

SARAH L. KNAPP

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Writer

Freelance ♦ Los Angeles, California 2015 – Current
Create and write pilots, screenplays, and novels.

Writer & Director

Cross Carefully Productions ♦ Los Angeles, California 2018 – Current
Create, develop, and direct a short film. #LaughingAgain
Create, develop, and film a seven-episode web series that is hosted on YouTube. #TheCouch

Writer

Lifetime ♦ Los Angeles, California 2015
Create, develop, and produce a short film with a team of producers and network executives that may become a half-hour television pilot.

Faculty

University of Phoenix ♦ *Axia College* ♦ Los Angeles, California 2008 – 2015
Facilitate undergraduate writing courses in an online classroom environment.

Writer

Pivot ♦ Los Angeles, California 2014
Create and develop a half-hour television pilot with a team of producers and network executives.

Research Assistant

Laurence Walsh ♦ Los Angeles, California 2011 – 2012
Research various topics pertaining to episodes of Lifetime's drama "Against the Wall" for a writer/producer. Research various topics pertaining to nonfiction writing for a writer.

Learning Consultant

Linwood Howe Elementary School ♦ Culver City, California 2010 – 2011
Provide intervention instruction in reading and math to students.

Intern

Gold Circle Films ♦ Los Angeles, California 2009
Write script coverage for Vice President of Production and Director of Development.

Language Arts Teacher

Crane Middle School ♦ Yuma, Arizona 2006 – 2008
Create and administer writing- and reading-based lesson plans for 90 seventh graders.
Serve as team leader and liaison between administration and teachers.

Instructor

Baker College ♦ Jackson, Michigan 2003 – 2006
Construct and administer curriculum for various writing, communication, and public speaking courses.

Freelance Reporter

Kalamazoo Gazette and the Western Michigan Business Review ♦ Kalamazoo, Michigan 2003 – 2006
Interview experts in various fields per article requirements and write feature-length articles.

Marketing and Communication Coordinator

Northside Ministerial Alliance Training Institute ♦ Kalamazoo, Michigan 2004
Serve as Institute spokesperson. Coordinate publication of annual reports and bi-monthly newsletter.
Produce press releases, articles, marketing materials and website copy. Supervise employees.

Instructor / Communication Consultant

Western Michigan University, School of Communication ♦ Kalamazoo, Michigan 2002 – 2004
Instruct students in interpersonal communication methods by providing quality lessons.
Organize, write, and edit the Western Michigan University Critical Incident Response Plan.

Graduate Teaching and Research Assistant

Western Michigan University, School of Communication ♦ Kalamazoo, Michigan 2000 – 2002
Generate and implement curriculum for Interpersonal Communication courses.
Research and organize information pertaining to the portrayal of women scientists in the media.

Office Manager / Grant Writer

Character Education Resource Center, Olivet College ♦ Olivet, Michigan 1999 – 2000
Aid the center in providing educational resources for local students. Create budgetary and organizational systems for the center. Write and contribute to multiple grant proposals.
Plan and execute a character education forum for high school and college students.

EDUCATION

University of California ♦ Los Angeles, California 2008 – 2010
Program: Writing for Film and Television

Western Michigan University ♦ Kalamazoo, Michigan 2000 – 2002
Master of Arts in Communication

Olivet College ♦ Olivet, Michigan 1997 – 1999
Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Communication

Lansing Community College ♦ Lansing, Michigan 1995 – 1997
Courses Taken: Writing for Publication, Personal Writing, and Forum for Authors

AWARDS

Action/Adventure winner ♦ Creative Screenwriting Unique Voices ♦ *Black Squadron* 2020
Best Screenplay ♦ The Oniros Film Festival ♦ *The Couch* 2018

EXPERTISE

Writing ♦ 6 spec television scripts, 9 pilot scripts, 3 screenplays, 2 novels

Editing & Proofreading ♦ scripts, newspaper copy, emergency preparedness plan, academic writing

Office & Personnel Management ♦ K-12 & college classrooms, online education, team leader