

ZACHARY ZEZIMA

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EDUCATION

- 2013 - 2016 **MFA Experimental Animation**
California Institute of the Arts
- 2005 - 2009 **BFA Illustration**
Parsons the New School for Design

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2022 - Present **Associate Professor**
- 2017 - 2022 **Assistant Professor**
California State University, Los Angeles - College of Arts & Letters
Department of Art, Animation Option
- 2017 **Adjunct Professor**
Parsons the New School for Design - School of Art, Media, & Technology
Illustration Department
- 2014 - 2016 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**
California Institute of the Arts - School of Film/Video
Experimental Animation Department

PRESENTATIONS + TALKS

- 2024 **Shadow Kitchen: LA Local Volume 1**
CoAxial
Panel Organizer and Moderator
Golden Eagle Film Festival
- 2022 **Guest Lecturer**
Occidental College - Critical Theory and Social Justice Department
University of Southern California - John C. Hench Division of Animation & Digital Arts
School of Visual Arts - Visual Narrative Program
Speaker
CutOut International Animation and Digital Arts Festival
- 2021 **Guest Lecturer**
California Institute of the Arts - Experimental Animation Department
California State University, Los Angeles - College of Arts & Letters
- 2019 **Guest Lecturer**
California State University, Los Angeles - Center for the Study of Genders and Sexualities

Representation in Animation Panel Organizer

California State University, Los Angeles - Cross-Cultural Center

2018 Visiting Artist

University of Louisiana at Lafayette - Department of Visual Arts

Guest Lecturer

California Institute of the Arts - Experimental Animation Department

PUBLICATIONS

ZeZima, Zachary. "Drawing a Life: Animated Surfing with Arne JinAn Wong" *EMOCEAN*.
Issue 05, June 2023, pp. 136-147.

PRESS

2021 Cartoon Brew

Oscar Shorts 2022: The Year's Most Innovative And Provocative Contenders

France 2 Television

Histoires Courtes

Hollywood Reporter

FX's "Pride": TV Review

Cineuropa

The Go Short awards go socially aware

UniFrance

Discover the 18 French animated shorts eligible for the 2022 Oscars

PR Newswire

'More than what we were': First graduates of Cal State LA's pioneering prison education program will walk the stage at Commencement

2020 Komitid Magazine

Purpleboy, Friend of a Friend: when animation focuses on sexual and transphobic violence

Variety Magazine

French Titles at Annecy: A Selection

Animation World Network

8 Shorts to Look Out for at Annecy 2020 Online

Animation Magazine

Annecy Selected Shorts: Brilliant Visions in an Uncertain World

- 2016 **Vimeo Staff Pick Premiere**
That time I went on a date with an alien
Vice Magazine
Neon Animation Captures the Worst Blind Date Since “When Harry Met Sally”
Directors Notes
It’s a Date
- 2014 **Vice Magazine**
Take a trip over the lonely seas in animated short film “CRUISING”

GRANTS + HONORS/AWARDS

- 2024 **Dorland Mountain Arts Colony Residency**
Temecula, CA
- 2023 **Film Production Grants**
ASIFA-Hollywood Animation Educators Forum Faculty Grant
Sabbatical
Fall 2023 Semester
- 2022 **Staff Pick**
Vimeo
- 2021 **Oscar Qualification**
The 2022 Academy Awards
Fiscal Sponsorship
The Center for Independent Documentary
RSCA Reassigned Award
California State University, Los Angeles
- 2021 **Best International Short Animated Film**
Go Short Film Festival
- 2020 **Finalist**
UniFrance Short Film Awards
Special Jury Award
Anilogue International Animation Festival
Honorable Mention
Salute Your Shorts Short Film Festival
Best Traditional Animation
Stop Motion Film Festival
- 2018 - Present **Entertainment Alliance Grant**
California State University
- 2018 **CSGS Reassigned Award**
California State University, Los Angeles

- Outstanding Faculty Advisor (Nominee)**
Student Leader Awards
- Film Production Grants**
ASIFA-Hollywood Animation Educators Forum Faculty Grant
The French National Center of Cinematography (CNC)
The French Region: Provence-Alpes-Côte d’Azur (PACA)
The French Region: Grand Est
The City of Strasbourg
- 2017 **Special Mention Award**
Anibar Animation Film Festival
- 2015 **Honorable Mention**
Dok Leipzig Film Festival
Best Experimental Film
Animation Block Party
Honorable Mention
Adobe Design Achievement Awards
- 2013 **Cover Artist**
American Illustration Annual 31

FILMOGRAPHY

- 2024 **The Inevitable Return**
Forthcoming Film, dir. Zachary Zezima, 30 min.
- 2021 **PRIDE episode 2 by Vice Studios and FX/Hulu**
Documentary, animation dir. Zachary Zezima, 5 min.
- 2020 **Friend of a Friend**
Short Film, dir. Zachary Zezima, 14 min.
- 2018 **Au Tir a La Carabine by General Elektriks**
Music Video, dir. Zachary Zezima, 4 min.
Girls by NONA
Music Video, dir. Zachary Zezima, 3 min.
- 2016 **It’s a Date**
Short Film, dir. Zachary Zezima, 7 min.
- 2015 **Falling Apart by Emile Haynie ft. Andrew Wyatt and Brian Wilson**
Music Video, co-dir. Zachary Zezima, 4 min.
- 2014 **CRUISING**
Short Film, dir. Zachary Zezima, 3 min.

SCREENINGS

2020 - 2022

Friend of a Friend

Annecy International Animated Film Festival, Annecy, France
Bucheon International Animation Festival, Bucheon, South Korea
Guanajuato International Film Festival, Guanajuato, Mexico
Sydney Underground Film Festival, Sydney, Australia
Mezipatra Queer Film Festival, Prague, Czech Republic
Pimedate Üöde Film Festival, Tallin, Estonia
Anilogue International Animation Festival, Vienna, Austria
Slamdance Film Festival, Park City, UT
Zoom Zblizenia International Film Festival, Jelenia Góra, Poland
My French Film Festival, Cannes, France
Clermont-Ferrand Short Film Festival, Clermont-Ferrand, France
Animac International Animation Film Festival, Lleida, Spain
Mecal Barcelona International Short and Animation Film Festival, Barcelona, Spain
REGARD Saguenay International Short Film Festival, Saguenay, Canada
ReAnimania Animation Film & Comics Art Festival of Yerevan, Yerevan, Armenia
Vilnius International Short Film Festival, Vilnius, Lithuania
Insomnia International Animation Film Festival, Moscow, Russia
IndieLisboa International Film Festival, Lisbon, Portugal
Stuttgart International Festival of Animated Film, Stuttgart, Germany
Rennes Animation Film Festival, Rennes, France
Go Short International Short Film Festival, Nijmegen, Netherlands
Fantaspoa International Film Festival, Porto Alegre, Brazil
Animocje International Animated Film Festival, Bydgoszcz, Poland
Filmfest Dresden International Short Film Festival, Dresden, Germany
Animafest Zagreb World Festival of Animated Film, Zagreb, Croatia
Palm Springs International Shortfest, Palm Springs, CA
Pictoplasma Berlin, Berlin, Germany
Kyiv International Short Film Festival, Kyiv, Ukraine
Salute Your Shorts Film Festival, Los Angeles, CA
Tampa Bay International Gay & Lesbian Film Festival, Tampa Bay, FL
Loudoun Art Film Festival, Loudon, VA
Animage International Animation Festival, Pernambuco, Brazil
Balkanima European Animated Film Festival, Belgrade, Serbia
Stop Motion Film Festival, Barcelona, Spain
Bit Bang International Animation and Digital Art Festival, Buenos Aires, Argentina

2017-2018

Figari Film Festival, Olbia, Italy
TOKO Film Festival, Sala Consilina, Italy

It's a Date

Sundance Film Festival, Park City, UT
Ann Arbor Film Festival, Ann Arbor, MI
Florida Film Festival, Winter Park, FL
Flatpack Film Festival, Birmingham, UK
RAW Film Festival, Los Angeles, CA
Montclair Film Festival, Montclair, NJ
Mammoth Lakes Film Festival, Mammoth Lakes, CA
Pictoplasma, Berlin, Germany
Annecy International Animated Film Festival, Annecy, France
Maryland Film Festival, Baltimore, MD
LA Film Festival, Los Angeles, CA
Animafest Zagreb, Zagreb, Croatia
Animatricks, Helsinki, Finland
Fest Anca, Zilina, Slovakia
Palm Springs International Shortfest, Palm Springs, CA
FILE Anima, Sao Paulo, Brazil
Maui Film Festival, Wailea, HI
Lago Film Fest, Revine Lago, Italy
San Diego Underground Film Festival, San Diego, CA
Ars Electronica Animation Festival, Linz, Austria
FILE Anima, Sao Paolo, Brazil

2014-2015

CRUISING

London International Animation Festival, London, UK
Fest Anca, Zilina, Slovakia
Rooftop Films, Brooklyn, NY
Sydney Film Festival, Sydney, Australia
Mammoth Lakes Film Festival, Mammoth Lakes, CA
NW Animation Festival, Portland, OR
Anima Festival, Brussels, Belgium
Slamdance, Park City, UT
CutOut Fest, Queretaro, Mexico
International Motion Art Awards, NYC
Klik! Festival, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
DOK Leipzig, Leipzig, Germany
Animated Bafici, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Encounters Film Festival. Bristol, UK
FILE Anima, Sao Paolo, Brazil
Animation Block Party. BAM. NY
LiE. Santa Fe Art Colony, LA
CalArts Showcase. REDCAT, LA

SERVICE

Professional

2022 CutOut International Animation and Digital Art Festival Juror
Nashville Film Festival Juror
2020 Youth Cinema Project Curriculum Consultant
2019 Slamdance Film Festival Programmer
2016 Northwest Animation Festival Programmer

University

2022 CSU Media Arts Festival Programmer
2021 - Present Public Art Committee
2020 - Present White Anti-Racist Committee and Outreach Subcommittee
2020-2021 Ronald H. Silverman Fine Arts Gallery Steering Committee
2018 - 2020 External Awards Nominating Committee
Eagle-Con Student Media Festival Organizer
2018 Student Symposium on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities Judge

College

2024 - Present Instructional and Student Affairs Committee
2022 ASCII Search Committee
2020 - Present InART Board of Directors
2018 Golden Eagle Film Festival Judge
2017 - 2018 ITC Search Committee
2017 - 2020 Instructional and Student Affairs Committee

Department

2024 - Present Associate Chair, Department of Art
2023 - 2024 RTP-B Committee
Curriculum Committee
2022 - 2023 MFA/MA Design Program Committee - Chair
Painting/Drawing Faculty Search Committee - Chair
Curriculum Committee
Assessment Committee

2021 - 2022 Animation Faculty Search Committee
2021 - 2022 Assessment Committee - Chair
2020 - 2021 Assessment Committee
2020 - 2022 Exhibitions and Community Affairs Committee - Chair
Student Policy Committee
2020 Student Scholarship Committee
Undergraduate Exhibition Committee
2019 - 2020 Graphic Design/Visual Communication Faculty Search Committee
2019 - Present California Faculty Association Full-Time Faculty Representative
2019 - 2022 MFA/MA Design Program Committee
2018 - 2019 MFA/MA Design Program Committee - Chair
2017 - 2018 Program Assessment Committee
2017 - 2018 MFA/MA Design Program Committee
2017 - Present Gravitas Animation Society Student Organization Advisor
Animation Option Committee - Chair

TEACHING

California State University, Los Angeles

ART 4920 Capstone I: Preparation
ART 4929 Capstone II: Production
ART 4921 Capstone Animation Project
ART 4900 Nonfiction Animation
ART 4960 Advanced Animation
ART 4540 Animated Documentary (Special Topics)
TVF 4000 Community Impact Media
ART 3800 Two-Dimensional Animation
ART 3760 Story and Visualization
ART 3780 Art and Motion
ART 3810 Experimental Animation
ART 3880 Illustration

MFA Thesis Committees

2024 - Present Anthony Gurrola, MA Art (Design Option)
2022 - 2023 Trueman Massat, MFA TVFT
2021 - 2022 Elizabeth Sweeney, MFA Art (Design Option)
Rebekah Albrecht, MFA Art (Design Option)

Parsons the New School for Design

PUIL 2136 Core Studio 4D Lab

CERTIFICATIONS

- 2022 Sundance Collab - Documentary Filmmaking: Developing Your Story
- 2020 CETL Alt-Instruction Program
CETL Inclusive Teaching Program
- 2019 Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI)
- 2017 UndocuAlly Program

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Sundance Institute
- ASIFA - Hollywood
- Action Graphics Network
- International Documentary Association
- Center for Independent Documentary