CAREERS FOR CREATIVE AND EXPRESSIVE TYPES

MARLENE BRAGA

TITLE: Writer, Producer
CREDENTIALS: MA Journalism, Columbia University. BA Political Science, George Washington University.
EMPLOYMENT: WOMAN ON THE VERGE PRODUCTIONS

For 15 years, Marlene has created content as a writer, producer and programming executive. Marlene is principal of WOMAN ON THE VERGE PRODUCTIONS, with several projects in development. Before forming WOMAN ON THE VERGE, Marlene was Head of Programming for U.S. broadcast network, AZTECA AMERICA. Also, she served as Director of Programming for THE HISTORY CHANNEL, H2 and HISTORY EN ESPAÑOL.

Before working in entertainment, Marlene was a journalist at ABC NEWS, where she covered major news events, including the 2003 Iraqi war. Marlene has worked for Bill Moyers at PBS on the 5-part series, Becoming American. She is an alumna of COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY’S Graduate School of Journalism, and is fully fluent in Spanish, of Cuban descent.

ZEAL HARRIS

TITLE: Visual Artist
CREDENTIALS: MFA Studio Art, Otis College. BFA Howard University.
EMPLOYMENT: Otis College of Art & Design

Zeal Harris has exhibited throughout the Los Angeles area for the past decade. She’s known for creating critical, seductive, bold, urban-vernacular, narrative, social commentary, caricaturesque paintings.

Zeal has an MFA in Studio Art from Otis College of Art & Design where she has taught painting for the Continuing Education Program. Zeal also attended UCLA’s graduate film school for one year, and has a BFA from Howard University in Washington, DC. She has been in recent exhibitions at the 18th Street Arts Center, Hudson Linc Gallery at the Pacific Design Center, the Caribbean Cultural Center of the African Diaspora in New York, and the California African-American Museum, and El Camino College.

DEONDRAY AND QUINCY LENEAR-GOSSFIELD

TITLES: Producers, Directors, Writers
EMPLOYMENT: Russelli and Hall Filmworks and 2 Cents Productions

Deondray and Quincy LeNear Gossfield are an award-winning producing and directing team that have contributed to such hit shows as World Dog Awards (The CW), America’s Best Dance Crew (MTV), Face Off (SyFy), Family Dance Off (ABC), The Sing Off (NBC), and Make Your Mark Shake It Up Dance Off (Disney Channel). They are also the Creators, Producers, Directors, and Writers of the cult classic GLAAD Award-winning cable series, The DL Chronicles.
JENNIE NASH

TITLE: Author, Chief Creative Officer, Book Coach
CREDENTIALS: BA in English, cum laude, Wellesley College.
EMPLOYMENT: UCLA Extension Writer’s Program

Jennie Nash is a book coach who gets into writer’s heads and using a potent mix of tough love, proven strategy, and book-seeing super powers, inspires them to write something that matters. Her clients have sold books to Scribner, Simon & Schuster, Hazeldon, Norton, and Ten Speed. Jennie is the author of four novels and three memoirs. She has been an instructor at the UCLA Extension Writing Program for eight years and is the developer of the Author Accelerator, an online program to help writers get from inspiration to publication. Find Jennie at Jennienash.com.