

Donaleen Saul

Writer/Editor

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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Gemini-nominated screenwriter with over 17 hours of broadcast programming
- Curriculum writer with over 20 publications
- Extensive experience writing scripts and print collateral for government, corporate, and educational clients
- Substantial background as a script editor working with independent producers, broadcasters, and funding agencies
- Considerable experience as a print editor
- Adaptable, creative, well-organized, deadline-oriented generalist with enthusiasm for a wide range of subjects
- Supportive, personable, humorous, intuitive team-player who cares about the quality of the process as well as the product

ONGOING CLIENTS

Contract Writer/Editor

Dialogue Programs

2004-present

Simon Fraser University; Vancouver, BC

- Attend community dialogues (e.g., "Imagine BC) and write the publications based on these dialogues
- Edit other publications as needed

Communications Specialist

Richmond School District; Richmond BC

1995-present

North Vancouver School District ; North Vancouver, BC

1993-present

- Lead the editorial team and prepare all copy for the quarterly newsletter, enhancing the district's community profile (RSD)
- Write and edit the district annual reports
- Write speeches for trustees (RSD)
- Develop parent guides and other publications as needed

Content Analyst

Telefilm Canada; Vancouver, BC

1996-present

Movie Central; Vancouver, BC

2003-present

BC Film; Vancouver, BC

1993-2002

Shaw Rocket Fund

2007 – (ongoing)

- Provide ongoing analysis for feature film and TV projects
- Provide coverage for documentary, children's, and performing arts projects, thereby facilitating client service at peak periods (TFC)
- Collaborate with project leaders and business analysts to determine the agency's investment priorities (TFC)

TEACHING BACKGROUND

Writing Instructor

Vancouver Film School Creative Writing Centre; Vancouver BC 2002-2004

- taught a course Creativity, which is a required course in VFS's full-time Writing Program (currently on sabbatical)

Writing Instructor

Langara Community College Continuing Studies; Vancouver BC 1996-2004

- taught a popular 8-week Screenwriting course and a follow-up Feature Film Workshop, both of which I proposed and developed, and both of which are part of the college's new Independent Film Studies Diploma Program (currently on sabbatical)
- Facilitated a popular two-day Creative Writing workshop, "Write on the Wild Side," which I proposed and developed
- Have developed and taught "CreativeJournal-writing" and "Writing An Autobiography"

Language Arts and Social Studies Teacher

St. Albert Protestant School District; St. Albert AB 1969-1972

WRITING AWARDS

Best Dramatic Script

Alberta Motion Picture Industry Association
For TV series, "The Garage Gazette"

Best Dramatic Adaptation Nominee

Canadian Gemini Awards
For screenplay, "One's A Heifer"

Best Nondramatic Script

Honourable Mention
Alberta Motion Picture Industry Assoc.
For TV series, "Speakeasy"

Award of Excellence

Best Script, Best Series
Alliance of Children and Television
For TV series, "The Garage Gazette"

Outstanding Achievement Award

Richmond School District No. 38
For publication, "Learning Matters"

EDUCATION

B.A History and English
Permanent Teaching Certificate
Certified Instructor

University of Alberta
Alberta Learning
Center For Journal Therapy

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Journal to the Self

Praxis Film Development Ctr

INTERESTS

Health and Fitness
Meditation
Reading
Journal-Writing
Travel
Tango

Hiking
Counselling
Movies
Collage
Singing Jazz
Poetry

- FILMOGRAPHY, CLIENT LIST, PUBLICATIONS LIST, REFERENCES, AND PORTFOLIO AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST