



## JON RACINSKAS

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## HIGHLIGHTS

- B.A. in Language & Composition (English) from The University of North Texas
- Working on a M.A. in Applied Linguistics from University of Massachusetts
- TESOL Certification (100 hours)
- Experienced ESL Instructor (Over two years)
- Valid passports for both the U.S. and Canada
- A love for new cultures and their people.

## EXPERIENCE

### WRITER - BILL MAHER PRODUCTIONS (LOS ANGELES, CA)—2009

Worked with the host of HBO's *Real Time with Bill Maher* to create a new educational television program in an effort to make science interesting to American audiences again.

### PRODUCER - OMA (SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA) —2008

My first foreign-language production was filmed entirely in a small village outside of Seoul, Korea. I was required to secure visas for crew from the Philippines, Australia, Canada and South Africa; procure gear from Korean sources; and source post-production services. This film will begin its run on the international film festival circuit later this year.

### WRITER/DIRECTOR/PRODUCER - THE NAME OF GOD (DALLAS, TX)—2006-2008

Wrote, directed and was one of the producers on this award-winning feature film. It is currently on a global film festival tour.

### MARKETING DIRECTOR - SUN MANAGEMENT —2006

Contract marketing director for this Mixed Martial Arts entertainment company. Worked with Mark Cuban and HDNet to create what would become HDNet Fights. Also wrote, directed and produced a pair of 60-second regionals for their "Art of War LIVE" event.

### PRIVATE ENGLISH TUTOR -2003-2005

Worked with ESL students to improve their reading, writing and speaking.

### ENGLISH LAB ASSISTANT - THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS — 2000-2002

Worked with non-native English speakers on coursework and exam preparation for the English Department at my university. Most of my students came from India, Korea, Japan, Russia and Mexico.

## PUBLICATIONS

### NON-FICTION BOOKS

Contributing Editor: *John Elway*, Beckett Publications (ISBN: 1887432744)

Contributing Editor: *Ken Griffey, Jr.*, Beckett Publications (ISBN: 1887432647)

### MAGAZINES

Lifestyle Editor: *Addison Magazine* (2002-2003)

Staff Writer: *Beckett Baseball Monthly* (1998-1999)

Staff Writer: *Beckett Hockey Monthly* (1998)

### NEWSPAPERS

Sports Editor (with weekly column): *The News-Register* (1999-2000)

Contributing Editor: *The Dallas Morning News* (1997-1999)

Staff Writer: *The Allen Angle* (1996-1997)

## EDUCATION

The University of North Texas -- Denton, TX -- B.A. Language & Composition

University of Massachusetts -- Boston, MA -- M.A. Applied Linguistics (Currently)

## SKILLS

Adobe Creative Suite 4 (Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Lightroom, Dreamweaver, Flash & After Effects), Final Cut Pro Suite 2 (Final Cut, Motion, Soundtrack, Color, DVD Studio Pro & Compressor), Microsoft Office, Quark, iWork '09, Final Draft 7 and Movie Magic Screenwriter.