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- Denise Mann, Vice-chair, Producer's Program, UCLA

About the Author

Eden H. Wurmfeld produced the indie-hit "*Kissing Jessica Stein*" and the award-winning documentary "*Sunset Story*," among others. She has worked as an assistant director, production manager and line producer on multiple films, including the 1996 hit movie "*Swingers*." Eden received an alumni award from the UCLA School of TV, Film and Theater and was named one of *Variety's* 10 Producers to Watch in 2002.

Nicole Shay LaLoggia began her career in development before earning her first producer credit on *Swingers*, which was picked up for distribution by Miramax in 1996. She has developed, produced, line produced, assistant directed, post-produced, marketed, sold and taught about nearly every aspect of independent filmmaking. LaLoggia is currently a producing professor at the North Carolina School of the Arts.

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