

Andy Grant

LECTURER DONALD P. BELLISARIO COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATIONS

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Donald P. Bellisario College of Communications, Penn State University Park, PA 1/2026 – Present

Lecturer

Create all lectures, projects, and course materials. Conduct all in class lectures and activities. Foster an open and collaborative classroom environment focused on skills and idea-based learning, with professional expectations. Prepare students for success in higher level classes, internships, and professional settings.

Courses taught:

- Comm 270 – Multimedia Production
- Comm 282 – Introduction to Video Field Production
- Comm 385 – Media Programming Strategies
- Comm 388 – Production Management

Donald P. Bellisario College of Communications, Penn State University Park, PA 1/2018 – 12/2025

Adjunct Lecturer

Courses taught:

- Comm 282 – Introduction to Video Field Production
- Comm 385 – Media Programming Strategies

WPSU, Penn State University Park, PA 10/2015 – 7/2025

Lead Producer of Digital Media

Produced and directed a variety of public media and public media style content for PBS distribution and Penn State clients. Projects included short form and long form television content, short form and long form digital content, social media content, radio content, podcasts, live streams, live television broadcasts, website content, and live events. Led WPSU's Digital Initiative, production internship program, Student Success Lead Thinking Group and created dozens of hours of broadcast and digital content.

Driftwood Productions and WNED Buffalo/Toronto Public Media, Buffalo, NY/State College, PA 2/2009 – 10/2015

Producer

Worked as a freelance documentary producer for Driftwood Productions under long term contract to WNED Buffalo/Toronto Public Media. Produced long form documentary films for national PBS broadcast and local broadcast with a focus on history and culture.

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WPSU, Penn State University Park, PA 5/2007-1/2009

Associate Producer

Served as associate producer for *Pennsylvania Inside Out*, *Huddle Up Nittany Lions Fans*, and *Penn State Universe*

Driftwood Productions State College, PA 2/2006-5/2007

Associate Producer

Worked as an associate producer for Driftwood Productions on long form national PBS documentary productions.

ADDITIONAL RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Donald P. Bellisario College of Communications Short Doc Workshop, Penn State

University Park, PA 2016 – Present

Alumni Coach

Mentor a team of students as they produce short documentaries in 72 hours. Work with students during the workshop to create their documentary, develop production and storytelling skills, and meet professional standards of excellence.

Outreach DEIB committee, Penn State University Park, PA 2023 – Present

WPSU representative

Participate in meetings of Outreach DEIB committee, identify areas of success and areas for improvement, brainstorm and put together goals for Outreach to meet, and help plan future meeting agendas.

MediaVirus Magazine State College, PA/Denver, CO 6/2009-6/2012

Co-Founder, Co-Editor, Co-Site Administrator

Co-created and managed a monthly online arts and literature magazine. Published 34 issues over a three-year period. Responsible for reading all submissions, selecting work to publish, responding to submissions with acceptance and rejection letters, helping create the overall layout and theme of each issue, and managed MediaVirus's social media presence.

AWARDS

2024 Nominated for Mid-Atlantic Emmy in Entertainment-Long Form Content for *The Local Groove Presents: Eric Ian Farmer and Friends*

2021 Nominated for Mid-Atlantic Emmy in Documentary-Single Program for *HumIn Focus, Who Counts: The Complexities of Democracy in America*

2014 Gold Award in the Fall International CINDY Awards for *If Our Water Could Talk*

2011 Outstanding Documentary Program Award from The New York State Broadcasters Association, Inc. for *Buffalo's Voices of Steel*

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EDUCATION

Master of Education, Higher Education – Expected completion Summer 2027
The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA

Bachelor of Arts, Telecommunications – 2005
The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

New Waves Around the World with Imogen Sara Smith
Maine Media Workshops and College, Rockport, ME

French Cinema: The Language of Light, 1895-1960 with Imogen Sara Smith
Maine Media Workshops and College, Rockport, ME

Video Camera & Technology Workshop
Maine Media Workshops and College, Rockport, ME

Film Cinematography Workshop
Maine Media Workshops and College, Rockport, ME

PRODUCTIONS

WPSU

- [*HumIn Focus*](#) – Producer
- [*Humanities Works trailer*](#) – Producer
- [*Journeys with Local Historia*](#) – Producer
- [*Climate Stories trailer*](#) – Producer
- [*We Are Gen Z*](#) – Creator
- [*Digital Initiative*](#) – Lead Producer
 - [*Pennsylvania Makers*](#) – Producer
 - [*Fix It Don't Nix It pilot*](#) – Producer
 - [*Steve Ditko: Superhero of Johnstown*](#) – Producer
 - [*Past PA*](#) – Producer
 - [*Adulting*](#) – Producer
 - [*A Season at Shaver's Creek*](#) – Producer
- [*The Local Groove Presents*](#) – Producer
- [*The Local Groove Presents Live*](#) – Producer
- [*The Investment*](#) – Producer
- [*State of State 2015, 2017, 2018*](#) – Technical Producer
- [*Take Notes radio interviews*](#) – Producer, Host
- [*Digging Deeper*](#) – Producer
- [*Vote '16 and Vote '24 website videos*](#) – Producer
- [*2016 Democratic Primary Senate Debate*](#) – Producer

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- [*Glenn Thompson Town Hall*](#) – Producer
- *Democracy Works* podcast – Technical Producer
- [*Metronome From the Attic*](#) – Producer
- *Humanities in Healthcare Conference – Jazz Ensemble Performance* – Producer
- *Dare to Disrupt* podcast – Technical Producer
- *Better Business* podcast – Producer
- [*Metronome From Home*](#) – Producer
- [*Keystone Stories*](#) – Producer
- *College of Nursing Wellness podcast companion videos* – Producer

PBS NATIONAL

- *Golf's Grand Design* – Associate Producer
- [*Chautauqua: An American Narrative*](#) – Associate Producer
- [*The Marines*](#) – Associate Producer

WNED

- [*Remembering Western New York*](#) – Director
- [*Buffalo's First Ward*](#) – Producer, Director, Writer
- [*If Our Water Could Talk*](#) – Associate Producer
- *A New Season for the Bisons & Blue Jays* – Associate Producer
- [*1812 on the Niagara Frontier*](#) – Producer
- *Chefs of Toronto* – Producer
- [*Voices of Steel*](#) – Producer
- *Western New York A-Z* – Producer
- *National Museum of the Marine Corps* – Producer