

GARRETT SPAKE

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EDUCATION

M.F.A., Filmmaking with a concentration in Creative Producing

University of North Carolina School of the Arts – School of Filmmaking, 2019

B.F.A., Film Studies

University of North Carolina Wilmington, 2015

TEACHING & EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Freelance Screenplay Analyst – Coverfly. 2020–2025

- Provided detailed written and scored feedback on hundreds of screenplays.
- Supported emerging writers with actionable analysis on structure, character, concept, and marketability.

Director & Host – *Scream Stream* (Livestream Web Series). 2022–present

- Created and host a weekly livestream featuring public domain horror films.
- Develop commentary segments on film history, production analysis, and genre theory to engage and educate a consistent online audience.

Academic Presenter – Visions Film Festival & Conference. 2015, 2016

- Delivered peer-reviewed academic presentations on film history and global cinema movements, demonstrating a strong foundation in research and critical analysis.
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FILM & MEDIA PRODUCTION

- **Byron** – Boom Operator/Sound Assistant; Narrative Feature, 2024
 - **Diesel Jack Media** – Contract Videographer, Production Assistant, 2024–present
 - **Office Joe** – Key Production Assistant; Narrative TV Series, 2023
 - **Ember** – Director; Narrative Short, 2023
Official Selection- Wreak Havoc Horror Film Festival, SCARE-A-CON Film Festival, 2025
 - **The Path** – 1st Assistant Director; Narrative Short, 2023
 - **Scream Stream** – Director, Producer, Writer; Livestream Web Series, 2022–present
 - **The Ember Eaters** – Producer, Narrative Short, 2021
 - **Pool Ghouls** – Director, Producer, Writer; Narrative Short, 2020
 - **Tramp** – Producer; Music Video, 2019
 - **Synergy Recovery** – Videographer, Media Manager; Marketing material, 2019–2025
 - **The Vanishing** – Director, Producer, Writer; Narrative Short, 2019
Official Selection – Scarefest Horror & Paranormal Film Festival, Wreak Havoc Horror Film Festival
 - **Bearded Crew** – Contract Videographer; Marketing Material, 2019–2021
 - **C.A.I.N.** – Producer; Web Series Pilot, 2018
Winner – Best Web Pilot & Best Overall Award, Longleaf Film Festival, 2022
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WRITING & MEDIA EXPERIENCE

Features Writer – *Screen Rant*. Remote, March–May 2020

- Wrote articles on horror cinema and pop culture topics for a widely read entertainment news outlet.
- Applied deep genre knowledge to explore themes and historical context.

Copywriter – Rovi Corporation. Remote, June 2017–Dec 2017

- Wrote synopses and promotional copy for theatrical and streaming releases.
- Content featured across platforms such as Fandango and cable VOD services.

Intern – Gabe Polsky Productions. Los Angeles, CA, Summer 2015

- Wrote coverage, conducted research, and supported development of film and television projects.
 - Assisted in post-production and marketing coordination for ongoing projects.
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CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- *“Universal’s Frankenstein Series: Sequelization, Re-issues, & Marketing Before the Blockbuster Era”* – Visions Film Festival & Conference, 2016
 - *“Before ICAIC: The National Cuban Film Industry and the Struggles Against Imperialism”* – Visions Film Festival & Conference, 2015
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ADDITIONAL TEACHING & LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Swim Coach & Instructor – Lexington, NC. 2018–present

- Provide individual and group swim lessons to students of all ages and skill levels.
- Develop customized lesson plans to match student needs, with a focus on motivation and measurable progress.
- Coach a local competitive summer league swim team, fostering growth, discipline, and collaboration.

Pool Manager & Operator– Reeds Community Swim Club, Lexington, NC. 2018–2023

- Managed operations, staff scheduling, and safety procedures for a high-traffic community pool.
 - Supervised and trained swim instructors and lifeguards; ensured compliance with public safety standards.
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AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

- Excellence in Scholarship – Visions Film Festival, 2016
 - Critical Studies Award – UNCW Film Studies Department, 2015
 - Dempsey Essick Art Award- West Davidson High School, 2012
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TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Editing:** Adobe Premiere Pro, DaVinci Resolve
- **Screenwriting:** Final Draft, Celtx
- **Production:** Budgeting, Scheduling, Directing, Producing
- **Instructional Tools:** Google Classroom, Zoom, Streamlabs