



## THE RIGHT STUFF

## BIOGRAPHY JENNIFER DAVISSON

**Executive Producer** 

Jennifer Davisson is executive producer for Appian Way of National Geographic's original scripted series THE RIGHT STUFF on Disney+, based on Tom Wolfe's bestselling nonfiction series, which dramatically explores the early days of the NASA space program.

Jennifer has been President of Leonardo DiCaprio's Appian Way since 2007. During her tenure, they have produced a large slate of feature films under the Appian Way banner: Alejandro González Iñárritu's three-time Academy Award®-winning and Golden Globe®-winning film "The Revenant;" Martin Scorsese's Golden Globe®- and Academy Award®-nominated "The Wolf of Wall Street," "The Aviator" and "Shutter Island;" Scott Cooper's "Out of the Furnace," starring Christian Bale and Woody Harrelson; George Clooney's Golden Globe®-nominated "The Ides of March;" Jaume Collet Serra's psychological thriller "Orphan;" and Dennis Lehane's critically acclaimed adapted novel "Live By Night," written, directed by and starring Ben Affleck. Releasing later this year for Warner Bros. is Clint Eastwood's "The Ballad of Richard Jewell."

The company has put forth strong efforts to gain headway in the documentary world, especially as it pertains to progressive environmental change. Appian Way worked in partnership with National Geographic to produce "Before the Flood," a documentary that sheds light on climate change. It also worked with Netflix to produce the Academy Award®-nominated "Virunga," directed by Orlando von Einsiedel. Appian is in partnership with Netflix on several additional documentaries, including the critically acclaimed "Struggle," "The Ivory Game," "How to Change the World," "Catching the Sun," and the documentary series "Fire Chasers." Last year, Appian also produced the critically acclaimed documentary series "Frontiersmen" as a sequel to the "Men Who Built America" for the History Channel; "Jonestown: Terror In The Jungle" for AMC/Sundance; and currently is in production on a multi-part documentary series about Ulysses S. Grant, also for History Channel. This year,



Appian saw success around critical darlings, "Sea of Shadows," "Ice on Fire," and "And We Go Green," which center around environmental issues.

The following projects are currently in priority development at Appian: a "Grant" feature, based on Ron Chernow's book to which DiCaprio is attached to star and Steven Spielberg is attached to direct; "Da Vinci," based on the bestselling book by Walter Isaacson, "Sam Phillips," based on the bestselling book by Peter Guralnick; as well as "The Twilight Zone."

Appian's animated children's series "Pete the Cat," based on the famed books by James Dean just received a second- and third-season pickup by Amazon and Alcon. The company also has multiple television projects in the works with Sony, Warner Bros, NBCUniversal, Fox 21 and MRC.

Born and raised in Sparta, New Jersey, Jennifer got her start working with Rick Yorn at AMG before it transitioned to The Firm and then LBI Entertainment, where she demonstrated the leadership that would eventually propel her to the helm of DiCaprio's Appian Way. She currently resides in Los Angeles.