

## YOLANDE BRENER

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### OVERVIEW

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English Instructor with four years' experience teaching writing and literature at CUNY colleges, highly reviewed by students and observers.

Teleprompter operator with 27 years of experience in broadcast television.

Award-winning artist and writer.

### EXPERIENCE

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#### **Adjunct Instructor/Adjunct Assistant Professor**

##### **English Department BMCC, New York, NY**

Taught English 201 Introduction to Literature and English Composition 101.

**Fall 2018-current**

##### **English Department, CCNY, New York, NY**

Taught English 210 Writing for Humanities, Freshman Composition, FIQWS Writing for Physics, and FIQWS Creative Composition for Narrative Medicine

**Fall 2018-current**

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

#### **Teleprompter Operator**

**Various including, CBSSN, PBS, MTV, Global Peace Summit**

**May 2018—current**

#### **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, considered variants and everyone's opinions while making sure that the storyline or event stuck to the main point in question
- Ensured smooth running of shows by loading and operating broadcast teleprompter equipment

#### **Teleprompter Operator**

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

**2012 – Present**

Operate teleprompter for PBS Newshour with host Hari Sreenivasan (since 2012)

#### **Teleprompter Operator**

**MTV Live Interstitial Wraps, New York, NY.**

**March 2017 - 2018**

Operated teleprompter 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 - 2018**

#### **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**

- Clients include NFL Network, CBS, Channel 13, The Blaze, MTV, MTV2, MTV3, and VH1
- Shows include:
  - Live at the Met
  - Housewives of New York Reunion Show
  - Democratic Election Debates at Brooklyn Navy Yard with Wolf Blitzer
  - Glenn Beck Show
  - The Blaze
  - The Soup
  - The Graham Norton Show
  - 24 Hours of Reality with Al Gore
  - Victoria's Secret Annual Showcase
  - Ad Blocking Seminar
  - Axa Internet Seminars
  - The Martha Stewart Show
  - The Wendy Williams Show
  - Father Albert
  - Total Request Live
  - MTV2 chart shows
  - Unplugged
  - That Metal Show
  - MTV VMAs
  - MTV New Year's Eve show
  - MTV Election special, People's Playhouse
  - Newstalk Television 24 hour live news shows with Lisa Evers, Ernie Anastos, Denise Richardson
  - Cold Pizza
  - Charlie Rose show
  - George Pataki governmental speech

**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 Garden*, directed by Derek Jarman **1990**
- The Cook, The Thief, His Wife and Her Lover*, directed by Peter Greenaway **1990**

**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** television show

**Dancer and Choreographer**

**1987 – 1988**

Designed costumes, choreographed and danced 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**  
**Front of House Staff • Renoir Cinema, London, UK**

**1986 – 1987**  
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## CREATIVE WORK

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### 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.

### WITH BRENIMARA

Brener, Yolande and Imara, Danielle. *Matters: A Rising*. Video. 8 November 2020  
Brener, Yolande and Imara, *Y & I Through the Portal*. Video. September 2020  
Brener, Yolande and Imara, *Y & I Changing All the Time*. Video. July 2020  
Brener, Yolande and Imara, *Y & I Go Outside*. Video. June 2020  
Brener, Yolande and Imara, *Y & I Lockdown*. Video. April 2020  
Brener, Yolande and Imara, *Y & I*. Video. December 2019

### 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*. 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*. 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*. Web.  
Brener, Yolande. "All That Heaven Allows." *nerve.com*. 2005. Web.

### ARTICLES FOR HARLEM WORLD

Brener, Yolande, "Yolande's Yard: From Harlem To Windsor For Prince Philip's Funeral," *Harlem World* 19 April 2021

Brener, Yolande and Imara, Danielle, "Black History Month: Perspectives From The World of Harlem," *Harlem World* 27 February 2021

Brener, Yolande, "Yolande's Yard: Lyn-Genet's Kitchen Day Of The Dead Celebration In Hamilton Heights," *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.

### **FILM SCRIPTS**

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

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

### **WRITING AWARDS**

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- 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

### **BRENIMARA FILM AWARDS**

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- Matters: A Rising received an official mention from the London Seasonal Short Film Festival, Spring 2021.
- Y&I Go Outside was an official selection of the Monkey Bread Tree Film Awards 2020.
- Y&I Lockdown was an official selection for the MicroMania Film Festival 2020.
- Y&I was an official selection of the Frostbite International Indie Fest 2020.
- Y&I received a Special Mention in the UK Seasonal Short Film Festival 2020.

### **PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC READINGS**

Video interview appeared on American Gumption podcast	2021
Interview for This Morning, appeared on national television in the UK	2020
Appeared in Cult of Personality on Starz TV	2020
Interview published in Bella Magazine	2020
Interview published in Take a Break Magazine	2020
Interview published in Fabulous Magazine	2020
Performed radio readings at Harlem World Radio	2014
Sex And the City (Canada)	2014
Resonance Radio (London)	2014
Was interviewed for Al Jazeera America Newshour	2014
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	December 2018, April 2018, May 2016, October 2014
Litcrawl: Dirty Laundry: Loads of Prose	September 13, 2014
Sisters Uptown Bookstore 2014	September 12,
Kingston	July 22, 2014
Book Culture	April 2014
The Chipped Cup	September 2013
Cakeshop	June 28, 2010

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## EDUCATION

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

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## OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

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- 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.  
2014-2016
- Led 6-8th graders in Sex Education Workshop at *Columbia Secondary School* 2012
- Member of *Tic Toastmasters* for 2 years 2012-2014
- Volunteer for *Irish Arts Center's Book Day* 2014