



# Kevin Lewis

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I am a 25-year professional writing veteran and 12-year university writing professor who has written five feature-films, a television movie, two shorts, a short play, and a pilot for an original one-hour drama series. My drama short, *Desert Gifts*, was a finalist in the ScreenCraft Short Film Screenplay Competition (2023). My comedic Christmas feature, *Benjamin Scrooge*, was a second rounder at Austin Film Festival (2021). And my one-hour sci-fi drama pilot, *Brian*, was a quarterfinalist in the ScreenCraft TV Pilot Script Competition (2022). I also developed my university's screenwriting course and am partnering with other faculty to launch a film studies program.

## Professional and Academic Summary:

- MFA in writing for the screen and stage
- Certificate in feature film writing
- Multiple placements in screenwriting competitions
- Master's degree in technical and professional writing
- Professor of teaching in professional writing
- Director of professional writing program
- 25+ years' experience as a technical writer

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## EDUCATION

### Master of Fine Arts

Point Park University • Pittsburgh, PA • April 2022

Focus: Writing for the screen and stage.

### Feature Film Writing Certificate, with Distinction

UCLA Extension • Los Angeles, CA • June 2014

Focus: Screenwriting for feature films.

### Master of Technical and Professional Writing

Northeastern University • Boston, MA • June 1998

Focus: Writing for the computer industry.

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## CREATIVE WORKS

### Feature Film Screenplays

*Go Around* • Coming of Age Comedy Drama • 2026

- A wayward '80s college grad struggles to follow in her dead father's footsteps to become a military pilot in a time when female pilots are almost nonexistent.

*Dark of Eve* • Fantasy Drama • 2021

- Against the will of her misanthropic queen, a vampire tries to find motherhood and humanity by fostering a young girl she orphaned after killing her vampire-slaying family.
- Quarterfinalist, Filmmatic Horror Screenplay Awards Season 9; Quarterfinalist, Filmmatic Sci-Fi/Fantasy Awards Season 2

*Benjamin Scrooge* • Holiday Comedy • 2021

- A blissfully ignorant stock trader must learn to accept unwanted truths of his life when secrets are inadvertently revealed to him by three ghosts who visit the wrong Scrooge on Christmas Eve.
- Script competition second rounder, Austin Film Festival 2021 comedy category.

### ***Escaping Home • Coming of Age Adventure • 2014/2022***

- After a meteor storm destroys civilization, an orphaned teenager tries to find surviving family by embarking with her horse and small group on a 700-mile backcountry journey against wilderness and friends who turn against her.

### ***Donovan West: Student Demon Hunter • Coming of Age Comedy Horror • 2013***

- A timid and bullied teenage prodigy retreats to his wealthy grandfather's estate only to have been secretly lured there to join his "family business" of battling demons that plague the town.

## Television Screenplays

### ***Christmas Class • TV Feature Holiday Rom-com • 2024***

- A big-city marketing exec must put aside her differences to work with a small-town handyman on a class project to propose how to bring holiday spirit back to their unornamented town center.

### ***Brian (Pilot) • Original One-Hour Sci-Fi Drama • 2022***

- A teenager navigates relationships, high school, and bullying as he learns his mother's incredible claim that he is half alien is proving to be true.
- Script competition quarterfinalist, ScreenCraft TV Pilot Script Competition 2023.

## Short Screenplays

### ***Scaredy Cat • Comedy Horror • 2020***

- A cowardly houseguest battles his demons when he stays overnight at his friend's haunted house.

### ***Desert Gifts • Drama • 2020***

- A compulsive gambler finds and then gambles away a large stash of cash left in his hotel room safe only to learn the money belonged to a criminal who wants her money back.
- Script competition finalist, ScreenCraft Short Film Screenplay Competition 2023.

## Short Play

### ***Critical Care • Drama • 2020***

- A young ICU doctor confronts her troubled familial relationships when she spends an entire night keeping company with a dying patient.

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

### Director of Professional Writing Program

WPI Department of Humanities and Arts • Worcester, MA • July 2022 - Present

### Assistant Professor of Teaching

WPI Department of Humanities and Arts • Worcester, MA • July 2023 - Present

### Assistant Teaching Professor in Writing

WPI Department of Humanities and Arts • Worcester, MA • July 2022 - June 2023

### Associate Director of Professional Writing Program

WPI Department of Humanities and Arts • Worcester, MA • July 2018 - June 2022

### Professor of Practice in Technical and Professional Writing

WPI Department of Humanities and Arts • Worcester, MA • July 2017 - June 2022

## Associate Professor of the Practice

Virginia Tech Department of English • Blacksburg, VA • August 2016 - May 2017

## Instructor of Technical Communication

Virginia Tech Department of English • Blacksburg, VA • August 2014 - July 2016

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### HIGHER EDUCATION TEACHING EXPERIENCE

#### Courses

WPI Department of Humanities and Arts • Worcester, MA

- **WR 1010:** Elements of Writing (Classroom and Online Versions)
- **WR 1011:** Writing About Science and Technology
- **WR 2210:** Business Writing and Communication
- **WR 2310:** Visual Rhetoric
- **WR 2410:** Screenwriting
- **WR 3210:** Technical Writing
- **HU 3910:** Practicum—Writing for the Web
- **HU 3910:** Practicum—Writing Software Tutorials
- **HU 3910:** Practicum—Writing for the Software and Electronics Industries
- **WR 4999:** Independent Study—Implementing Social Media
- **WR 4999:** Independent Study—Website Rhetoric and Design

Virginia Tech Department of English • Blacksburg, VA

- **ENGL 3764:** Technical Writing (Classroom and Online Versions)
- **ENGL 3804:** Technical Editing and Style
- **ENGL 3814:** Creating User Documentation
- **ENGL 4814:** Developing Online Content

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### PUBLICATIONS

#### A Review of “Memes in Digital Culture”

Digital Humanities Quarterly • Fall 2016 • Volume 10 Number 2

Review of Limor Shifman’s book *Memes in Digital Culture*.

#### Creating Effective JavaHelp

O’Reilly • June 2000

Book explaining the JavaHelp platform and how technical communicators can create help systems using it.

#### Customizing Navigation Icons in JavaHelp

O’Reilly • June 2000

Web article explaining how technical communicators can enhance navigation components for JavaHelp systems by customizing the icons used in the table of contents.

## Designing Message Boxes

Intercom • November 1998 • Volume 45 Issue 9

Article explaining what software application message boxes are, why technical communicators and developers should use them, and how technical communicators can help developers construct them.

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### PRACTITIONER EXPERIENCE

With over 20 years of experience in technical and professional writing, I have written countless manuals and online documents, led technical writing groups as a documentation manager, and consulted with businesses to create or improve their publications. I have also worked with many of the preferred documentation tools necessary for creating content for print, web, and mobile documents and online help.

**Portfolio:** Samples of my work are available at [www.kevinlewis.com/portfolio.html](http://www.kevinlewis.com/portfolio.html).

## Documentation Consultant

Kevin Lewis Consulting • MA, CA, and VA • May 2007 - May 2017

Worked with clients to implement documentation strategies and wrote documentation deliverables including online help, guides, and technical documents.

- Client history includes diverse range of Internet and consumer product companies such as Yahoo!, Suzuki Motors, Southern California Edison, Greenwave Systems, and many more.
- Since the number of clients and projects is extensive, I maintain a client list with descriptions at [www.kevinlewis.com](http://www.kevinlewis.com).

## Manager, Technical Documentation

Iron Mountain Digital (Formerly Connected) • Southborough, MA • June 2001 - March 2006

Supervised team of 7 technical writers to deliver documentation for administrators and end users of data-backup software and administration tools that spanned multiple desktop and SaaS applications.

- Mapped group's direction, designed infrastructure for deliverables, and guided group in setting project goals.
- Developed strategy to automate and sell customized documentation to business partners.
- Managed integration of technical writers and documentation deliverables during company acquisition.
- Coordinated localization and translation of product documentation.
- Used FrameMaker, Word, WebWorks, and RoboHelp to write manuals, online help, and knowledgebase articles.

## Principal Technical Writer

HighPoint Systems • Lexington, MA • January 2000 - January 2001

Wrote online help and guides for administrators and end users of repeat-order e-commerce platform and consumer apps.

- Used RoboHelp and Word to write installation manuals, administration guides, product datasheets, and online help.
- Implemented documentation strategies and established corporate standards for documentation and UI text.
- Supervised personnel involved in the development of documentation and training material.

## Lead Technical Writer and Course Developer

IDX Systems (Acquired by GE Healthcare) • Boston, MA • September 1996 - January 2000

Wrote product documentation and created training material and systems to support data warehousing, relational reporting, and patient management applications for healthcare industry.

- Used FrameMaker, Word, Doc-to-Help, and RoboHelp to write user guides, installation manuals, and online help.
- Designed and integrated computer-based training, multimedia, and dynamic database content with online help.
- Researched, planned, and designed web framework for company's online university.
- Wrote functional specifications and implemented design specifications for online university.
- Assisted trainers with the design and development of computer and web-based training systems.