

POV *Swim Team* Panelist Biographies

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Justine Nagan, Executive Producer/Executive Director, POV/American Documentary

Justine Nagan is the executive director of American Documentary, Inc., and an executive producer on its two signature series, **POV** (PBS) and **America ReFramed** (WORLD Channel in partnership with WGBH). **POV**, now in its 30th season, is the longest-running independent documentary series on American television. Nagan is a strong believer in the important role of public media in a democracy; diversity and independent voices in popular culture; and of documentary as a tool for civic dialogue, new thinking and social change.

Prior to joining AmDoc in 2015, Nagan led Kartemquin Films as executive director for seven years, as well as being an Emmy Award-winning executive producer on Kartemquin films, including *Life Itself* and *The Interrupters* by Steve James and *The Trials of Muhammad Ali* by Bill Siegel. She successfully transitioned to the executive director role in the historic founder-led organization; under her leadership the organization significantly expanded its programs to assist documentary filmmakers and saw unprecedented levels of production and financial growth. During her tenure, more than 20 projects had world premieres including the ambitious DuPont-Columbia Award-winning six-hour series *Hard Earned* for Al Jazeera America. She left the organization with a robust production pipeline and a strong financial footing, including \$1 million in support from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur and Sage Foundations.

With Kartemquin, Nagan also directed *Typeface*, an award-winning documentary about American typography and graphic design and the doc short *Sacred Transformations*.

Nagan has a certificate in nonprofit management from Harvard Business School and a master's degree from the University of Chicago in the humanities/cinema and media studies. She is a member of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, is active in the media community and was one of the founding board members of Good Pitch Chicago. She lives in Brooklyn, New York, with her husband, Matt, and two young sons.



Lara Stolman, Producer, Director, *Swim Team*

Lara Stolman is an award-winning director, producer and writer whose work has appeared on NBC, MSNBC, TLC, AMC, VH1 and the *New York Times* website. Her film *Portraits of Survival*, about coming to terms with the tragedy of 9/11 through art, premiered at the Hamptons International Film Festival, aired on MSNBC and was awarded a CINE Golden Eagle.

For *Swim Team*, her first feature documentary film, she was named an IFP Filmmaker Lab Fellow, was awarded the New York Women in Film and Television Loreen Arbus Disability Awareness grant and was provided with funding from Easterseals, the Astra Foundation and the Karma Foundation. *Swim Team* has

screened at more than 30 international festivals, has won more than 10 awards and was released theatrically in July 2017.

Stolman has guest lectured on documentary production at New York University, served as a juror for the News and Documentary Emmy Awards and writes for *The Huffington Post*. She holds a B.A. in political science from Columbia College of Columbia University and a J.D. from Yeshiva University's Benjamin Cardozo School of Law.



Maria McQuay, Film Subject, *Swim Team*

Maria McQuay is the mother of two children, Michael and Amari. She works full time as a supervisor for the domestic violence unit in Middlesex County in New Jersey and has worked there for 28 years. She is the LTP (Learning Training Program) coordinator and coach for the Jersey Hammerheads swim team and also organizes fundraisers and helps manage the program.



Mike McQuay, Film Subject, *Swim Team*

Mike McQuay is the head coach for the Jersey Hammerheads Swim Team and the father of Michael and Amari. For the past 18 years, he has been the owner of McQuay Construction, LLC. He is CPR certified.



Michael McQuay, Film Subject, *Swim Team*

Michael McQuay, who turned 21 on July 24, 2017, participates in swimming and bowling for the Jersey Hammerheads. He has been swimming competitively for six years and just started bowling two years ago. He was a member of Team New Jersey for the 2014 Special Olympics USA Games, and has won numerous gold medals in swimming. Michael swims for Scarlet Aquatics, a club team at Rutgers, and currently works for the Turtle Back Zoo in West Orange, New Jersey, in the animal care department.

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