

CURRICULUM VITAE: MICHAEL FINK

- 1951 Hope High school: Dennis and Anthony Medals
- 1953-1954 Junior year at the Sorbonne
- 1955 A.B. Yale: Montaigne Prize for Excellence in Written and Spoken French
- 1956 Harvard A.M.T Christine Gibson and I. A. Richards, Thesis Advisors
- 1959 Brown M.A./Thesis: The Esthetic Socialism of Oscar Wilde
- 1957-present English instructor, then associate professor, Rhode Island School of Design
- 1960 Completion of language exams and course requirements for PhD: Boston University
- 1961 One year of copywriting and house-organ editing Bo's Advertising Agency, Providence
- 1962 After summer of teaching and writing in Jerusalem, the first annual reports in RISD Alumni Bulletin
- 1962-present Book reviewer for Providence Journal. Also frequent travel, editorial and feature writer and columnist
- 1968 Visiting lecturer, Swain School of Design, New Bedford, Massachusetts. Also their commencement speaker that year.
- 1969 Twelve Television Shows: Nature and the City, Channel 36 Providence. Produced, written and directed by me.
- 1970, 1974, 1979 Winter sessions in Paris, London, Jerusalem, Rome with students
- 1973 Courses for Teachers in the Seekonk Massachusetts school system in The History of Cinema.
- 1976-1980 Numerous grants from R.I.C.H. using films to conduct discussions on matters of public concern, and serving as consultant and discussion leader.
- 1978-1979 Director RISD European Honors Program, Roma, Italia
- 1979-1980 R.I.C.H. Grant – Barrington Public Library/ Lectures on E.H.P. Westerly Library
- 1980-1981 Columnist Providence Eagle / Publication: Drawing with Words

- 1981-1982 Consultant R.I.C.H Poetry Grant, French translator Foster Parents Plan International
- 1982-1983 Lecturer for Jewish Federation of Rhode Island
- 1983-1984 Co-producer with Peter O'Neill of R.I.C.H. – funded film Holocaust Survivors of Rhode Island, “Here We Live Again”
- 1984-1985 Mellon Grant to study Ethiopian Refugee Crafts and Legends
- 1985-1986 RISD Faculty of the Year
Editor, Rhode Island Jewish Associates NOTES.
Showing throughout Rhode Island and on TV of “Here We Live Again”
- 1986-1987 Trustee of Touro Synagogue in Newport and Board Member Rochambeau Library and Lincoln Park Library. Regular column in Providence Journal.
- 1987-1988 Film Series in Attleboro Library and Barrington Library.
- 1988-1989 Trip to Portugal to research the connection between Inquisition and Discoveries. Story appears in B'nai Brith International.
- 1989-1990 Travel to Cape Verde on Faculty Development Grant
- 1990-1991 Sabbatical sojourn with Faculty Development Grant in Japan and in Hong Kong. Consultant in communications at Hong Kong Baptist College. Translated film in Zen Education at Shgen Ji University
- 1991-1992 Department Head. Faculty Development Grant for Journey to Poland.
- 1994 RISD Honorary Alumnus Award
- 1994 Winner, the Metcalf Diversity Award for excellence in journalism by National Conference and Providence Journal
- PUBLICATIONS: Articles in Narragansett Naturalist, National Jewish Monthly, Levels (a cinema monthly), RISD Alumni Magazine, Providence Journal, Narragansett Times, East Side Monthly, Echo Contributing editor Rhode Island, Jewish Herald
- 1996 Summer course in Pont Avon Brittany France
- 1997 Faculty developer journey to St. Pierre
- 1998 Summer participation in Graphic Design Department Artist book course

- 200-2001 Work with Peter O'Neill and Merlin Szasz on film portrait on Herbert I Fink for RISD archive Library and providence Art club.
- 2002-2003 Co director of Conference at Hofstra on cinema of Jean Cocteau
- 2004 Film on Gilbert Stuart
- 2009 Frazier Award on teaching excellence
- 2010 George M. Cohan award
- 2011 Mike Fink Aerie "Old" Library
- 2012 Dedication of Carr Haus gallery " Mike Fink"
- 2013 Faculty advisor to Pigeon club
- 2014-2015 Faculty development grant to the Dominican Republic & Puerto Rico.