

Graduation Candidates 2022-2023 Film & Media Studies Seniors

Al Nicardo Adderly
Brandon Nicholas Anders
Mckenzie Mae Anderson
Brandon Andrión
Kayla Gonzales Arcilla
Jason Avilez
William A Baldwin
Robin Hill Baptista
Javier A Barajas
John Paul Barajas
Zayden McNeill Bates
Kate Elizabeth Bellantoni
Brady Lee Berryhill
Min Khant Bo
Clay James Boghossian
Matthew Torres Brennan
Nick T Burbridge
Charlie Bursch
Johnny Francis Caldwell
Quinn Allegra Cantarutti
Gloria Marie Capulong
Katherine Anne Caracciolo
Jacob Antone Carmen
Ariel Chang
Douglas Chen
Linqin Chen
Natalie Rose Cheyette
Johan Choi
Sofia Ivy Ciraulo
Brandon Cobian
Troy Larnell Cochran
Tristin Stone Csulak
Jack Christopher Cullinane
Halle Cameron Davis
Jaynar De La Cruz Ochoa
Boris Aaron De La Torre
Dylan Buckley Delaney
Dieyla Diop
Aayush Dixit
Nolan Michael Doherty
Dj Jeffrey Duncan
Lucy Verlaine Elser
Roy A Ernster
Daphne Marie Escajeda
Rowan Olivia Esquer
Gillian Lynn Flath
Emily Anne Flohr
Alejandro Ivan Flores
Hannah Jo Flynn
Miles Lee Forrest
Leo Giovanni Garcia
Alisha Gaur
Anastasia Gerber
Zhiwei Guo
Xavier Francisco Guzman
Dean Russell Handy
Amy Hansa
Garret Robert Harcourt
Roark Harris
Mark Harrison
Jacob Matthew Hathcock
Noah Freeman Hecht
Trey Edward Henry
Eleanor Jeanette Hense
David Jeremiah Heras
Destiny Rene Hernandez
Sofia Aria Meliana Higgins
Trevor Shaun Hilton
Athán Joon-Gheeh Hong

Yerin Hong
Malakai Isaacs
Emma Rose Isroclit
Sejin Jeon
Jade Isabella Jess
Sidney Jiang
Wen Jin
Mckenna Cecilia Lynn Johnson
Lynn Kan
Arseniy Sam Khanamirian
Jonathan Sunghwan Kim
Crystal Kodsuntie
Kim Kwok
Angie Cassandra Laird
Joie Lauryn Lariviere
Olivia Miller Lazarus
Isabella Leary
Hee-Gun Lee
Kelvin Lee
Amanda Jean Lennon
Julia Ann Leonardi
Maile Azevedo Levy
Chen Li
Zion River Light
Jacques Lin
Liliana Linan
Theo Sawyer Lindquist
Kanghong Liu
Ellie Grace Lloyd
Ily Nicholette Logeais
Janneth Irlanda Lopez
Joseph Isiah Lopez
Sol Armendariz Lopez
Yvonne Lu
Elizabeth Maria Luna
Caremina Ceralde Magsano
Sawhard Maharjan
Stephanie Marin
Jake Franklin Marone
Crystal Martinez
Lesly Maria Martinez
Jon Douglas Matarangas
Wendy Matias
Fernando Kalon Mau Mao
Kevin Brian McLarty
Mairin Justine Mcnerney
Kassie Ann Mei
Karla Judith Mercado
Suraj Mididaddi
Celeste Serena Moore Malnar
Ariadna Morales
Christine Nguyen
Kassandra Ni
Rowan Lisa-Jane Oliphant
Claudia Orta-Pina
Kim Ann Page
Jordan Walter Parrish
Nik Pasamba
Jeff James Peepgrass
Natalie Perez
Brie Noelle Peterson
William Bradley Peterson
Kymmie Ngoc Phan
Gia Anne Polizzi
Aileen Marianna Pulchny
Si Qin
Thalia Angel Rakosky
Miles J Ramsdell-Ray
Sissi Yamileth Rivas

Angel Robles
Diana Romero
Joey Leonard Sable
Defne Saglam
Kameron Matthew Salazar
Abe Alexander Sanchez
Daniel Sanchez
Brianna Cecilia Saranchock
Ellen Mae Schnoor
Maehyma Sekhon
Olivia Shields
Mya Claire Simmons
Kalen Adil Sinder
Ayala Michelle Slavis
Jackson Scott Smith
Randy Laurence Smith
Ethan Scott Stauber
Garrett Alexander Straschnov
Tommy John Swenumson
Eric Zihan Tang
Ernest Tarzimanov
Dane Christian Taylor
Eric Rodrigo Terrazas Aguilar
Amecna Constance Thune
Michelle Kha Ai Tiet
Marcellus Earl Tipton
Megan Kristen Tomczak
Brandon Tran
Marlen Evelin Valencia
Owen Murphy Vandeveld
Alejandro Vargas
Crow Vasquez
Sam Michelle Velasquez
Hugo Velazquez Perez
Cameron James Vincent
Lotus Vu
Josh Alan Waldear
Philip Wang
Chelsea Sue Williams
Daijah Myia Williams
Deni True Wilson
Robyn-Elizabeth T Yan
Zhenan Yan
Shannon Nicole Yates
Vanessa Hope Yeazel
Andy David Yi
Clara Rachel Zeboulon
Andrea Zhang
Jady Zhang
Vik Zhou

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Graduation Recognition Ceremony

June 18, 2023

Wishing You Success in the Future



2022-2023 Graduation Program

Attention Seniors

Please sit in the first three rows for the ceremony and presentations.

Welcoming Remarks and Departmental Address

Peter Bloom Department Chair

Student Address

Alejandro Flores

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.

Amy Hansa, "The Rise of Dubbing in 1930s Europe: Sociopolitical Motivations and the Cultural Effects of "Americanization."

The Paul N. and Elinor T. Lazarus Scholarship: Presented by Janet Walker

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.

2022 Recipients
Javier Barajas Noah Hecht Rowan Oliphant

2023 Recipients
Katie Jordan

The Dorothy and Sherrill C. Corwin Awards: Presented by Chris Jenkins

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.

Short Screenplay:
Sick Joke by Jeff Peepgrass

Short Film:
Forget Me Again by Noah Hecht

Feature Screenplay:
Sugartown by Jeff Peepgrass

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."

Crystal Kodsuntie

The Spirit Award: Presented by Lisa Parks

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.

Al Adderly Celeste Moore Malnar Natalie Cheyette Carenina Magsano

Graduate Student Accomplishments: Presented by Naoki Yamamoto

MA degree
Alex Lilburn Paul Kim Chelsea Roesch

PhD degree
Nathan Cox Charlotte Orzel

Distinction in Critical Studies: Presented by Ross Melnick

Recognizes a student's achievement in critical thinking, analysis and writing.

Katherine Caracciolo DJ Duncan Rowan Esquer
Amy Hansa Sofia Higgins Crystal Kodsuntie
Joie Lariviere Celeste Moore Malnar Emma Mcintosh
Brie Peterson

Distinction in the Major: Presented by Greg Siegel

Given to a student completing a substantial two-quarter research project.
DJ Duncan

Outstanding Graduating Seniors: Presented by Jennifer Holt

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.

Al Adderly Noah Hecht Yerin Hong
Sejin Jeon Zion Light Liliانا Linan
Carenina Magsano Jeff Peepgrass Brie Peterson
Abe Sanchez Brianna Saranchock Eric Tang
Sam Velasquez Robyn Yan Shannon Yates

Class of 2023: presented by Ross Melnick, Alenda Chang, Constance Penley, and Jennifer Holt
For the presentation of certificates, seniors should proceed by row to house right and present your name card as you approach the stage to be announced onstage. Please gather by stage left.

Reception

Please join us next to the Pollock Theater for a light brunch and to collect your certificates.

Letters and Science Commencement Ceremony

The UCSB Faculty Club Green 4:00 PM.