

YOLANDE BRENER

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EDUCATION

MFA in Creative Writing • <i>City College of New York</i> , New York, NY English Department • GPA 3.946	December 2016
Creative Writing Workshops • Mediabistro, Gotham, Prospect Writers	2004 - 2012
Bread Loaf Writer's Conference , Middlebury, VT Won place on prestigious writers' workshop with bestselling author, Susan Orlean	2005
Filming Techniques Workshop • <i>Kodak Education Center</i> , London, UK Successfully completed the program and gained Advanced Filming Techniques Certificate	1988
Advanced Certificate in Film and Video Making • <i>St. Martin's School of Art</i> , London, UK Successfully completed postgraduate program, had films shown at central London cinemas	1987
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Fine Art/ Filmmaking (with honors) <i>East London University</i> , London, UK	1985

WORK HISTORY

Adjunct Assistant Professor

English Department, CCNY, New York, NY

Teaching English 210 Writing for Humanities	Fall 2018-Spring 2020 (Present)
Taught Freshman Composition	Spring 2018
Taught FIQWS, Writing about Physics	Fall 2017

- Created syllabi, assignments and schedule
- Created lesson plans, conducted bi-weekly lessons
- Graded assignments, advised students during one on one conferences

Adjunct Instructor

English Department, BMCC, New York, NY

Teaching English 101 English Composition	Fall 2019-Spring 2020 (Present)
Taught English 201 Introduction to Literature	Fall 2018-Spring 2019

Teleprompter Operator

The Mel Robbins Show **August 2019-Present**

Teleprompter Operator

Live PD **August 2017-Present**

Teleprompter Operator

Good Morning Football, NFL Network, New York, NY **July 2016 – May 2018**

- Edited, formatted and scrolled script for broadcast television supporting three hours of live television every weekday

- Demonstrated proficiency in condensing a message to its most concise version
- Efficiently worked as part of a team, consider variants and everyone's opinions while making sure that the storyline or event sticks to the main point in question
- Ensured smooth running of shows by loading and operating our broadcast teleprompter equipment

Teleprompter Operator

MTV Live Interstitial Wraps, New York, NY

March 2017 - 2018

Invited as a teleprompter operator to cover live wraps for MTV evening shows from 9 pm to 11 pm twice a week

Teleprompter Operator

Wild n Out and Ridiculousness, MTV Networks, New York, NY

March 2017 - Present

Teleprompter Operator

PBS Newshour Weekend Edition, WNET 13, New York, NY

2012 - Present

Writer, Contributor, Arts and Culture Reviewer

Harlem World Magazine, New York, NY

2010 - Present

- Contribute articles about local activities and businesses to Harlem World Magazine
- Have a regular column called Yolande's Yard, acquainting readers with local places, people and events
- Hosted a radio show as well as successfully planned and organized a reading event for local writers

Freelance Teleprompter Operator

2005 - Present

- Operate teleprompter for PBS Newshour with host Hari Sreenivasan (since 2012)
- Other clients include NFL Network, CBS, Channel 13, The Blaze, MTV, MTV2, MTV3, and VH1
- Shows include:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Housewives of New York Reunion Show | <input type="checkbox"/> MTV2 chart shows |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Democratic Election Debates at Brooklyn Navy Yard with Wolf Blitzer | <input type="checkbox"/> Unplugged |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Glenn Beck Show | <input type="checkbox"/> That Metal Show |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Blaze | <input type="checkbox"/> MTV VMAs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Soup | <input type="checkbox"/> MTV New Year's Eve show |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Graham Norton Show | <input type="checkbox"/> Election special, People's Playhouse |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 24 Hours of Reality with Al Gore | <input type="checkbox"/> Newstalk Television 24 hour live news shows with Lisa Evers, Ernie Anastos, Denise Richardson |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Victoria's Secret Annual Showcase | <input type="checkbox"/> Cold Pizza |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ad Blocking Seminar | <input type="checkbox"/> Charlie Rose show |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Axa Internet Seminars | <input type="checkbox"/> George Pataki governmental speech |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Martha Stewart Show | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Wendy Williams Show | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Father Albert | |

Staff and Freelance Teleprompter and Chyron Operator

1995 - 2005

Worked with MTV, Oxygen, Fox Sports, Newstalk Television, Nipon Television, Atlantic Video, and CNN

Production Assistant • Manhattan Center Studios, New York, NY

1992 - 1995

Independent Filmmaker, London, United Kingdom

1987 - 1990

Acting Experience

Coping With Cupid, directed by Viviane Albertine

1990

The Cook, The Thief, His Wife and Her Lover, directed by Peter Greenaway

1990

Extra in *Getting it Right*, directed by Randal Kleiser

1989

Member of Golden Syrup multimedia performance group

1988 - 1990

Performed, sang and danced with Golden Syrup trio; venues and events included Cafe de Paris, Olympia Fashion Show, The Cobden Club, Fred's, Private Wedding, and Eurythmics Record Release Party

Presented film, dance, and music reviews on **01 for London**

Dancer and Choreographer

1987 – 1988

Worked with the Louie Lapaz Synchro Gogo Dance Experience

Model

1980-1988

Appeared in fashion shoots for

i-D Magazine, The Observer, Time Out, Ectomorph.

Was photographed for Fine Art Projects by Derek Ridgers, and Alastair Thain

Made video appearances in works including:

Boy George, Everything I Own by John Maybury

The Smiths, The Queen is Dead by Derek Jarman

The Mighty Lemon Drops, by Richard Heslop

Def Con One by Richard Heslop

The Band of Holy Joy, Reckless, by Brett Turnbull

La Main Morte by Kenny Morris

Video Editor • Metropolis Video, London, UK

1986 – 1987

Front of House Staff • Renoir Cinema, London, UK

1985 - 1986

CREATIVE WORK

MEMOIR

Brener, Yolande. *Holy Candy: Why I Joined A Cult And Married A Stranger*. Holy Crack Press, 2014. Print.

Brener, Yolande. "The Swan Sister." *Beyond Belief: The Secret Lives of Women in Extreme Religions*. Ed. Susan Tive and Cami Ostman. New York: Seal Press, 2013. Print.

STORIES and INTERVIEWS

Brener, Yolande. "Parkour Prince." *Promethean*. May 2018. Print.

Brener, Yolande. "Violet Capers." *Fiction Magazine*. April 2018. Print.

Brener, Yolande. "Fun In It." *Black Scat Review*. Oct. 2016. Print.

Brener, Yolande. "Clarissa's Party In New York." *redfez.net*. July 2015. Web.

Brener, Yolande. "The Identity Shift Project." *theidentityshiftproject.org*. 2015. Web.
Brener, Yolande. "It Happns." *bigapped.com*. 12 Sept. 2014. Web.
Brener, Yolande. Beyond Belief Interview. *beyondbeliefanthology.com*. beyondbeliefanthology, 2013
Brener, Yolande. "The Whisker Wars." *anthemjournal.tumblr.com*. 2013 Web.
Brener, Yolande. "Foot in Mouth Syndrome." *blog.strangeangels.com*. Sept. 2012. Web.
Brener, Yolande. "The Effable Law of Attraction." *blog.strangeangels.com*. July 2012. Web.
Brener, Yolande. "Relationship Deficit Disorder." *nypress.com*. 2012. Web.
Brener, Yolande. "All That Heaven Allows." *nerve.com*. 2005. Web.

ARTICLES FOR HARLEM WORLD

Brener, Yolande. "Lyn-Genet's Kitchen Day of the Dead Celebration," *Harlem World* 13 November 2019
Brener, Yolande. "From Harlem to Windsor for the Royal Wedding," *Harlem World* 20 May 2018, Web.
Brener, Yolande. "Ambitious One Fitness in Harlem," *Harlem World* 26 February 2018, Web.
Brener, Yolande. "Jimma Juice Bar and Oasis Powerhouse in Harlem," *Harlem World* 30 December 2017
Brener, Yolande. "Hooked on Harlem Hookah," *Harlem World* 15 October 2016, Web.
Brener, Yolande. "West Harlem Art Fund and City of Water Day." *Harlem World* 15 July 2015. Web.
Brener, Yolande. "Green Youth Market." *Harlem World* 5 July 2014. Web.
Brener, Yolande. "Half The Road." *Harlem World* 18 Apr. 2014. Web.
Brener, Yolande. "Harlem Chi Community Acupuncture." *Harlem World* 22 Apr. 2014. Web.
Brener, Yolande. "Birth of the Living Dead in Harlem." *Harlem World* 7 Nov. 2013. Web.
Brener, Yolande. "Farmigo in Hamilton Heights." *Harlem World* 8 Nov. 2013. Web.
Brener, Yolande. "Afro Flow at Asali Yoga in Harlem." *Harlem World* 12 Jan. 2013. Web.
Brener, Yolande. "Bikram Yoga Harlem." *Harlem World* 11 Jan. 2013. Web.
Brener, Yolande. "Hamilton Heights Green Market Opening." *Harlem World* 12 July 2013. Web.
Brener, Yolande. "Too Late at The Poet's Den." *Harlem World* 12 July 2013. Web.
Brener, Yolande. "You Don't Need Feet To Dance." *Harlem World* 21 Mar. 2013. Web.
Brener, Yolande. "Two Roads Diverged: St. Patrick's Day in Harlem." *Harlem World* 11 Mar. 2013. Web.
Brener, Yolande. "Asali Yoga Studio: Sweet Honey in Harlem." *Harlem World* 2 Aug. 2012. Web.
Brener, Yolande. "Mumia: Long Distance Revolutionary." *Harlem World* 31 Jan. 2013. Web.
Brener, Yolande. "56 Up, On the Up and Up with Michael Apted." *Harlem World* 5 Jan. 2013. Web.
Brener, Yolande. "Welcome to Harlem: a Movie Musical Comedy." *Harlem World* 26 Nov. 2012. Web.
Brener, Yolande. "Harlem Cultural Jewels." *Harlem World* 9 Oct. 2012. Web.

- Brener, Yolande. "New Artists in Residence at the Studio Museum in Harlem." *Harlem World* 10 Dec. 2012. Web.
- Brener, Yolande. "Osekre and the Lucky Bastards." *Harlem World* 2 Jan. 2012. Web.
- Brener, Yolande. "Shaking Spirit Waves." *Harlem World* 16 Aug. 2011. Web.
- Brener, Yolande. "La Femme Suite." *Harlem World* 16 July 2011. Web.
- Brener, Yolande. "Sweet Georgia Scott." *Harlem World* 11 July 2011. Web.
- Brener, Yolande. "East Harlem Film Festival." *Harlem World* 29 May 2011. Web.
- Brener, Yolande. "Cultures of Resistance." *Harlem World* 26 Apr. 2011. Web.
- Brener, Yolande. "African Film Festival." *Harlem World* 5 Apr. 2011. Web.
- Brener, Yolande. "Imagination." *Harlem World* 1 Mar. 2011. Web.
- Brener, Yolande. "Maysles Institute." *Harlem World* 12 Feb. 2011. Web.
- Brener, Yolande. "Harlem Arts Alliance." *Harlem World* 12 Jan. 2011. Web.
- Brener, Yolande. "Tanto Dulce Café." *Harlem World* 16 Dec. 2010. Web.

ACADEMIC WRITING

- Brener, Yolande. Brown, Julia. Poe, Janelle. *City College English Department OER Guide*. Manifold June 2019
- Brener, Yolande. Brown, Julia. *Writing for the Humanities and Arts Syllabus*. CUNY Academicworks September 2018

FILM SCRIPTS

My film scripts received awards by the British Film Institute and the Arts Council of Great Britain

- The Family that Became a Three Piece Suite, Monkey Games 1988
- Soul Searching, Arts Council of Great Britain 1989
- Coping With Cupid, British Film Institute 1990

AWARDS

- Special Mention in Winter 2020 Seasonal Short Film Festival for Y & I
- First Place in the 2014 Writer's Digest Life Stories Self-Published e-Book awards for my memoir, Holy Candy
- Won the NYC Parks Department's Poems in the Park competition (2010)
- My short film scripts received awards from the Arts Council of Great Britain, the British Film Institute and Channel Four television in England

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC READINGS

- Presented at Cuny IT Conference (*Addressing Faculty Challenges with OERs*) December 2019
- Taught at workshop on using OER at CCNY June 2019
- Performed radio readings at Harlem World Radio 2019, 2018, 2016, 2014
- Sex And the City (Canada) 2014

Resonance Radio (London) 2014

Was interviewed for Al Jazeera America Newshour,

The Notebook for The Sunday Mirror (national English newspaper) 2014

Harlem World 2014

Beyond Belief website 2013

Participated in Readings at:

CCNY MFA Reading Series April 2018, May 2016,
October 2014

Litcrawl: Dirty Laundry: Loads of Prose September 13, 2014

Sisters Uptown Bookstore September 12, 2014

Kingston July 22, 2014

Book Culture April 2014

The Chipped Cup September 2013

Cakeshop June 28, 2010

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

- Treasurer of Graduate Reading Series • City College of New York, New York, NY
Planned and organized monthly reading events and helped to provide a forum in which students could share their work in a social setting. Supervised readers, booked venues, organized catering, and invited guests.
 - Led 6-8th graders in Sex Education Workshop at Columbia Secondary School 2012
 - Member of Tic Toastmasters for 2 years 2012-2014
 - Helped Irish Arts Center with Book Day 2014
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