

Joe Donelson

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Professional Experience

Freelance Photo-Journalist , Archdiocese of Denver	06/2025 – Present Denver, CO
• Interviewed primary subjects and witnesses of important events with the intention of finding story throughlines and journalistic intrigue • Shot, edited, and uploaded 200+ photos per event to accompany the article	
Television Writing Consultant , Bad Penny Pictures	11/2024 – Present San Diego, CA
• Offered specialized writing aid in the process of developing and editing a full season of television • Worked closely in a team of four writers to flesh out characters, storylines, and potential production pathways	
Development Intern , Millennium Media	01/2025 – 05/2025 Los Angeles, CA
• Read and gave coverage on 50+ professionally submitted screenplays • Maintained and updated company-wide information grids • Gave input on active and potential projects, ensuring the highest quality	
Freelance Writing Consultant , Freelance	08/2022 – 08/2024 Escondido, CA
• Provided writing help, editing, and consultation to beginner screenwriters, novelists, and poets • Assisted students in academic writing, consulted on 30+ short scripts, stories, and narrative writing projects	

Education

Bachelor of Science - Communication Media , John Paul the Great University	08/2021 – 08/2024 Escondido, CA
• Graduated Cum Laude • Founder's Fund Recipient • Additional Coursework in Poetry, Screenwriting, and Creative Writing	

Projects

"Happy Trails" , TV Show	Present
• Logline: An investigative journalist posing as a Child Protective Service Officer tries to shut down a mismanaged wilderness rehab for juvenile delinquents with the help of a motley documentary crew. • Developed with Bad Penny Pictures, self-funded, in Pre-Production	
"Switchback Trail" , Short Film	2024
"Liv Laf Luv Inc." , Short Film	2024
"Out of Clay" , Short Film	2023