

Graduation Candidates 2019-2020 Film & Media Studies Seniors

Ernesto Acevedo
Trevor Akana
Keana Alden
Esteban Alvarado
Harout Avakeretsyan
Rachelle Barone
Adam Barrios
Jailene Bautista
Aaron Berkness
Josh Bevan
Laeticia Janelle Bettinger
Grant Bianchi
Daryl Boman
Emma Bridgland
Nashelle Brown
Natalia Bruening
Calvin Bruhns
Maddie Burke
Jalia Carlton-Carew
Yehna Cha
Teren'e Chambers
Gavin Chan
Jason Chen
Katy Choi
Siu Chong
Dustin Culp
Aylin Curtis
Griffin Davies
Drew Davis
Ashley De Leon
Paul DeBruynkops
Victor Diaz Lafferty
Kayla Duffey
Luke Dustin
Daniel Dyer-Diaz
Milla Dzakovic
Mike Escobar
Alex Espinosa
Jennifer Fallejo
Jesse Feinstein
Reed Felder
Catalina Fernandez
Kira Finigan
Sean Fisher
Jason Floyer
Miles Forrest
Dag Forsberg
Alexa Fortier
Hannah Friend
Sylvia Friend
Arturo Fuentes
Cole Fuetsch
Katherine Fukuda
Molly Galliher
Willem Geier
Edwin Giron-Montenegro
Kai Glick
Lizzet Gutierrez
Michael Hall
Ian Hamilton

Hannah Hernandez
Angelina Herrera
Aviel Hod
Kelly Holt
Shannon Holt
Laura Hong
Kyrie Howard
Sixian Hu
McKinley Hutchings
Eve Jablonkay
Hugo Jimenez Gonzalez
Evan Joffe
Hunter Johnsen
Emma Johnson
Sammy Johnson
Janelle Jordan
Amalie Jorgensen
Brian Ka
Maggie Kelley
Davis Kelly
Samuel Kempfer
Ashley Kim
Daniel Kong
Fong Kuo
Alex Lebowitz
Walker Lee
Cameron Leingang
Zizheng Liu
Weston Lombardo
Ashley Lopez
Francisco Lopez
Gabriel Lopez
Tori Lopez
Carlos Luna
Lexi Lunchick
Frederico Lynch Ribeiro
Yasmine Malas
McKenzie Majerle
Kayley Mauldin
Sam McEntee
Grant McGee
Victoria McLaughlin
Gregory Mears
Ruoyao Meng
Maximilian Meritt
Omar Miranda
Valerie Montes
Eliza Moody
Vincenzo Muia
Jacob Muniz
Meagan Murdoch
Claudia Nader
Tyler Newton
Sarah Nunn
Chris Perez
Sarai Perez
Laura Perez-Landin
Mika Pham
Gabrielle Pino
Marcus Pipitone

Hunter Pittman
Vladen Ponomar
Mikhail Prokhorov
Dylan Qualin
Malcolm Rashid
Jimmy Reynolds
Marke Rioidil
Jonatan Robles
Jazmin Rosario
Mitchka Saberi
Vince Sackey
Gabriela Salazar
Nikki Sami
Santiago Sanchez
Ethan Schaffer
Julia Schmidt
Emily Schwab
Zijin Shao
Kaith Karishma Shenton
Isabelle Shepard
Linfan Shi
Jinghang Shu
Kara Sica
Roberto Solano
Blake Spiller
Amara Stinson
Charles Stock
Komal Surani
Joey Szalkiewicz
Junle Tang
Zhichao Tang
Alyse Tatevosian
Calvin Thrift
Chase Tobe
Daylon Townes
Steven Waltermire
Ze Wang
Sam Warren
Ryan Watt
West Weir
Nicky Weniz
Ryan Wilford
Jakob Wolken
Skyler Wu
Xinyi Wu
Zachary Ye
Justin You
Katelyn Zamudio

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Graduation Recognition Ceremony

June 14, 2020

Wishing You Success in the Future



2019-2020 Graduation Program

Attention Seniors

Welcoming Remarks

Bhaskar Sarkar Department Chair
John Majewski Michael Douglas Dean of Humanities and Fine Arts

Departmental Address

Bhaskar Sarkar

Film & Media Studies Senior Projects and Memory Highlights

Compiled by Keith Boynton & Francisco Lopez

Student Address

Mikaela (Mika) Pham

Presentation of Awards

The Alexander Sesonske Prize: Presented by Charles Wolfe
Recognizes writing and research capacity for student essays about film, television, and digital history, theory and criticism. The award is named after one of the founders of our department.

“Questioning Human Life’s Value” by Harvest Keeney

Italian Heritage Prize: Presented by Anna Brusutti
Recognizes critical work that focuses on Italian film or television. Competition is open to both undergraduate and graduate students but the work must have been produced for a course taken during the current school year. Award is sponsored by The Italian Heritage Foundation of Santa Barbara.

Eoin Goyette Katherine Swartz

The Paul N. and Elinor T. Lazarus Scholarship: Presented by Tom Lazarus
Fosters the development of a student’s focus on writing for the screen. Award was established in memory of Paul Lazarus who taught screenwriting at UCSB for over 20 years. Many of his former students have gone on to write, produce, and direct major Hollywood films and television shows. It is open to Film and Media majors in their junior year. The scholarship recipient spends their senior year working in connection with an instructor to develop a new film or television screenplay.

Emma Demorest Eoin Goyette

The Dorothy and Sherrill C. Corwin Awards: Presented by Allison Anders
For the last 40 years, the Corwin Family and the Metropolitan Theatres Corporation have generously financed this award recognizing the creative talent of UCSB students in screenwriting and production.

Best Feature Screenplay:

First Place:
Reynmar by Kaith Karishma Shenton

Second Place (tie):
Cabin Fever by Tyler Eastlick

Now Unto Us by Alexander Espinosa

Best Short Screenplay:

California Dreamin’ by Howard Lukk

Best Short Film:

First Place:
Not One More produced by Lexi Lunchick

Second Place:
Felix’s Elixirs produced by Karina Rodriguez & Amanda Orzechowska

The Television Writing Award: Presented by Cheri Steinkellner
Recognizes promise in writing for the screen. Award is made possible by a donation from Rick Rosen (William Morris Endeavor).

Best Half-Hour Sitcom:
The Office Spec Script by Maximillian Merritt

Best Hour-Long Drama:
The Resistance by Sydney Sterling

Webisodes
How the Dog Dies by Daniel Kong

Best Director Award: Presented by Chris Jenkins
Recognizes directing in student projects created during the academic year. Award is made possible by a donation from the Scott Wells Memorial Foundation. Scott was a Film and Media Studies alumni who passed away in 2012.

Tie:
Cameron Leingang for *Not One More*

Charles Stock for *Felix’s Elixirs*

David F. Siegel Award: Presented by Michael Siegel
Recognizes the memory of one our alumni who lost his battle with Leukemia just a month prior to graduation. As a student, David made every effort to put energy into his classes while he was healthy. His determination in the face of his illness has inspired this award and it recognizes graduating seniors in the Film and Media department who have shown “exceptional drive, tenacity, and courage in the face of adversity.”

Santiago Sanchez Christian Perez

The Spirit Award: Presented by Janet Walker
Recognizes a student who embodies the dynamic spirit essential to the collaborative environment of the department; their enthusiasm, generosity, and initiative while working for the department, the Pollock Theater, and department student clubs.

Paul DeBruynkops Fong Kou Hunter Johnsen Mikaela Pham

Graduate Student Accomplishments: Presented by Professor Jennifer Holt

MA degree
Stephen Borunda Trinankur Banerjee

PhD degree
Naomi DeCelles Lisa Han

Distinction in Critical Studies: Presented by Constance Penley
Recognizes a student’s achievement in critical thinking, analysis and writing.

Laetia Janelle Bettinger Jennifer Fallejo Katherine Fukuda
Molly Galliher Kai Glick Ian Hamilton
Emma Johnson Marcus Pipitone Frederico Lynch Ribeiro
Mitchka Saberi Julia Schmidt

Outstanding Graduating Seniors: Presented by Michael Curtin
Recognizes students overall academic achievements across critical studies and production as well as their contributions to the life of the department. We acknowledge students who are active, prepared, versatile, and involved in at least one other activity outside the classroom.

Maddie Burke Catalina Fernandez Michael Hall
Cameron Leingang Carlos Luna Victoria McLaughlin
Vincenzo Muia Mikaela Pham Joey Skalkiewicz
Komal Surani Calvin Thrift

Class of 2020: presented by Cynthia Felando, Ross Melnick, and Alenda Chang