



Department of Mass Communications

College of Social Sciences

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Academic Achievement

MFA, Film & Television, May 2017
Savannah College of Art & Design
Excelsus Laureate (Speaker of the Class)

BFA, Performing Arts, 2009
Savannah College of Art & Design
Magna Cum Laude

Teaching Appointments

Assistant Professor - Film and Video Production

August 2018 - Present
Department of Mass Communications
University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA

Limited Term Faculty - Film & Digital Media

August 2017 - May 2018
Communication, Media & Journalism
University of North Georgia, Gainesville, GA

Instructor - Film & Television

Summer 2017 & Summer 2018
Summer Seminar
Savannah College of Art & Design, Atlanta, GA

Courses Taught

University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA

COMM 1154: Introduction to Mass Communications
COMM 3305: Short Form Screenwriting & Analysis
COMM 3353: Fundamentals of Film & Video Production
COMM 3356: Film & Culture
COMM 4408: Producing for Film & Video
COMM 4409: Directing for Film & Video

University of North Georgia, Gainesville, GA

MDST 2100: Writing for Media
MDST 2500: Production I
MDST 1100: Film Appreciation
MDST 3300: Directing for Motion Pictures I
MDST 3500: Production II

Creative & Professional Experience

WRITER/DIRECTOR/PRODUCER

2018 - NOBODY'S DARLING (short film)

- TOP 75 - Student Academy Awards (2017)
- WINNER - Best Short Film, Best Lead Actress + \$500 Grant (WIFTA Creative Conference Awards)
- WINNER - Best Short Film (SCAD Film Showcase)
- OFFICIAL SELECTION (partial list):
 - *Atlanta Film Festival
 - *Sidewalk Film Festival

2016 - QUE SERA (short film)

- WINNER - Southern Spotlight Award + \$10,000 Grant (Atlanta Film Festival)
- OFFICIAL SELECTION (partial list):
 - * Atlanta Film Festival
 - * IndieMemphis Film Festival

2016 - VISA SPEC COMMERCIAL

- SHORT LISTED - MoFilm Competition

2016 - THE MOSLEYS "COME BACK" (music video)

- BEST MUSIC VIDEO of 2016 – Under the Radar Radio

2013 - PICTURE SHOW (short film)

- WINNER - Best Short Screenplay (Ozark Foothills FilmFest)

- OFFICIAL SELECTION (partial list):
 - * Indie Memphis Film Festival
 - * Macon Film Festival

PRODUCER

2018 - **BRAD URBA - “RIDING THE RAILS” (music video)**

2017 - **THE GOOD DIE YOUNG (feature film)**

- Streaming on Amazon Prime

2017 – **SPANX + SCAD CLC Challenge Video**

- Produced a series of corporate videos as web content

CASTING DEPARTMENT

2011 - **WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU’RE EXPECTING**

- Interned in the Extras Casting department on the Lionsgate Production.

Conferences & Panels

Panelist, invited, April 2019

Directing Short Films

Atlanta Film Society

Atlanta, GA

Presenter, invited, November 2016

The Herstory of the Female Director: Techniques and Filmography of Filmmaking Pioneers

Atlanta Film Society

Atlanta, GA

Panelist, invited, August 2016

Directing Workshop

Bronzelens Film Festival

Atlanta, GA

Presenter, invited, June 2016

Empowering Young Women in Film

Women in Film Summit

Atlanta, GA

Panelist, invited, April 2016

The Art of Low-Budget Filmmaking
Atlanta Film Festival
Atlanta, GA

Fellowships / Grants

University of West Georgia Online Course Building Grant, Summer 2019
University of West Georgia

Honors / Awards

Best Short Film - *Nobody's Darling*
CONFAB Creative Conference Grant, Summer 2019
Women in Film & Television (Atlanta Chapter)

Best Short Film - *Que Sera*
Southern Spotlight Award, Spring 2016
Atlanta Film Festival

Professional Memberships

Member, October 2019 - Present
UFVA (University Film & Video Association)

Member, October 2019 - Present
WIFTA (Women in Film & Television, Atlanta Chapter)

Member, August 2015 - August 2018
Film Fatales (Atlanta Chapter)

Committee / Institution Services

Faculty Advisor, UWG Film Collective Student Organization, March 2019 - Present
University of West Georgia; Department of Mass Communications

Member, Curriculum Advisory Committee, August 2018 - ongoing
Department of Mass Communications

Member, Film & Video B.S. Degree Development Committee, August 2018 - May 2019

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Member, B.I.S in Film Degree Development Committee, January 2019 - May 2019
College of Social Sciences / College of Art & Humanities

Community / Mentoring

Faculty Programmer, May 2018
Georgia Film Festival, Gainesville, GA

New Mavericks - Women in Film Mentoring Program, August 2015 – August 2018
Co-Founder + Vice President
Atlanta Film Society

Serenbe Film Society, 2013
Founder
Serenbe Institute for Art, Culture & the Environment

Intra-departmental Mentor for 60+ Mass Communications students every semester