

# BENJY STEINBERG

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## EDUCATION

### **UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA • Los Angeles, CA • 2020**

Master of Fine Arts, Writing for Screen and Television.

### **YALE UNIVERSITY • New Haven, CT • 2017**

Bachelor of Arts, Film and Media Studies, with distinction; 3.77 GPA.

Selected for Directed Studies (Great Works) Program.

Relevant Coursework: Adv. Writing & Directing (Senior Thesis Workshop); Classical Storytelling & Modern Screenwriting.

#### ***Extracurricular Activities:***

- Yale Film Alliance, President (2016-2017); Treasurer (2015-2016)
  - *Relatively Dark Blue Neither Purple Nor Green* (Yale's Music Magazine), Managing Editor (2016-2017)
  - Yale Undergraduate Jazz Orchestra, Founder, Director, Conductor, 1st Tenor Saxophone (2015-2016)
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## WORK EXPERIENCE

### **Writers' Production Assistant • TALES OF THE CITY • Los Angeles, CA • January-June 2018**

- Managed the writers' room office for the Netflix miniseries starring Laura Linney, Ellen Page and Olympia Dukakis. Show-run by Lauren Morelli (*Orange is the New Black*). Produced by Alan Poul (*Six Feet Under*, *The Newsroom*) and Andrew Stearn (*The West Wing*, *Shameless*).
- Covered for the writers' assistant, transcribing the writers' discussions in the room.
- Researched historical and contemporary details of the show for the writers. Pitched scene ideas and jokes.
- Made lunch and coffee runs, stocked food and office supplies, and decorated the office.

### **Additional Set Production Assistant • GOLIATH SEASON 2 • Los Angeles, CA • September-December 2017**

- Managed background actors and paperwork for the Amazon Studios limited series, starring Billy Bob Thornton. Created by David E. Kelley and show-run by Larry Trilling (*Parenthood*, *Pushing Daisies*, *Alias*).
- Locked up location, helped manage craft services, distributed walkies, and made coffee runs.

### **Production Intern • FOX SEARCHLIGHT PICTURES • Century City, CA • May-August 2016**

- Wrote detailed feedback on scripts in production and development for Taylor Friedman, Director of Development.
- Created director and talent lists for projects for Taylor Friedman and David Greenbaum, SVP Production.
- Wrote weekly pitches for feature film ideas based on source material.
- Wrote coverage on features and books.

### **Creative Development Intern • GOOD UNIVERSE • Beverly Hills, CA • May-August 2016**

- Covered phones and email on assistants' desks and front desk reception, incl. scheduling meetings and rolling calls.
- Wrote coverage on features and pilots for Kate Vorhoff, Creative Executive.
- Pitched spec features, pilots, and other literary material to studio executives, including producers Nathan Kahane and Joseph Drake, at weekly weekend read meetings.

### **Development Intern • MICHAEL DE LUCA PRODUCTIONS • West Hollywood, CA • May-August 2016**

- Covered phones and email on assistants' desks, incl. scheduling meetings and rolling calls.
  - Conducted research on source material and compiled into memos for Lucy Kitada, Production Executive.
  - Attended weekly creative meetings with producer Michael de Luca.
  - Wrote coverage on features and pilots.
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## FILMMAKING EXPERIENCE (Selected)

**Writer, Director, Editor, "Bear With Me."** Over the course of an afternoon, a precocious teenage girl must help her disowned older brother get forgiveness from their parents. Winner: Best Short Screenplay/Best Drama Short (Student)/Best Director (Student), Los Angeles Independent Film Festival Awards 2017; Outstanding Drama, Short Sweet Film Fest 2017. Official Selection at eight other festivals. 13 mins, 2017.

**Director, Editor, "The Profit."** A college student attempts to proselytize a new religion with a business venture. Winner: Best Director (Student), Los Angeles Independent Film Festival Awards 2016. Official Selection at five other festivals. 10 mins, 2016.

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## TECHNICAL SKILLS

Microsoft Office Suite • Social Media • Google Suite • Final Draft • Adobe Creative Cloud • Final Cut Pro X • DaVinci Resolve • Professional Camcorders • DSLR/SLR Cameras • Film Lighting & Grip • Audio Recorders • Lavalier & Shotgun Mics