

BIO

John Leo De Frank resides on the border of U.S. /Mexico. His arenas include: filmmaking, grant writing, producing, media education and journalism. He is owner of a small business, **Rebirth Multimedia**, which produces commercials, online promo videos, short & feature documentaries & narrative films, academic media and journalism multimedia.

Mr. De Frank is also a lecturer at the University of Texas at El Paso for the Humanities Program, teaching courses – *Media & Social Justice* and *Social Justice & Film and Layers of Rome Study Abroad*. Mr. De Frank is a co-faculty and Media Producer for the **Layers of Rome Educational Resource and Study Abroad Program**. As an educator he has also been teaching in the community for non-profits and collectives in media and citizen journalism.

In the arena of community building, Mr. De Frank is a member of **Movimiento Hunab Ku**, a artist collective made up of visual, multimedia, music producers as well as writers, poets and scholars. The collective's mission is to teach culture & heritage through art & entertainment to underserved communities & youth. Mr. De Frank has served as the collective's media manager, documenter, PR rep, grant writer and event coordinator.

Mr. De Frank is also the lead organizer of the **Del Corazon Film Festival**, a bi-national short film festival screening in both El Paso and Juarez. The film festival hosts independent amateur and professional filmmakers in the categories of documentary, narrative, music video and animation.