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Mackleen Desravines

I graduated from the MAPW program: Spring 2015.

My program concentration and support area were: Creative Writing and my minor was in Composition and Rhetoric.

Some of the great times I had in the MAPW: were when I took Professor Levy's playwriting class. My group was amazing. Whenever we wrote our plays, we could choose our classmates to read it out loud. My favorite play that I wrote was a five minute called "The Grocery Store" about an MAPW student, who was accused of stealing \$20 bill found on the floor. The police were called and the main character had to take a drug test. It was pure comedy that night! In that class, it was like we set our own stage and made magic happen. Other good times were hanging in the TA office with other TAs. I could relax, catch up on work, all while hanging out with my grad school buddies as we laughed and drank way too much coffee. Even moments before class, we would bond and talk about our classes and helped each other out.

I would advice current and/or prospective MAPW students: to get to know your professors. Build real relationships with them because they are so essential to your time in class and after you graduate. There are still professors I speak to and we offer each other advice because we're all now in the field. Those relationships with them are important. This isn't undergrad where you take a class and avoid your professor for the rest of your life. The MAPW program has great professors, who can become a colleague or close associate. Do not shy away from that.

Since graduating form the MAPW: I have become what I went there to become, a Professional Writer. I've used my degree and connections to build my production

company and business as a professional writer. Because of my amazing training in the MAPW program, I went from being an adjunct to teaching full-time instructor at Georgia Highlands College. The program really prepared me for the real world of academia. With stable income and training, I'm moving forward accomplishing my goals.

The projects that I am have created or am creating: as of right now are independent. I created a web series called "The Adjuncts" which can be viewed on Youtube. I've been interviewed several times about the series and it continues to grow. This summer I am planning on shooting two projects. One is a short filmed called "Smoke" and the other one is the 30-minute pilot episode for season II of "The Adjuncts." I am also in the process of creating an online class that teaches people how to create a web series and build a crew. "The Adjuncts" is the biggest project I have out right now. There is a documentary coming out on the making of the series this summer and all of this can be viewed on youtube.com/mackescapehatch. "Smoke" is a short film based on a true story about a man who went to jail for murdering his first wife, was released and murders his second wife's family. More details on this can be found on my personal web series, Mackleen.com

The professional organizations I belong to are:

[Women in Film](#)

[Georgia Production Partners](#)

Ways to contact me and view my work:

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