

EDUCATION

- McGill University, Faculty of Education** 2018
PhD, Integrated Studies in Education (Funded)
Thesis : *A Concept of Critical Feeling, a proposed basis of research in the teaching and evaluation of creativity*
Supervisor Dr. Boyd White
- McGill University, Faculty of Arts** 2011
Masters of Arts, Communication Studies (Funded)
Thesis : *sentio, cogito, dictum, video*
Supervisor Dr. Will Straw
- McGill University, Faculty of Education** 1999
Bachelors of Education (Adv. Stn.)
English Language Arts & History
Minor Canadian Studies
Quebec Ministry of Education Licence # BR255999, preK-12 certified
- McGill University, Faculty of Arts** 1996-1997
Joint Honours English and History
Thesis : *Avro Arrow: Myth or Icon of Canadian Nationalism*
Supervisor Dr. Desmond Morton
- Concordia University, Faculty of Arts** 1996
Honours History

SELECTED DISTINCTIONS

- Meritas for Exceptional Contribution*
The Quebec Association of Canadian Horse Breeders
- Gemeaux Award Nomination: Documentary, Best Screenplay,*
Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television
- Key Conceptual Narrative*
Canada Pavillion, Shanghai World's Fair, Cirque du Soleil
- Phoenix Prize for Environmental Leadership Nomination (Education & Awareness)*
Minister of Sustainable Development & Environment, Quebec
- Coup de coeur*
La Toile du Québec, réseau Canoe, Quebecor Media
- Grand Prix du Festival, Grand Prix du Public*
Portneuf Environmental Film Festival
- Entrepreneur of the Year, Laurentides/Laval*
TD Canada Trust
- Most Innovative, Youth Jury Awards*
Reel to Real Film Festival
- Chris Award: Bronze Plaque*
Columbus International Film & Video Festival
- Highly Recommended*
Canadian Review of Materials, University of Manitoba
- Best Film, Best Direction & Best Editing Awards*
KIDS TV International
- Best Integration of Human and Machine*
Symposium Arts & Technology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Creative Residency*
Project Studio, Media Lab, Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity
- Integrated Media Award*
Canada Council for the Arts,
Artist Category B Award, Theatre/Dance
Canada Council for the Arts

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

McGill University, Faculty of Education

Teaching Assistant, EDEC 260 Educational Philosophy
graded assignments, lectured, held office hours

Bishop's University, School of Education

4 lectures EDU415/425 Methods in Teaching the Creative Arts
(Elementary & Secondary)

Shootfilms Inc., President & Executive Producer

- founder of successful production company specializing exclusively in the production of long-form narrative documentaries for primetime network broadcast and theatrical release
- responsible for all new and ongoing business including but not exclusive to: product conception, pitch, multi-round and partner financing
- sophisticated knowledge of joint ventures and co-marketing alliances
- post-financing project management through to completion including initial marketing and after-sales considerations
- all guild and union contract negotiations (7 different collective agreements to respect)
- management of both freelance suppliers (1-50) per annum and permanent employees(1-10)
- sophisticated understanding of goal-oriented team-leading in intense creative & collaborative environment

Studio Morin Heights

- co-founder and director of technical services company specializing in the production and post-production services for long-form narrative documentaries, series and features for network broadcast and theatrical release
- complete 4k production and 2k post, color grading & 5.1 mix

National Film Board of Canada, Media Educator & Producer

- initiating and lead producer of 4 youth-directed documentaries released in a multiple award-winning, theatrically-released, feature-length documentary entitled *Salt*
- responsible for the design and execution of a prototypical program of youth-directed documentaries to extend NFB's reach into youth media market
- highly successful project received significant peer and industry recognition and provided a pedagogical and production paradigm for subsequent projects of similar scope and purpose

Wilfrid Laurier School Board, Full-Time Teacher

- subjects: Senior English, Special Education
- school: Laurentian Regional High School

English Montreal School Board, Full-Time Teacher

- schools: Lauren Hill Academy, MIND High School
At Laurenhill, I designed a performance-based drama unit that integrated professional creative practices of method acting. At MIND, I designed a groundbreaking approach to teach writing as production by integrating professional creative practices of documentary filmmaking and cutting-edge digital filmmaking technology
- subjects: Senior Drama, Senior English, Technology, Media
- extra-curricular: *Writers' Room* (creative process), *Breakfast Club* (philosophy klatch)

Laurentian & Wilfrid Laurier School Board, Supply Teacher

- schools: Ste-Agathe Academy, Morin Heights Elementary, Laurentian Regional High
- subjects: Senior English, Phys. Ed., FSL, General Elementary

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS & PRODUCTIONS

Canadian film and television projects represent successful applications to several institutional investors, each with their own multi-step content review process by adjudication committee. Production timeline from investigate, script, first edit and final film is commonly three years.

- Blackburn, R. (2018). *The Hunt for Critical Feeling*. [Monograph] Manuscript submitted for publication.
- Blackburn, R. (Producer). (2018) *cinobot.ca*. [Website]. Canada: Canadian Media Fund (in development)
- Blackburn, R. (Producer), Blackburn, R., & Leroux, L. (Writers), & Leroux, L. (Director). (2018). *Canada's Forgotten Soldiers/Le Cheval oublié* [Motion Picture]. Canada: Heritage Canada, Bell Media & K-Films Amérique. (in production) <http://lechevaloublie.com/>
- Blackburn, R. (Producer), Blackburn, R., Leroux, L. (Writers), & Leroux, L. (Director). (2017). *Femmes des casernes* [Motion Picture]. Canada: CBC/Radio-Canada & Cinéfiète.
- Blackburn, R. (Producer), Blackburn, R., & Leroux, L. (Writers), & Leroux, L. (Director). (2016). *Deux filles, un hebdo* [Motion Picture]. Canada: Bell Media & Cinéfiète. (September 25, Canal D, Season Premiere; September 20, Cinéma Pine, Ste-Adèle) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xvv1hAY-nBA>
- Blackburn, R., (2014 June 4). Opinion: Mandat du CA du CLD Des Pays-d'en-Haut. *Le journal des Pays-d'en-Haut La Vallée*, p. 12.
- Blackburn, R. & Goudreau, R. (Producers), Blackburn, R., & Leroux, L. (Writers), & Leroux, L. (Director). (2012). *Les Boys, le documentaire* [Motion Picture]. Canada: Seville/Entertainment One & CBC/Radio-Canada/RDI/Artv. (March 1, 2013, Rendez-vous du Cinéma Québécois; March 8, 2013, Quartier Latin, Montreal; Cinéma Guzzo, Laval; Cinéma Beloeil; Cinéma Pine, Ste-Adèle; & Maison du Cinéma, Sherbrooke; December 1, 2013, Artv; December 4 & 5, 2013, RDI; December 13, 2013, Ciné-Club de Prévost) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9AivSo30Ams&t=27s>
- Blackburn, R. & Leroux, L. (Producers), Blackburn, R., & Leroux, L. (Writers), & Blackburn, R., & Leroux, L. (Directors). (2011). *La Légende du cheval Canadien* [Motion Picture]. Canada: CBC/Radio-Canada, TV5 Monde, & Cinéfiète. (January 12, 2012, Radio-Canada; January 22, RDI; Ciné-Club de Prévost, June 23, 2012; Festival du Film de Saint-Séverin, October 6, 2013) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ajlMYj1jET8>
- Blackburn, R. (Producer), Boulianne, B., & Leroux, L. (Writers), & Leroux, L. (Director). (2009). *Maîtres chez eux* [Motion Picture]. Canada: CBC/Radio-Canada & Cinéfiète (June 3, RDI, World Environment Day Broadcast, 2010; April 17, 2010, Festival du Films sur l'Environnement de Portneuf; May 27, 2011, Ciné-Club de Prévost. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZYMvw9Czk9I>
- Blackburn, R. (Producer). (2008). *Planète prise 2 HD* (Television Series). Montreal, QC: CBC/Radio-Canada & Cinéfiète. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jaVu4Od2AV4>
- Blackburn, R. (Producer). (2007). *Planète prise 2* (Television Series). Montreal, QC: CBC/Radio-Canada & Cinéfiète.
- Blackburn, R. (Producer), Boulianne, B. (Writer), & Boulianne, B., & Leroux, L. (Directors). (2006). *Pompiers boréals* [Motion Picture]. Canada: CBC/Radio-Canada & Cinéfiète. (July 2, Radio-Canada) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S7_KGr0-Gfo
- Blackburn, R. (Producer), & Pilote, S. (Writer) & Pilote, S. (Director). (2006). *Les Vendeurs* [Motion Picture]. Canada: CBC/Radio-Canada. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=55YkOxAJ2yo&t=122s>
- Blackburn, R., & Beaudet, M. (Producers). (2005) *ecoprint.ca*. [Website]. Canada: Bell Canada & Telefilm New Media Fund (Launch, *Monument National*, October, 2005)
- Blackburn, R. (Producer), Latulippe, H. (Writer), & Latulippe, H. (Director). (2005). *Maestro* [Motion Picture]. Canada: CBC/Radio-Canada, Bravo & Cinéfiète. (January 16, 2005, Radio-Canada) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ee7z0aTJExc&t=14s>
- Blackburn, R. (Producer), Trépanier, N. (Writer), & Trépanier, N. (Director). (2004). *C'est ma Floride!* [Motion Picture]. Canada: CBC/Radio-Canada, TFO & Cinéfiète. (May 7, Radio-Canada) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pi62ACIwcYw>
- Blackburn, R. (Producer), Boulianne, B. (Writer), & Boulianne, B. (Director). (2004). *Le Compteur d'oiseaux* [Motion Picture]. Canada: CBC/Radio-Canada, TV5, Film Option International & Cinéfiète. (June 25, Radio-Canada; February 20, 2005, Rendez-vous du Cinéma québécois; April 21, 2005, Festival du Film sur l'Environnement de Portneuf; November 18, 2016, Casa Obscura, Montreal; January 18, 2007, Ushuaia TV, Boulogne-Billancourt, France) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BTz_JMC5u7s&t=132s

- Blackburn, R., Lapointe, P., Leroux, L., & Verral, D. (Producers), & Blackburn, R., Leroux, L., & et al. (Directors). (2000). *The Pinch of Salt* (Educational Workshop) Canada: Shootfilms & National Film Board of Canada, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZLC-pAvjLpE>.
- Blackburn, R., Lapointe, P., & Verral, D. (Producers), & Brown, B., Gage, M., Goodwyn, A., Leroux, L., & Shamy-Smith, K. (Directors). (2000). *Salt* [Motion Picture]. Canada: National Film Board of Canada. (October 14, 2000, Official Competition, Festival Nouveau Cinéma Nouveaux Médias de Montréal; October, 21 2000, Official Competition, St. John's International Women's Film Festival, Newfoundland; April 17, 2000, Official Competition, Reel to Real International Film Festival for Youth; Oct 21, 2001, Official Competition, Columbus International Film & Video Festival) <https://www.nfb.ca/film/salt/>
- Blackburn, R. (Producer), & Berger, S., Alarie, S., & Nicholls, C. (Directors). (1998). *kicks* [Motion Picture]. Canada: Shootfilms & National Film Board of Canada. (July 1998, Official Competition, Cannes for Kids, KIDS TV International Film Festival.) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6EqDzQt0yh4>
- Khanshour, A., Juras, R., Blackburn, R., & Cothran, G. (2015). The Legend of the Canadian Horse: Genetic Diversity and Breed Origin. *Journal of Heredity*, 106(1), 37-44. <https://academic.oup.com/jhered/article/106/1/37/2961877/The-Legend-of-the-Canadian-Horse-Genetic-Diversity>
- Leroux, L. (Writer) & Leroux, L. (Director). (2008). Biocarburants (Documentary Series Episode). In R. Blackburn (Producer) *Planète prise 2*. Montreal, QC: CBC/Radio-Canada. July 26, RDI
- Leroux, L. (Writer) & Leroux, L. (Director). (2008). Papiers journaux (Documentary Series Episode). In R. Blackburn (Producer) *Planète prise 2*. Montreal, QC: CBC/Radio-Canada. July 19, RDI
- Leroux, L. (Writer) & Leroux, L. (Director). (2008). Matelas (Documentary Series Episode). In R. Blackburn (Producer) *Planète prise 2*. Montreal, QC: CBC/Radio-Canada. July 12, RDI
- Leroux, L. (Writer) & Leroux, L. (Director). (2008). Ameublement (Documentary Series Episode). In R. Blackburn (Producer) *Planète prise 2*. Montreal, QC: CBC/Radio-Canada. July 5, RDI
- Leroux, L. (Writer) & Leroux, L. (Director). (2008). Engrais et pesticides (Documentary Series Episode). In R. Blackburn (Producer) *Planète prise 2*. Montreal, QC: CBC/Radio-Canada. June 28, RDI
- Leroux, L. (Writer) & Leroux, L. (Director). (2008). Appareils électroménagers (Documentary Series Episode). In R. Blackburn (Producer) *Planète prise 2*. Montreal, QC: CBC/Radio-Canada. June 21, RDI
- Leroux, L. (Writer) & Leroux, L. (Director). (2008). Produits de beauté (Documentary Series Episode). In R. Blackburn (Producer) *Planète prise 2*. Montreal, QC: CBC/Radio-Canada. June 14, RDI
- Leroux, L. (Writer) & Leroux, L. (Director). (2008). Fonds éthiques verts (Documentary Series Episode). In R. Blackburn (Producer) *Planète prise 2*. Montreal, QC: CBC/Radio-Canada. June 7, RDI
- Leroux, L. (Writer) & Leroux, L. (Director). (2008). Emballage (Documentary Series Episode). In R. Blackburn (Producer) *Planète prise 2*. Montreal, QC: CBC/Radio-Canada. May 31, RDI
- Leroux, L. (Writer) & Leroux, L. (Director). (2008). Articles de bébé (Documentary Series Episode). In R. Blackburn (Producer) *Planète prise 2*. Montreal, QC: CBC/Radio-Canada. May 24, RDI
- Leroux, L. (Writer) & Leroux, L. (Director). (2008). Bâtiments verts (Documentary Series Episode). In R. Blackburn (Producer) *Planète prise 2*. Montreal, QC: CBC/Radio-Canada. May 17, RDI
- Leroux, L. (Writer) & Leroux, L. (Director). (2008). Recouvrements de plancher (Documentary Series Episode). In R. Blackburn (Producer) *Planète prise 2*. Montreal, QC: CBC/Radio-Canada. May 10, RDI
- Leroux, L. (Writer) & Leroux, L. (Director). (2008). Pneus (Documentary Series Episode). In R. Blackburn (Producer) *Planète prise 2*. Montreal, QC: CBC/Radio-Canada. May 3, RDI
- Leroux, L. (Writer) & Leroux, L. (Director). (2007). Sacs d'emplette (Documentary Series Episode). In R. Blackburn (Producer) *Planète prise 2*. Montreal, QC: CBC/Radio-Canada. May 6, RDI
- Leroux, L. (Writer) & Leroux, L. (Director). (2007). Bois traité (Documentary Series Episode). In R. Blackburn (Producer) *Planète prise 2*. Montreal, QC: CBC/Radio-Canada. May 13, RDI
- Leroux, L. (Writer) & Leroux, L. (Director). (2007). Matières résiduelles (Documentary Series Episode). In R. Blackburn (Producer) *Planète prise 2*. Montreal, QC: CBC/Radio-Canada. May 20, RDI
- Leroux, L. (Writer) & Leroux, L. (Director). (2007). Produits nettoyants (Documentary Series Episode). In R. Blackburn (Producer) *Planète prise 2*. Montreal, QC: CBC/Radio-Canada. May 27, RDI
- Leroux, L. (Writer) & Leroux, L. (Director). (2007). Isolation (Documentary Series Episode). In R. Blackburn (Producer) *Planète prise 2*. Montreal, QC: CBC/Radio-Canada. June 3, RDI
- Leroux, L. (Writer) & Leroux, L. (Director). (2007). Couches de bébés (Documentary Series Episode). In R. Blackburn (Producer) *Planète prise 2*. Montreal, QC: CBC/Radio-Canada. June 10, RDI

- Leroux, L. (Writer) & Leroux, L. (Director). (2007). Jouets (Documentary Series Episode). In R. Blackburn (Producer) *Planète prise 2*. Montreal, QC: CBC/Radio-Canada. June 17, RDI
- Leroux, L. (Writer) & Leroux, L. (Director). (2007). Consommation d'eau (Documentary Series Episode). In R. Blackburn (Producer) *Planète prise 2*. Montreal, QC: CBC/Radio-Canada. June 24, RDI
- Leroux, L. (Writer) & Leroux, L. (Director). (2007). Transport (Documentary Series Episode). In R. Blackburn (Producer) *Planète prise 2*. Montreal, QC: CBC/Radio-Canada. July 1, RDI
- Leroux, L. (Writer) & Leroux, L. (Director). (2007). Produits électroniques (Documentary Series Episode). In R. Blackburn (Producer) *Planète prise 2*. Montreal, QC: CBC/Radio-Canada. July 8, RDI
- Leroux, L. (Writer) & Leroux, L. (Director). (2007). Textiles (Documentary Series Episode). In R. Blackburn (Producer) *Planète prise 2*. Montreal, QC: CBC/Radio-Canada. July 15, RDI
- Leroux, L. (Writer) & Leroux, L. (Director). (2007). Peinture (Documentary Series Episode). In R. Blackburn (Producer) *Planète prise 2*. Montreal, QC: CBC/Radio-Canada. July 22, RDI
- Leroux, L. (Writer) & Leroux, L. (Director). (2007). Compostage (Documentary Series Episode). In R. Blackburn (Producer) *Planète prise 2*. Montreal, QC: CBC/Radio-Canada. July 29, RDI
- Latulippe, H. (Writer). (2006). Boomerang [*Film Script*]. In R. Blackburn (Producer). Montreal, QC: CBC/Radio-Canada.
- Trépanier, N. (Writer). (2006). Québécois et fière de l'être [*Film Script*]. In R. Blackburn (Producer). Montreal, QC: CBC/Radio-Canada.
- Goodwyn, A., & Leroux, L. (Writers), & Goodwyn, A., & Leroux, L. (Directors). (2000). Amber [*Documentary Short Subject*]. In R. Blackburn, P. Lapointe, & D. Verral (Producers), *Salt*. Montreal, QC: National Film Board of Canada.
- Gage, M., & Leroux, L. (Writers), & Gage, M., & Leroux, L. (Directors). (2000). Morgan (*Documentary Short Subject*). In R. Blackburn, P. Lapointe, & D. Verral (Producers), *Salt*. Montreal, QC: National Film Board of Canada.
- Shamy-Smith, K., & Leroux, L. (Writers), & Shamy-Smith, K., & Leroux, L. (Directors). (2000). Karen (*Documentary Short Subject*). In R. Blackburn, P. Lapointe, & D. Verral (Producers), *Salt*. Montreal, QC: National Film Board of Canada.
- Brown, B., & Leroux, L. (Writers), & Brown, B., & Leroux, L. (Directors). (2000). Bev (*Documentary Short Subject*). In R. Blackburn, P. Lapointe, & D. Verral (Producers), *Salt*. Montreal, QC: National Film Board of Canada.

FUNDING

My productions received grants and subsidies from the following institutions and programs. Details are available upon request.

DEPARTMENT OF CANADIAN HERITAGE, *Commemorate Canada Program*
 SOCIÉTÉ DE DÉVELOPPEMENT DES ENTREPRISES CULTURELLES, *Production Assistance Program*
 CANADIAN MEDIA FUND, *Performance Envelope Program & Experimental Digital Interactive*
 CANADIAN TELEVISION FUND, *Equity Investment Program*
 CANADIAN TELEVISION FUND, *License Fee Program*
 TELEFILM CANADA, *Theatrical Documentary Program*
 TELEFILM CANADA, *Canada New Media Fund*
 ROGERS GROUP OF FUNDS, *Documentary and Cable Network Fund*
 NATIONAL FILM BOARD OF CANADA, *Animation, Children, Interactive Studio*
 CANADA COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS
 CANADIAN REVENUE AGENCY, *Canadian film or video production tax credit*
 REVENU QUÉBEC, *crédit d'impôt pour la production cinématographique et télévisuelle*
 TELEVISION BROADCASTERS, *CBC/SRC, BELL MEDIA, TFO, BRAVO, TV5, ARTV, EXPLORA*

SELECTED INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- *Longriding*, Presenter, Equifest, St-Lazare

- *Deux filles, un hebdo*, Panelist, Ciné-Club de Prévost
- *The Canadian Horse: The Science Behind the Legend*, Co-Presenter, Maison Saint-Gabriel, Montreal
- *La Légende du cheval Canadien*, Presenter, Théâtre le Patriote, Sainte-Agathe-des-Monts
- *La Légende du cheval Canadien*, Co-Writer & Co-Director, Ciné-Club de Prévost
- *Quebec Wind Energy Colloquium*, Co-Presenter, Technocentre éolien, Gaspé
- *Maîtres chez eux*, Co-Presenter, Portneuf Environmental Film Festival, Portneuf
- *The Canadian Horse*, Co-Researcher, Equine Genetics Lab, Texas A&M University, Bryan
- *Documentary Distribution*, Panelist, Institut national de l'image et du son, Festival de cinéma des 3 Amériques, Québec
- *Sustainable Development (Electronic Media)*, Contributor, Journée de réflexion de la Direction générale du génie du spectre (DGSS), Industry Canada, Canada Science and Technology Museum, Ottawa
- *Sustainable Development : Panel sur la rentabilité des écoproduits*, Contributor, Réseau de l'environnement, Centre d'expertise des matières résiduelles, Biosphère, Montreal
- *Critical Conversation: Regulatory Governance - Non Governmental Organizations*, Contributor, School of Public Policy and Administration, Carleton University, Ottawa
- *Roundtable on Changes to Canadian Content Requirements for Documentary*, Panelist, Minister of Canadian Heritage, Complexe Guy-Favreau, Montreal
- *Oedipus Now!* (Keynote), Education Graduate Student Society Conference, McGill University
- *Film in the Classroom*, Presenter, Teachers' Workshop, Quebec Provincial Teachers Association
- *Salt*, Presenter, Quebec Provincial Teachers Association
- *Salt*, Speaker, Festival du Nouveau Cinéma Nouveaux Média de Montréal
- *The Salt Girls*, Speaker, FACE High School, English Montreal School Board, Montreal
- *Pinch of Salt*, Key Presenter, St. John's International Women's Film Festival, Newfoundland
- *Avro Arrow: Myth or Icon of Canadian Nationalism*, Paper Presentation, Canadian Studies Undergraduate Student Conference, Trent University, Peterborough
- *l'autre gauche*, Artistic Director & Team Leader, MediaLab, Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity

PROFESSIONAL GUILD MEMBERSHIPS

- AQTIS, Québec Alliance of Image and Sound Technicians, #28077
- SARTEC, Québec Union of Radio, Television and Film Writers, #4655
- APFTQ, Québec Association of Film and Television Producers

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND VOLUNTEERISM

- Associate Member and Trustee, Royal Canadian Legion #171
- Director, Morin Heights Film Camps
- Instructor, Jackrabbit Cross Country Ski Program (CANSI-1)
- Board member (Cultural representative), Centre Local de Développement des Pays-d'en-Haut
- Adjudication committee, Investment and Solidarity Funds, CLD des Pays-d'en-Haut
- Mentor, Ciné-Club de Prévost Film Camp
- Director, Cinécole Extracurricular Workshop
- Fundraiser, Centre de la Petite Enfance Val-des-Neiges