

Filmmaker Doug Harris

Doug Harris is an award winning documentary filmmaker who has produced over 20 historical documentaries over his career that dates back to 1999. His primary focus as an accomplished producer/director has been to bring intriguing untold stories to life through extensive research and his unique character driven style of storytelling.

Doug earned his Masters Degree from California State University Monterey Bay in 1998, where he honed his skills in digital media at the university's Teledramatic Arts and Technology Institute. He developed AUP Media, a component of Athletes United for Peace, a Berkeley nonprofit organization and United Nations NGO. Harris also established the Digital Technology Academy media arts program to teach inner-city teens digital filmmaking for the [An Exploration of Our History](#) documentary film series.

In 2013, Doug teamed with his son Douglas Jr. to form the Harris filmmaking team through their company dougharrismedia.com.

Harris' first biographical documentary, [**BOUNCE: The Don Barksdale Story**](#), was about the monumental achievements of the legendary African American sports pioneer, who was considered by many as the Jackie Robinson of basketball in the 1940s and 1950s. Barksdale was the first black player selected to the NCAA college basketball All America team (UCLA 1947), first to compete on the U.S. Olympic basketball team (1948), and the first selected to play in an NBA All-Star game (1953). *BOUNCE* aired on FOX Sports Net and received the 2008 Beacon Award for cable television's "Best Single Program" from the Association of Cable Communicators, and helped Don Barksdale get inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2013.

In 2010, Doug produced and directed [**OUT: The Glenn Burke Story**](#), about Major League Baseball's first openly gay player for the Los Angeles Dodgers and Oakland A's in the 1970s who was banned from the game because of his off-field activities and sexual preference. The critically acclaimed documentary aired on Comcast SportsNet/NBC Universal and was the first documentary to fully profile the life of an openly gay athlete in American professional sports. *OUT* was nominated for an Emmy Award for "Best Documentary" by the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences and was also nominated for the national G.L.A.A.D. Media Award for "Outstanding Documentary".

Doug's 2016 documentary, [**Basketball Guru: The Pete Newell Story**](#), is about the legendary coach who had the biggest impact on the sport over the span of seven decades. Harris' masterpiece is one of the greatest untold basketball stories of all time that features some of the greatest all time legends who tell in-depth stories of how Pete Newell impacted their careers in college and professional basketball. The film features Jerry West, Oscar Robertson, Pat Riley, Bill Walton, Mike Krzyzewski, Jerry Colangelo and many others. *Basketball Guru* aired on Comcast SportsNet/NBC Universal.

Harris' 2016 PBS documentary, [**FAIR LEGISLATION: The Byron Rumford Story**](#), looks into the life California Assemblyman and civil rights pioneer Byron Rumford, who was state's first African American legislator from Northern California. Rumford, who served in the assembly from 1948 to 1966, authored landmark legislation that included the Fair Employment Act (1959), and the Rumford Fair Housing Act (1963). The highly controversial Fair Housing Act was repealed in 1964 by California Proposition 13, and was later re-instated in 1967 by the U.S. Supreme Court. *FAIR LEGISLATION* was the Harris filmmaking team's first political documentary that aired on PBS stations in major markets across the country.



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