

Robert Dennis
Bachelor of Arts
Cinema and Photography
SIU/C



Robert Dennis, a Decatur, Illinois native, is a 1984 graduate from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale where he focused on cinema. Robert began a career in the entertainment business with a short stint at WCIA-TV in Champaign, but soon moved to Los Angeles to attend USC's School of Cinema-Television, achieving a Master of Fine Arts degree there in 1987.

After a start working with producers on feature budgets, script breakdowns and scheduling, and serving as freelance Production Coordinator, Robert found his niche in post-production at a small post house in Burbank, RPG Productions, specializing in 70mm "Imax" large format films.

Robert's varied career in Hollywood went on to include stints at Walt Disney Studios, HBO Pictures, Cannon Pictures, Lucasfilm, and Technicolor, and other leading entertainment companies.

Among his accomplishments, Robert was president of the Large Format Cinema Association, a trade group for IMAX 70mm filmmakers; as well as a Director for the Hollywood Section and member of the Board of Governors for SMPTE, the Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers.

On retirement Robert turned his focus to landscape and wildlife photography.

Robert's wife, Patricia, was Executive Vice President of Broadcast Standards for The CW Television Network, retiring out of that role in 2020.

Together, Robert and Patricia fund scholarships at SIU, including the Patricia Gertson Dennis Media Management Award, the Robert Dennis Filmmaking Award, and the Weston Spirit Award for Photography. The couple resides in Santa Fe, New Mexico.