

RESUME

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SUMMARY:

A former Hawaii newspaper journalist and an EMMY Award-winning independent filmmaker, Stephanie has been developing television documentaries full-time since 1989. Her other film awards are detailed below.

She holds an Executive MBA (2000) from the University of Hawaii and was a 1999 Selected Professions Fellow with the American Association of University Women. She also received two Career Development Grants from the AAUW in her undergraduate and graduate years.

After a five-year stint as a reporter with the Honolulu Star-Bulletin, Stephanie formed her Hawaii-based production company, 'Olena Media. It completed its first documentary film, *SIMPLE COURAGE: A Historical Portrait for the Age of AIDS*, in 1992 as a co-production with Hawaii Public Television. The documentary examined the history behind Hawaii's tragic leprosy epidemic and the compassionate intervention of Belgium missionary priest Father Damien. It won a Regional EMMY in 1993 as well as many other national awards that year, including a CINE Golden Eagle, a Gold Award at Worldfest Houston, a Silver Award at the Chicago Intl Film Festival, Best Hawaii Film at the Hawaii International Film Festival, and an Honorable Mention from the National Education Association.

Currently, Stephanie is working on the distribution of her 10th documentary, *THOMAS CHAPIN, NIGHT BIRD SONG* that reveals to the world an important voice for jazz.

EDUCATION

2000 MBA, College of Business, University of Hawai'i, Manoa,

1984 BA, Journalism/English, University of Hawai'i, Manoa

OTHER: Humboldt State University, California, 1979-1980 Film Studies

Pasadena City College, California, 1976-1979 Film Studies

Team Leadership Management Program, Landmark Education, 1996-1997

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Independent Video/TV Producer/Researcher/Writer/Director/Editor

- 1989 to current
 - Completed nine documentary films, 4 for PBS. Promotional, industrial videos.
 - Subject matter: WWII histories, cultural/social histories, personal histories
 - Won an EMMY Award in 1993 for the first of the nine documentaries.
- See website for more information on other film projects: <http://www.olenamedia.com>
See youtube.com clips and excerpts of my work <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dhprdxrnE9A>

Writer/Editor

FREELANCE WRITER/FINAL CUT PRO EDITOR, Honolulu, Hawaii 2009

- Asia Pacific Films.com -- writer, editor of promotional trailers
- Hawaii Goes Fishing -- editor of 6-7 min. segments for one-hour TV show
- PBS Hawaii -- producer, scriptwriter for 1/2 hr. program

Public Relations/Communications Specialist/Video historian

CONSUELO FOUNDATION

Part-time Communications Consultant, Honolulu 2007- May 28, 2009

Redesigned corporate website. Annual reports writer. Corporate documentary video producer.

Examples of annual reports for 2007, 2008, 2009 and corporate videos at www.consuelo.org

75 page blog on 1st trip to the Philippines for the organization at <http://manilahello.blogspot.com/>

Producer/Writer.

INTERACTIVE COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY, Hyattsville, MD, since 2001.

A video production company partnership

Project development. Two history programs went to PBS.

Producer/Writer.

HAWAII PUBLIC TELEVISION/PBS, Honolulu, 1989 to 1995

Documentary production, *Simple Courage*, 1993 EMMY Award

Producer for Spectrum Hawaii

See www.olenamedia.com for more information.

Reporter/Writer

HONOLULU STAR-BULLETIN/USA TODAY, Honolulu, 1984 to 1989

Reporter, Maui bureau chief. Wrote newspaper's first series on HIV-AIDS. Wrote features for all sections of the newspaper.

Did two USAToday stints in Washington DC and as part of an Asia reporting team.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Publications writer Grant writer
Events coordinator Promotions
Marketing Fundraiser
Web designer & writer Publicity & Public Relations
Book proposal writer Researcher
Youtube.com content generator

AWARDS

— ***Film Festival Awards, upon request***

- 2004 Pamana Arts Legacy Awardee for community service, San Francisco
- 2003 Audience Award-Best Documentary, Hawaii Intl Film Fest, TELLY Award, *An Untold Triumph* (WWII history of U.S. all-Filipino Army regiment)
- 2002 Progress Award recipient, United Filipino Council of Hawaii
- 1999 Fellowship, American Association of University Women
- 1999 CINE Golden Eagle, *An Uncommon Kindness* 1993 Cine Golden Eagle, *OPERA!*
- 1992 EMMY Award, *Simple Courage* (1993), also National Educational Film & Video Festival Award, official selection at many film festivals
- 1984 Kappa Tau Alpha, National Journalism Honor Society, Myrtle Clark Writing Award

A more detailed resume is available upon request.