

# Tommy Whalen

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## EDUCATION

Boston University Boston, MA Spring 2014 - Spring 2017  
**Master's Degree** Educational Leadership & Public Policy

University of Massachusetts Dartmouth North Dartmouth, MA Fall 2004 – Spring 2007  
**Bachelor's Degree** Major: English Communications/Writing  
Minor: Political Science

## NON-DEGREE EDUCATION

Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA M.F.A (Screenwriting) In Progress  
University of California Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA Summer 2006

## CERTIFICATIONS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Massachusetts Administration Licensure Principal/Asst. Principal Spring 2016  
Massachusetts Educator's License English 9-12 November 3, 2012  
Massachusetts Educator's License English 5-8 October 29, 2010  
Massachusetts Educator's License Instructional Technology 6-12 October 29, 2010  
SEI Endorsement August 10, 2015  
Mass Insight AP Training AP Computer Science Summer 16', 17', Fall 16'  
BER Seminar Co-Teaching Fall 2012

## TEACHING & EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Joseph Case High School Swansea, MA June 2015 - Present  
**Teacher**  
**AP Computer Science Principles**  
**Fundamentals of New Media**  
**Computer-Aided Drafting**  
**Java Programming**  
**English 12 -1 (British Literature)**

- Recreated and re-structured film and video program at the high school level to "Fundamentals of New Media"
- Directed and facilitated first ever Joseph Case High School Film Festival (The Tweets)
- Collaborated to implement strategic plan to expand Computer Science Department and AP Coursework
- Designed and coordinated multi-discipline Professional Development for Swansea Schools Faculty

Great Place to Learn: Technology Partners Swansea, MA January 2016 - Present  
**Partner & Curriculum Director**

Innocation FP ([www.innocationfp.com](http://www.innocationfp.com)) July 2014 - January 2016

### **Creative Director**

- Created and organized student film and photography curriculum for specialized workshops
- Over 35 student films created within workshops (YouTube: InnocationFP)
- Introduced new technology components into student filmmaking (iOgrapher, iPad, GoPro)
- Received Westport Cultural Council Helen Ellis Grant for summer workshops and for instructing teacher professional development in Westport Public Schools
- Expanded development with workshops now being offered in Swansea, MA, Westport, MA, & New Bedford, MA

Providence Children's Film Festival Providence, RI June 2015 - Spring 2016  
**Curriculum Writer**

- Created and organized curriculum for self-guided film talks linked to PCFF Films (ongoing)

New Bedford Art Museum/Artworks! New Bedford, MA August 2012 - July 2015

### **Classroom Teacher / Mentor**

- Created and organized curriculum for film and video class (middle, high, and college-level students)
- Mentored art students for independent film projects and college portfolio applications
- Conducted local film screenings for students and parents

Joseph Case Junior High School Swansea, MA April 2011 - June 2015

#### **Classroom Teacher ELA - 8th Grade**

- Reconstructed ELA curriculum to fully align with Common Core Standards
- Achieved proficient and exemplary ratings on both past/present evaluation cycles.
- Contributed above-state-average student achievement on standardized testing
- 42.2 percent cumulative student growth as indicated by District Determined Measures

Joseph Case Junior High School Swansea, MA August 2010 - April 2011

#### **Enrichment Teacher PLATO / Computerized Mathematics**

BRIDGETHINK [www.bridgethink.org](http://www.bridgethink.org) New Bedford, MA / Los Angeles, CA December 2008 – May 2010

#### **Director of Business Management and Educational Affairs**

- Organized and presented a film/arts festival (800 attended)
- Provided training, lectures, and educational seminars for film production in New England area

Loyola Marymount University Career Development Los Angeles, CA August 2007 – June 2008

#### **Off-Campus Coordinator for Lions for Learning and LMU Partners Programs**

- Supervised and organized approximately 120 undergraduate tutors assigned to aid K-12 students
- Participated in meetings and seminars to improve quality of Career Development Services
- Served as a liaison between 15 Los Angeles schools and Loyola Marymount University

### **EDUCATIONAL AWARDS and RECOGNITIONS**

Advisor - New Media Club, Yearbook	2015 - Present
Teacher of the Year - Joseph Case Junior High School	2014 - 2015
Joseph Case Junior High Master Schedule Change Committee	2014 - 2015
Swansea Schools Co-Teaching Liaison	2012 - Present
National Junior Honor Society Board	2011 - 2015
Advisor (Movie Club, Newspaper Club, Ski Club)	2011 - 2015
Recipient of Stephen Flannigan Education Grant	2012-2013 2014-2015

### **FILM INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE**

The Post Studio [www.thepoststudio.com](http://www.thepoststudio.com) Los Angeles, CA August 2007 – October 2009

#### **Content Writer / Copywriter**

- Wrote character narration and trailers for NBC's HEROES seasons 2, 3, and 4
- Copyediting/writing for various promotional materials including NBC's HEROES

Roxanne Messina Captor / RMC FILMS Los Angeles, CA August 2008 – October 2009

#### **Assistant / Crew Chief / Web-Designer**

- Co-produced "The Bag Series" new media content
- Launched viral marketing campaign for "The Bag Series"
- Web Designer / Operator for RMC FILMS

Hillside Media / Innov8tive FX – Sexy Sports Talk New York, NY January 2009 – April 2009

#### **Writer**

- Hired by ESPN affiliate to create sports-related comedy for weekly show

Benderspink      www.Benderspink.com      Los Angeles, CA      December 2008 – July 2008

**2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant / Intern to JC Spink**

- Read and wrote coverage for scripts (blinds subs, specs, scripts in development)
- Covered desks (phones, filemaker, messages, appointments, daily errands)
- Gave feedback on new projects in development, spec submissions, potential new clients
- Developed a feature film script with management / creative division

20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox      Los Angeles, CA      October 2007 – December 2007

**Scripted Development**

- Coverage for new specs and scripts in development

**FILM WRITING / PRODUCING / ACTING EXPERIENCE**

**Commercial Ad - Percival Beer Co.**      Montage Media Productions      Winter 2016  
**Jim - Lead**

**"Always Stop For Rabbits"** Short Film      Tommy Whalen Films & DonBurton Media      Summer 2015  
**Writer / Producer**

- Official Selection - West Texas Film Festival
- Official Selection - Morocco Film Festival
- Official Selection - Freedom Shorts (Philadelphia, PA)

**"It Had to Be Done"** Short Film      Tommy Whalen Films & DonBurton Media      Spring 2014  
**Writer / Producer**

- Official Selection - Rhode Island International Horror Film Festival
- 1st Place - Providence Underground Film Festival
- Winner of Golden Rooster Award for Leisure and Tourism - Cinetrofa Intl. Film Festival, Portugal

**12 Angry Men**      Your Theatre - New Bedford, MA      Spring 2014  
**Juror #11**

**"Weak 3"** Short Film      The Framework Synergy      Fall 2013  
**Writer / Producer / Actor**

- Official Selection - Buzzards Bay International Film Festival

**"It's Cool"** Short Film      The Framework Synergy      Spring 2013  
**Writer / Producer / Actor**

- Official Selection 2012 Buzzards Bay Film Festival

**"Cheating Death"** Short Film      The Framework Synergy      Fall 2012  
**Writer / Producer**

- Winner of 2012 Buzzards Bay Film Festival - Audience Choice Best Film

**"Whaling City"** Feature Film      White Whale Productions      Fall 2011  
**Associate Producer**

- Winner of Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Grant

**"Busted Balls"** Short Film      Silent Dinner Productions      Winter 2009

Additional Film Projects & Positions

**Kill Me**      Solicited Feature Script      Writer  
**Dude, Where's my Grandpa?**      Solicited Feature Script      Writer