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EDUCATION

- 2018 – 2023 **M.F.A. DePaul University, Chicago, IL**
Animation
- 2018 **B.A. Rutgers University-Camden, Camden, NJ**
Digital Arts – Animation

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2022 - Present **Adjunct Faculty, DePaul University**
Jarvis College of Computing and Digital Media - Animation Faculty

COURSES TAUGHT

- 2022 - Present ANI 206 History of Animation, 4 sessions
ANI 230 3D Modeling & Design, 7 sessions
ANI 231 3D Animation, 2 sessions
ANI 423 3D Animation Survey, 2 sessions

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2018 – 2022 **Animation Tutor, Chicago, IL**
DePaul University College of Computing and Digital Media
3D & 2D Animation/Adobe Creative Software
- 2020 – 2022 **Graduate Student Ambassador, Chicago, IL**
DePaul University College of Computing and Digital Media
- 2021 **Graduate Teaching Assistant, Chicago, IL**
DePaul University Game, Cinema, and Animation Summer Academy
Assistant for Autodesk Maya
- 2019 – 2020 **Graduate Research Assistant, Chicago, IL**
Jacob Ciocci, DePaul University CDM M.F.A Program Co-Chair
3D Animator/Rigger/Renderer
- 2019 **Design Intern, Los Angeles, CA**
Eleven Arts, Inc.
Promotional Asset Designer and Creator

FILMOGRAPHY

- 2023 ***PERCEPTION*, 3D Animation Production, 4 min. 28 sec.**
Director/Producer/3D Animator
- 2021 ***Honey Drop*, 3D Animation Production, 1 min. 45 sec.**
Director/Producer/3D Animator

2020 *Galactic Gambit*, 3D Animation Production, 56 sec.
Director/Producer/3D Animator

Long Way Down, 3D Animation Production, 2 min.
Director/Producer/3D Animator

AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS

2023 **FilmHaus**
Nominee - Best Created Environment, *PERCEPTION*

MP Film Award
Best Animation Film, *PERCEPTION*

SHORT to the Point
Honorable Mention, *PERCEPTION*

18th Annual DePaul University Premiere Film Festival
Best Animated Film Award, Graduate Faculty Judges' Award,
Nominee - Best Directing Graduate Film, *PERCEPTION*

Absurd Film Festival
Best Animation Film, *PERCEPTION*

Canadian Cinematography Awards (CaCA)
Best Animation Film, *PERCEPTION*

Chicago Indie Awards
Best Animation, *PERCEPTION*

Feel The Reel International Film Festival
Nominee - Best Original Score, *PERCEPTION*

Florence Film Awards
Silver Award for Best Animated Film, *PERCEPTION*

New York Movie Awards
Silver Award for Best Animation, *PERCEPTION*

The Vision Feast Film Festival
Nominee - Spotlight Technique: 3D Animation, *PERCEPTION*

Toronto Film and Script Awards
Best Animation Short, *PERCEPTION*

2021 **Accolade Global Film Competition**
Award of Merit Special Mention: Animation (Student), *Honey Drop*
Award of Merit: Children/Family Programming (Student), *Honey Drop*

Best Shorts Competition

Award of Merit Special Mention: Animation(Student), *Honey Drop*

Hollywood Blood Horror Festival

Best Animation, *Honey Drop*

PRIX ROYAL Paris Animation Awards

Judges Choice Award, *Honey Drop*

The IndieFEST Film Awards

Award of Merit: Animation (Student), *Honey Drop*

The Short and Sweet Pandemic Film Competition

Second Place - Grant Winner, *Galactic Gambit*

2020

Best Shorts Competition

Award of Excellence: Animation (Student), *Long Way Down*

Direct Monthly Online Film Awards

Best Animation Film of July, *Long Way Down*

Hollywood Blood Horror Film Festival

Best Animated Short, *Long Way Down*

Independent Short Awards

Honorable Mention: Best Animation Short, *Long Way Down*

Indie X Film Fest

Best Student Animation Short, *Long Way Down*

Milan Film Awards

Honorable Mention: Animated Film, *Long Way Down*

New York Movie Awards

Honorable Mention: Animated Film, *Long Way Down*

Point of View Film Awards

Best Animation, *Long Way Down*

The IndieFEST Film Awards

Award of Merit: Animation (Student), *Long Way Down*

Top Shorts Film Festival

Honorable Mention: Micro Film, *Long Way Down*

Venice Film Awards

Honorable Mention: Animated Film, *Long Way Down*

2018

Eric Thivierge Award in Animation

Rutgers University-Camden Arts and Sciences Honors Convocation

FESTIVAL SELECTIONS AND SCREENINGS

PERCEPTION

2023

Los Angeles Animation Festival
Finalist - Character-Based Short

TIAF - Tbilisi International Animation Festival
Official Selection

Ionian Contemporary Animation Festival 2023 (ICONA 2023)
Official Selection

AniMate - Australia Animation Film Festival
Semi-Finalist

Animafantasia - International Student Animation Film Festival
Official Selection

Mobile Animation Film Festival
Official Selection

Cinema Soup Film Festival
Official Selection

New York Animation Film Awards
Semi-Finalist

Animation Block Party 2023
Official Selection

Overmountain Animation festival
Official Selection

17th Animart Festival
Student Animation Film

Berlin Shorts Award
Semi Finalist - Best Animation Short

The ASIFA - East Animation Festival
Student Film

18th Athens Animfest
Student Animation Film

Mobile Animation Film Festival
Official Selection: Young Ones

NewFilmmakers NY

Animation

Feel The Reel International Film Festival
Official Selection: Best Animation

Direct Monthly Online Film Festival
Short Animation Film

Vesuvius International Film Fest
Best Animation Short

Honey Drop

2021

Aladerri International Film Festival
Finalist - Animated Short Film

TMFF - The Monthly Film Festival
Nominee - SHORT FILM - Animation

Elgin Short Film Festival
Semi Finalist - Animation

Animare Cartoon Film Festival
Animated Shorts for Children

Direct Monthly Online Film Festival
Short Animation Films/Student Animation Films

Global Indie Film Fest
Animated & Motion Design Shorts (less than 20 minutes)

Monthly Indie Shorts
Animation Short (Main Category)

Palm Springs Animation Festival
Best Animated Short

SHORT to the Point
Children Short

Galactic Gambit

2021

Chicago Indie Film Awards
Best Student Film

International Cosmopolitan Film Festival of Tokyo
Best Micro Short

Monthly Indie Shorts
Best Student Animation Short

Long Way Down

2021

Prague International Film Awards
Finalist - Animated

Absurd Film Festival - Bimonthly Awards
Semi Finalist - Super Short (0-5 minutes)

DePaul University Premiere Film Festival
Animated Film

2020

Indie Short Fest
Finalist - Best Animation Short, Best Children Short

Kosice International Film Festival
Finalist - Animated Film

New York Animation Film Awards (NYAFA)
Semi Finalist - Student Animation Short

SHORT to the Point
Semi Finalist - Children Short

Student Los Angeles Film Awards
Semi Finalist - Best Student Animation Film

3 Minute Film Festival
Animation

Aladerrri International Film Festival
Best Animated

Best Shorts Competition
Animation

Blow-Up Arthouse Filmfest - Chicago
Animated Film

International Short Film Festival - Film Front
International Selection

Monthly Indie Shorts
Student Animation

Mosaic World Film Festival
Animation - Student

Overmountain Animation Festival
Student Animation

Palm Springs Animation Festival
Best Animation Short

SHORT to the Point
Mini Short

Shortcut 100
Animation Short

TAF Thessaloniki Animation Festival
Student Animation Short

TMFF - The Monthly Film Festival
SHORT FILM - Animation

Various Artists Independent Film Festival
Animation (Short Film)

SCHOLARSHIPS

2019 – 2022 DePaul CDM M.F.A. Graduate Assistantship Stipend
Awarded Spring 2019 through Spring 2022

2018 – 2019 DePaul CDM M.F.A. Graduate Fellowship
Awarded \$7500 stipend total over the course of the first three semesters

EXHIBITIONS

2018 "Working Out Chaotic Things"- Senior Thesis Exhibition
Head of animation post-production and curated animation reels

EXTRACURRICULAR WORKSHOPS

2023 50/50 Club Portfolio Review
Reviewed student portfolios and resumes

DeFrag: DePaul's Social Gaming Club - Industry Night (Women in Game Dev)
Reviewed student portfolios and resumes

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2023 Malt Adult #27 (Chicago, IL)
Animated loop "Keep rolling!" selected for intermission

2021 DePaul Premiere Film Festival (Chicago, IL)
Ottawa International Film Festival (Ottawa, ON - Virtual)

- 2020 VAIFF (Various Artists International Film Festival) - Chicago Showcase (Virtual)
Attended a virtual Q&A for the selected film *Long Way Down*
- 2019 Frame by Frame Conference at DePaul University (Chicago, IL)
- Visiting Artists Series at DePaul University (Chicago, IL)
An Inside Look at "Frozen 2" with Disney Story Artist Donna Lee
Sam Alden: Storyboarding and Writing for Animated Series
- 2018 Museum of Science and Industry After Hours: Get Animated (Chicago, IL)

SOFTWARE KNOWLEDGE

- 2013 - Present Autodesk Maya
Arnold Render
Redshift Render
Toon Boom Storyboard Pro
Adobe Premiere Pro
Adobe Audition
Microsoft Office