writing
- Time Management Skills

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Writer, Director, Actor, Black Scarab Entertainment

2024-Current

- Create original, compelling scripts for film, television, and multimedia projects, ensuring strong narrative structure and audience engagement.
- Lead productions from concept to completion, guiding cast and crew to align with each project's emotional and visual goals.
- Bring characters to life on screen, contributing to the depth and authenticity of storytelling through dynamic performances.
- Develop and write compelling pitch decks and proposals to attract investors, production companies, and distribution partners.

Director of Operations, Elite Culinary Experiences International 2012-2024
Led a premier restaurant consulting firm's strategic growth and operational management, providing high-end culinary and hospitality services across multiple international markets. Spearheaded business development, brand management, and client relations while overseeing restaurant, bar, and nightclub operations. Developed and implemented innovative strategies to enhance service quality, profitability, and global reach.

WRITING AND EDITING EXPERIENCE

- W.R.I.T.E Experience**, SNHU, Manchester, NH 2025
- Collaborated with a virtual team of Liberal Arts students to conduct industry research, create digital content, and capture audience attention through engaging material.
 - Utilized advanced editing, proofreading, and attention to detail to meet deadlines for submitting an article.
- Freelance Writer**, Constant Content 2024-Current
- Proofread, researched, blogged, and used social media marketing skills to build brand awareness.
 - Managed grammar, typographical, and compositional errors while multi-tasking to meet deadlines.

PUBLICATIONS

Clayton, Montana. *Whispers in the Dark: A Collection of Poems Inspired by BDSM*.
Black Scarab Publishing, 2024.

AWARDS AND AFFILIATIONS

Writing Awards:

Winner: Best Short Screenplay, [Tokyo International Cinema Awards 2025](#) “Faded Light”

Winner: Best Short Screenplay True Story, [Golden State Film Festival 2025](#) “Faded Light”

Finalist: [Bestlov Film Festival 2025](#) “Faded Light”

Semi-Finalist [Cinequest Screenwriting Competition 2025](#) “Faded Light”

Semi-Finalist [29th Annual Fade in Awards Short Film / Short Script Competition 2025](#) “Faded Light”

Affiliations:

Sigma Alpha Pi, the National Society of Leadership and Success

Sigma Tau Delta, International English Honor Society

S.A.L.U.T.E. Veterans National Honor Society

Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society

Military Awards:

Army Achievement Medal (2nd Award)

Army Good Conduct Medal

National Defense Service Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Army Service Ribbon

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" Device

Humanitarian Service Medal