

Renata Simone

Producer, Reporter, Writer

Renata Simone has written, directed and produced documentary films since 1985. Recently, she served as the series producer, reporter and writer for *The Age of AIDS*, a four hour documentary series on the history of the HIV/AIDS pandemic, which premiered on PBS's FRONLINE, in the U.K and in Australia among other countries. The series has been honored with all the major journalism awards including the Alfred I. DuPont Columbia Journalism Award, the RFK Memorial Journalism Award and a special National Emmy Award. Simone's writing in the series was also recognized with a nomination for the Writer's Guild Award for Non-Historical Documentary Writing.

In 1987, Simone began her career by developing the first national television series on AIDS, *The AIDS Quarterly*, hosted by Peter Jennings and produced for PBS by WGBH Boston. The series and its successor, *The Health Quarterly*, explored in-depth, the political, scientific, and human dimensions of the AIDS crisis. Simone served as Executive Editor and Executive Producer for the two series, which ran until 1995.

In the mid-1990's, Simone worked with Robert Redford as Executive Producer of Documentary Development at The Sundance Institute, where she initiated a series of films on political and environmental issues, participated in the new media think tank and collaborated on the creation of the Sundance Channel.

As an independent filmmaker, she has written and produced long and short form documentaries on a range of political and environmental subjects for several outlets including ABC News and ABC's Nightline.

During the SARS outbreak in 2003, Simone was the first documentary producer into Hong Kong and Guangdong Province, China. For this work, Ms. Simone received the Television Award from the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Simone is the recipient of numerous awards, including the National Emmy, two Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Journalism Awards, the Alfred I duPont-Columbia Journalism Award and the George Foster Peabody Award. Prior to her work in television, she earned a Master's Degree in Philosophy from the Harvard University Graduate School of Education. She is currently reporting on medical tourism for PBS Frontline.