

# Oli Rodriguez

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**MFA** 2009, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, **Film, Video & New Media** and **Photography** Departments  
**BA** 2003, DePaul University, **Majors:** Psychology & Gender Studies **Minor:** Photography  
2003-05, Columbia College Chicago, Film & Video Graduate Department

## Skills

- 8 years experience in video and photography related production
- 10 years experience in technologically oriented tasks and professional development
- 10 years experience teaching youth from age 3-18 in academic subjects and the arts
- 5 years teaching college level photography, film and video classes to undergraduate students
- Experience with the following applications: Final Cut Pro, The Adobe Suite, GarageBand, Soundtrack, Apple applications, LiveType and other video and photographic production based applications

## Professional Experience

School of the Art Institute of Chicago

Chicago, IL

### Faculty

**01/2010 - Present**

- Instruct Introduction to Image Making (production course) once weekly to 15 undergraduate students, focusing on digital processes, printing, scanning, discussions of conceptual ideas and cultivating critique skills.
- Instruct Exploratory Media (production course) once weekly to 13 undergraduate students, focusing primarily on photography, video, performance, in combination with all artistic mediums; while discussing theoretical readings and fostering critique skills.

### Teaching Assistant

**08/2005 - 05/2009**

- Taught nine semesters of Introduction to Image Making classes in the Photography Department.
- Taught a semester of Exploratory Media in the Photography Department.
- Taught two classes of Video I in the Film, Video & New Media Department.
- Taught a semester of an introductory level Film, Video New Media class on film and video production.

Westwood College

Chicago, IL

### Faculty

**01/2010 – 08/2010**

- Taught a semester of an Audio and Video class to 9 undergraduate students, focusing on video pre-production, production and post-production editing skills.
- Taught a semester of an Independent Study for an advanced senior level student, which involved overseeing the student's thesis work, final portfolio preparation and graphic design requirements for graduation.

Urban Gateways (UG)

Chicago, IL

### Media Instructor

**05/2010 – Present**

- Instruct 15 high school aged youth in a 3-week intensive video class.
- Develop a curriculum that investigates contemporary mediums of video art, performance art and photography.
- Instruct 30 grammar aged students in a 5-week intensive media class.
- Creation of a documentary, focusing on all facets of production and post-production work

Little Black Pearl

Chicago, IL

### Multimedia Instructor

**09/2009 – 07/2010**

- Taught a year of artistic practices and knowledge of video and multimedia applications to 65 youth.
- All aspects of video production are taught with a focus on violence prevention/intervention.

Park-West Co-op

Chicago, IL

### Instructor

**Summers of 2007, 2008, 2009**

- Investigations on early childhood development utilizing art and interactive activities with 3-5 year olds.

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Barbara DeGenevieve, School of the Art Institute of Chicago

Chicago, IL

**Editor, Videographer and Grip**

**09/2005 – 01/2008**

- Production and Post-production work for the video project: *Objectifying the Abject: Exploitation, Political, (In)Correctedness and Ethical Dilemmas* and the video project: *Derek*.
- Exhibitions at University of Illinois at Chicago, UIC: Gallery 400, School of the Art Institute of Chicago: Betty Rhymer Gallery.

Upward Bound Program, Columbia College

Chicago, IL

**Instructor in Video Production**

**Summers of 2004, 2005, 2006**

- Develop video curriculum for a 15-week video course for 20 high school students.
- Taught pre-production, production and post-production skills to students.

DePaul University

Chicago, IL

**Cast Member, Milewalkers: An Educative Theatre Troupe**

**01/2002 – 09/2002**

- Actor in contemporary theatre.
- Dialogue and discussion based process on current social issues encompassing racism, sexism, heterosexism, classism, ableism, and homophobia.
- Facilitate post-show audience discussions for 25+ undergraduate students.

Dvorak Elementary School and Lawndale Elementary School

Chicago, IL

**Tutor & Mentor**

**01/2002 – 09/2002**

- Teaching focused on math and literacy in preparation for the Iowa tests.
- Teaching 30 children each in 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms.

Kelly High School and ACT Charter High School, Amnesty International

Chicago, IL

**Human Rights Facilitator**

**09/2002 – 05/2003**

- Weekly facilitation with 40+ high school students on human rights.
- Teaching topics around current social concerns amongst: environmental racism, women and gender rights, immigrant rights in regards to a global worldview.
- Facilitate student led discussions.

DePaul University, Dr. Barbara Schaffer, Gender Studies

Chicago, IL

**Teaching/Research Assistant**

**01/2001 – 06/2001**

- Teaching assistant for 50 undergraduate students in an introductory Gender Studies course.
- Duties performed: grade student papers, facilitate student led discussions and assist students with writing techniques and library research.

DePaul University, Psychology Department, Dr. Kathryn Grant

Chicago, IL

**Tracking Assistant/Researcher, Tutor, Mentor & Data Entry**

**09/2001 – 05/2004**

- Conduct research for longitudinal study.
- Conduct qualitative interviews with participants at Schiller Elementary School in Cabrini Green.
- Administer surveys for the collection of quantitative data.
- Coding data and data entry with SPSS and Remark for quantitative surveys.
- Tutor and mentor 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

Youth Project, Uptown Hull House Center/Amundsen High School

Chicago, IL

**Facilitator**

**09/2000 – 09/2001**

- Weekly facilitation of an ism based curriculum and how this affects on youth.
- Outreach services for teens in dating/domestic violence situations.
- Engage youth in art and drama therapy techniques, in facilitation with Scrap Mettle Soul.
- Film production with Video Machete, a youth centered non-profit organization.
- 40 hour Domestic Violence Training completed.