ricardo barretto

Creative Director, Screenwriter, Al & Futurism Strategist

Skills

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Visionary storyteller with a **unique blend of sci-fi screenwriting**, **AI risk research**, **and deep-tech innovation**. Specializing in **high-concept narrative development**, **world-building**, **and AI-enhanced filmmaking**.

Industry-leading expertise in:

Al-generated video production (Certified by Curious Refuge, top Al filmmaking training program).

Deep Writing Program—a groundbreaking method integrating **analytical psychology and storytelling.**

Developing in-house training programs for creative development teams, blending narrative psychology, Al-driven storytelling, and speculative fiction techniques.

Superintelligence risk assessment & AGI scenario forecasting (Collaborations with CalTech, Singularity Institute, and top futurists).

At the intersection of intelligence, consciousness, and storytelling, I craft intellectually and emotionally resonant narratives designed for Netflix, HBO, and Amazon's prestige sci-fi slate.

Experience

🝯 Creator | Kalpana Series

(High-Concept Sci-Fi, In Development)

- Developed a five-season sci-fi television series exploring AI, post-singularity survival, and human-AI symbiosis.
- Built a complex narrative universe blending scientific accuracy, cognitive science, and deep philosophy—akin to Westworld and The Expanse.
- Led world-building, thematic development, and scriptwriting for a speculative drama designed for premium networks & streamers.

Film & TV Development | Story Consultant (Freelance - US, Brazil)

- Provided script coverage, development notes, and consulting for studios and independent filmmakers.
- Specialized in high-concept sci-fi, AI narratives, and speculative fiction, ensuring intellectual depth and real-world futurism.

• Applied cognitive science and depth psychology to enhance character development, existential themes, and technological realism.

AI Video Production & Emerging Tech Training

- Completed an intensive AI filmmaking program with Curious Refuge, a leading advisory group in AI-generated video production.
- Mastered Al-enhanced storytelling workflows, virtual production tools, and generative media platforms shaping the future of entertainment.

Tech Ecosystem & Al Risk Research

- Worked with leading deep-tech startups out of CalTech, shaping early-stage AI SaaS and personalized medicine ventures.
- Collaborated with the Executive Director of the Singularity Institute on personalized Medicine Projects and did extensive superintelligence risk assessment & AGI alignment research.
- Worked for companies by Jaan Tallinn (Founding Engineer, Skype) & Vivek Wadhwa on Al-driven health startups in India & Brazil.
- Conducted **extensive research into AI existential risk**, scenario forecasting, and post-human intelligence development.

Screenwriting Instructor | [Top Brazilian University]

- Taught eight-hour weekend journeys into screenwriting, high-concept development, and narrative theory to industry professionals, including studio execs and filmmakers.
- Designed **Deep Writing Program**—a proprietary methodology integrating **analytical psychology and storytelling**, enhancing **character psychology and mythic structure**.
- Trained writers in **philosophical & speculative fiction**, contributing to **award-winning films.**
- Consulted in the development of the Best Film and Screenplay in Brazil in 2012, and took the animation feature 'Daya' from a several year development to final approval by the director of the Anima Mundi festival.
- Semifinalist in his first US competition at Zoetrope, with over 4,000 entrants, with 'Force 10', a project about a dangerous international sailing competition.

Education & Specialized Training

- B.A. Film & TV Production (Magna Cum Laude) LACC (Degree), UCLA
 Cognitive Psychology (Cum Laude) & Philosophy, Neuroscience (minors) University of California, Irvine
- **Postgraduate: Depth Psychology & Mythology (Magna cum Laude)** Pacifica Graduate Institute
- ✿ Acting & Storytelling Training London Academy of Dramatic Arts, Stella Adler Conservatory, International Shakespeare Globe Center, Others.
- Al Video Production Certification Curious Refuge

Industry Skills ✓ Creative Development & Story Consulting (Film/TV/Sci-Fi) ✓ Scriptwriting, Script Coverage, & High-Concept World-Building ✓ AI-Enhanced Video Production & Generative Storytelling Tools ✓ Superintelligence Risk Research & AGI Scenario Forecasting ✓ Narrative Psychology, Mythology, & Neuroscience in Storytelling ✓ In-House Training & Team Development for Creative Executives ✓ Targeted Market Research ✓ Pitching & Presentation to Studios & Investors ✓ In-House Training & Team Development for Creative Executives ✓ ChatGPT model training

Global Innovators Award 2019.

Awards