

Graduation Candidates 2020-2021 Film & Media Studies Seniors

Daniel Acuesta
Jonathan Aguilar
Yutaka Akiyama
Leah Akomolafe
Margo Akopov
Alex Hamilton Alvarez
Giselle Arroyo
Cole Atkinson
Javier Avalos
Samantha Bakke
Nalie Borihane
Sierra Brannen
Quinton Brown
Karen Buck
Dan Campanaro
Justin Cardenas
Audrey Carganilla
Ana Chavez
Mengxiao Chen
Tiffany Chen
Robin Clayton
Talavan Cohen
Ryan Connolly
Elizabeth Cook
Jessica Cortez Garcia
Hannah Dayton
Emma Demorest
Rachel Deng
Kyle Dent
Shianne Dingeman
Luka Dragoyevich
Leilani Durden
Tyler Eastlick
Alyssa Fine
Kira Finigan
Angela Friedman
Nicholas Gamber
Isaac Garcia
Joshua Garnica
Takai Gillam
Jorge Gonzalez-Espinoza
Eoin Goyette
Rachael Grand
Dan Gunko
Jason Gutierrez
Luke Hamann
Ryan Harriman
Nichole Hatcher
Jackie Hauser
Saige Heitman
Alondra Hernandez
Carmona
Bailee Galvan Hobbs
Kelly Holt

Charli Hurley
Mana Inoue
Jazmin Jacob
Selene Jalalianfard
YooJin Jeong
Kobie Jimenez
Caryn Johnson
Marina Jones
Kirill Kaptur
James Karanu
Harvest Keeney
Andrew Kenny
Nidhi Khanolkar
Hyunwook Kim
Willy Kim
Yuta Kimura
Jennifer King
Harper Lambert
Cristina Larios Soria
Shelby Lawrence
Gerald Lawson
Jie Li
Tianjiao Li
Xueni Liao
Charles Liu
Joseph Loneman
Jose Salomon Lopez
Charles Lu
Howard Lukk
Lola Macaulay
Hannah Maerowitz
Jeremy Mao
Aidan Mastrogiorgio
Matthew Mcpherson
Theo Witteveen
Karina Morales
Christine Mouton
Kassandra Ni
Jake Ortega
Madison Ortiz
Ali Paolino-Du Bois
Roxanne Pereira
Cole Person
Hayley Pickard
Mia Pimentel
Hunter Pittman
Dustin Pitzer
Sam Platt
Jake Potts
Michelle Qi
Si Qin
Ayline Rebollo
Michael Reehl
Kylie Relph

Marke Riodil
Max Rothfeld
Dylan Ruebenstahl
Logan Ruybalid
Shorya Saklani
Zach Savage
Jeffrey Seeburger
Hanna Sheehan
Sonya Sherman
Jake Shore
Chris Silver
Alexander Sintic
Finnegan Smith
Rachel Smith
Dan Soroka
Viviana Soto
Charmaine Stansall
Sydney Sterling
Rosabel Su
Evan Sutherland
Derren Taylor
Harry Topper
Magan Tran
Kamryn Tung
Argun Turkun
Mariemma Uguccione
Sabrina Vasich
Jared Vilaseca
Zachariah Villaruel
Angelique Wagner
Reece Weinberg
Elli Williams
Andrew Worstell
Siyuan Xia
Cage Yamamuro
Zhenan Yan
Chenyu Yang
Annie Zabalski
Tianyang Zhang
Justin Zuniga

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Graduation Recognition Ceremony

June 13, 2021

Wishing You Success in the Future



2020-2021 Graduation Program

Attention Seniors

Welcoming Remarks

Peter Bloom Department Chair
Mary Hancock Acting Dean of Humanities and Fine Arts
Director of Curricular Initiatives

Departmental Address

Peter Bloom

Film & Media Studies Senior Projects and Memory Highlights

Compiled by Keith Boynton and Chris Jenkins

Student Address

Elizabeth Cook

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.

Tie:
“Herring Hitler: Irreverence as a Rejection of Fascist Performativity in To Be or Not To Be” by Eoin Goyette

“Behind Closed Doors: Early Cine-Feminism and Experimental Filmmaking of the Sixties & Seventies” by Ana Chavez

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. The award 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.

Katherine Fogg

Distinction in the Major: Presented by Alenda Chang
Given to a student completing a substantial two-quarter research project.
Stewart Smith

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

Best Feature Screenplay: Presented by James McNamara
Wine and Music in the Parish by Eoin Goyette

Best Short Screenplay: Presented by Wendy Jackson
Fatherhood by Javier Barraja

Best Short Video: Presented by Chris Jenkins
First Place:
Drop in Sand produced by Erika Egg & Marcello Frisina
Second Place:
Unfiltered produced by Hollie Collins

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

Best Half-Hour Sitcom:
A Short Film: Crew Call by Michael Tran

Best Hour-Long Drama:
First Place:
Sappho by Sydney Sterling
Second Place
Silver Wings by Mariah Hudnut

Best Director Award: Presented by Rachel Gray
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.
Jon Lewis for *Waiting on Host*

David F. Siegel Award: Presented by Michael Siegel
Recognizes the memory of one of 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.”
Louis Gomes

The Spirit Award: Presented by Joe Palladino & Peter Bloom
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.
Christine Mouton Jake Ortega

Distinction in Critical Studies: Presented by Janet Walker
Recognizes a student’s achievement in critical thinking, analysis, and writing.
Charmaine Stansall Elizabeth Cook Harper Lambert
Christine Mouton Howard Lukk Sydney Sterling

Outstanding Graduating Seniors: Presented by Michael Curtin
Recognizes student’s 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.
Quinton Brown Ana Chavez Alyssa Fine
Eoin Goyette Dan Gunko Jake Ortega
Sonya Sherman Chris Silver Elli Williams

Class of 2020: presented by Cynthia Felando, Ross Melnick, Laila Shereen Sakr and Greg Siegel