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Primetime Emmy Award (x2) · Producers Guild Award · Peabody Award (x2)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Producer with 15+ years at the center of prestige late-night television, from *The Colbert Report* to *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*. Passionate about bringing stories to life, developing original segments for all audiences, amplifying creative voices, directing world-class talent on deadline, and building high-performing production teams. Primetime Emmy, Peabody, and Producers Guild Award winner.

EXPERIENCE

Producer · (promoted from Segment Producer, 2022) | *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert, CBS* 2016–2026

- Produced 75-100 original segments over 42 weeks annually, owning editorial direction and comedic voice for the #1 late-night talk show
- Led cross-functional teams across pre-production, live broadcast, and post-production - driving projects from concept through final delivery on deadline and under pressure
- Produced a diverse slate of content including interviews, comedic sketches, cooking demos, and digital bits
- Originated, developed, and wrote interview questions and comedic sketches for A-list celebrities and major cultural figures in business, literature, and politics
- Directed creative execution on set and in the field, made real-time editorial and production decisions under tight constraints
- Mentored associate producers, coordinated with writers, executives, and crew to sustain production standards and a positive workplace culture
- **Notable sketches produced:** Mark Hamill, Justin Timberlake, Ty Burrell, Conan O'Brien, John Oliver
- **Notable interviews produced:** President Joe Biden, Oprah Winfrey, Sec. Hillary Clinton, Michelle Obama, Bill Gates, Tom Hanks, Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, Emma Thompson, Julie Andrews, Steve Martin, Justice Sonia Sotomayor, Woodward & Bernstein, Paul Simon, Andrew Garfield, Sen. Bernie Sanders, Denzel Washington

Associate Producer | *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert, CBS* 2015–2016

- Produced and directed pre-taped segments for broadcast and digital platforms
- Coordinated field and studio production - logistics, budgeting, talent booking and management, travel, and creative execution
- Delivered 12 field pieces within the first four months of show launch
- Key productions included White House shoots, space station satellite segments, and work with Harrison Ford, J.J. Abrams, Jack Black, and Gwen Stefani

Field Associate Producer | *The Colbert Report, Comedy Central* 2012–2014

- Developed and executed field segments from concept to final edit across domestic and international locations
- Led complex productions including the 2014 Winter Olympics (Sochi), the 2013 Clinton Global Initiative, and the 'Colbchella' concert series aboard the USS Intrepid
- Managed multi-disciplinary teams - crew, talent, and vendors - under tight timelines and budgets
- Handled all production logistics: talent booking, travel, casting, wardrobe, props, and post-production coordination

Assistant to Executive Producer & Researcher | *The Colbert Report, Comedy Central* 2008–2012

- Researched, fact-checked, and supported script development for daily broadcast
- Served as sole researcher for Stephen Colbert's 2012 book *America Again*
- Researched and wrote Colbert's official U.S. House Judiciary Committee testimony for the Congressional record

- Created daily headline newsletter used by writers, producers, and host to shape editorial direction

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Producer | Freelance · *Spartina Industries / Montclair Film Festival*

2025

- Produced live interview between Stephen Colbert and Conan O'Brien for an audience of 2,800 - a benefit for The Montclair Film Festival

SKILLS

Production: field & studio production, live broadcast, budgeting, contract negotiation

Research: LexisNexis, fact-checking, editorial development

Creative: Writing, improv performance (Magnet Theater, NYC), choreography, classically trained vocalist, baking

Software: Microsoft Office, Google Workplace, Adobe Premiere, Scripto

Languages: Conversational French & Italian

AWARDS & EDUCATION

- **Primetime Emmy Award (2026)** — *Outstanding Variety Series* — *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*
- **Primetime Emmy Award (2025)** — *Outstanding Talk Series* — *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*
- **Producers Guild Award (2026)** — *Outstanding Producer of Live Entertainment, Variety, Sketch, Standup & Talk Television* – *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*
- **Peabody Award (2021)** — *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*
- **Peabody Award (2012)** — *The Colbert Report*

B.A., Political Science | *Barnard College, Columbia University* | 2008

Cum Laude · Centennial Scholar