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EDUCATION

- 2008 Yale School of Art - Master of Fine Arts
New Haven, Connecticut
- 2004 Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture
Skowhegan, Maine
- 2004 University of Louisville - Bachelor of Fine Arts, Summa Cum Laude
Louisville, Kentucky
- 2003 Yale / Norfolk Summer Program
Norfolk, Connecticut

EXHIBITIONS & SCREENINGS

- 2026 *Slamdance Film Festival* - Los Angeles, CA
London Short Film Festival - Institute Of Contemporary Arts, London, England
Big Sky Documentary Film Festival - Missoula, MT
Ann Arbor Film Festival - Ann Arbor, MI
Athens International Film and Video Festival - Athens, OH
Boston Underground Film Festival - Brattle Theater, Cambridge, MA
Oxford Film Festival - Oxford, MS
Chicago Critics Film Festival - Music Box Theatre, Chicago, IL
GRRL HAUS Best of 2025 - Brattle Theatre, Cambridge, MA
Toon Gulch Animation Series - NYU Theatre, New York, NY
Basement Tapes - Jacob Burns Film Center, Pleasantville, NY
Open Air Media Festival - Touring Exhibition
- 2025 *Cucalorus Film Festival* - Wilmington, NC
Chilliwack International Film Festival - Chilliwack, British Columbia
Hungry Eyes Festival - Kultur im Zentrum, Gießen, Germany
Chicago Underground Film Festival - Chicago, IL
25 FPS Festival - Zagreb, Croatia
Rockaway Film Festival - Rockaway Beach, NY
BIDEODROMO International Film and Video Festival - Bilbao, Spain
Tacoma Film Festival - Tacoma, WA
Hudson Valley Film Festival - Hudson, NY
GRRL HAUS, Lakeside Film Festival - Berlin, Germany
Defy Film Festival - Nashville, TN

Ithaca Experimental Film Festival - Ithaca, NY

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Slamdance Film Festival - Park City, UT
Ann Arbor Film Festival - Ann Arbor, MI
Florida Film Festival - Maitland, FL
Athens International Film and Video - Athens, OH
Humboldt International Film Festival - Arcata, CA
WNDX Festival of Moving Image - Winnipeg, Manitoba
Chicago Critics Film Festival - Chicago, IL
Duluth Superior Film Festival - Duluth, MI
Demo Disc 01 - LOOK Cinemas, Glendale, CA
Chroma Art Film Festival - Superblue, Miami, FL
Film Maudit 2.0: Film Festival - Los Angeles, CA
Cauldron International Film and Video Festival - Salt Lake City, UT
Other Cinema Screening Series - San Francisco, CA
One Man Army Paradise Shredition, Sovereign House - Brooklyn, NY

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Cucalorus Film Festival - Wilmington, NC
Chicago Underground Film Festival - Chicago, IL
CutOut Fest International Animation and Digital Art Festival - Querétaro, Mexico
VASTLAB Experimental 5 - Chicago, IL
GRRR HAUS Cinema - Berlin, Germany
fu:bar/ Glitch Art Festival - Zagreb, Croatia
17 Days Video Series - Alfred University, NY and Western Michigan University, MI
Art is Life, Life is Art Variety Show, Bob Baker Marionette Theatre - Los Angeles, CA
Videomedja International New Media Arts Festival - Novi Sad, Serbia
The Wrong Biennale, ADAM MEETS EVE Pavilion - Alicante, Spain
Festival Les Instants Vidéo - Friche la Belle de Mai, Marseille, France
Hungry Eyes Festival - Kultur im Zentrum, Gießen, Germany
Vacations in the Subconscious Exhibition - Torrance Art Museum, Los Angeles, CA
NoBudge Live #33 - Nitehawk Cinema, Brooklyn, NY
Wasting Time Youth Screening Tour - Chengdu, Beijing, Guangzhou, China
West Virginia Mountaineer Film Festival - Morgantown, WV

2022

The Fuel & Lumber Company Presents: 8 - Laney Contemporary, Savannah, GA
IN OUT Festival - ŁAŻNIA 1 Center for Contemporary Art, Gdańsk, Poland
Welcome to the Enclave, Burb Contemporary (solo exhibition)- Sacramento, CA
Welcome to the Enclave, The MAC (solo exhibition) - Dallas Texas
25 FPS Festival - Zagreb, Croatia
Relief to the People: Benefiting Ukraine - SNAP Gallery, Louisville, KY
Visions in the Nunnery - Nunnery Gallery, London, England
Lacuna Contemporary Art Festival - Sala El Aljibe, Haria, Lanzarote

Confetti falls from the ceiling - Essex Flowers, New York City, NY
Rendering... - Unrequited Leisure, Nashville, TN
Experiments in Cinema - Albuquerque, NM
Diametrare Experimental Film Festival - Tyrol, Austria
Hyperreal Film Club - Hotel Vegas, Austin, TX
TSA 5x5 - Xanadu Gallery, Berlin, Germany
Green Screen Film Fest - Perth, Australia
Wide Open Film Festival - Oklahoma City, OK
RESPIRE - The Cole Art Center, Nagadoches, TX
Louisville Film Society Short Film Slam - Speed Art Museum, Louisville, KY

2021
Cairo Video Festival - Medrar for Contemporary Art - Cairo, Egypt
Video Art and Experimental Film Festival - Tribeca Film Center, New York, NY
Rockaway Film Festival - Rockaway Beach, NY
Cladogram - The Katonah Museum of Art, Katonah, NY
Projection/Projektion - Blue Star Contemporary - San Antonio, TX
Projection/Projektion - Darmstädter Sezession - Darmstadt, Germany
VII Festival Video nodoCCS - Caracas, Venezuela, Barcelona, Spain
Videopark Užice - Galerija Reflektor - Užice, Serbia
Kansas City FilmFest International - Kansas City, MO
Demetera International Short Film Festival - Paris, France
Hungry Eyes Festival - Kultur im Zentrum, Gießen, Germany
We Make Movies International Film Festival - Hollywood, CA
Frame and Frequency VI - Kaplan Gallery, VisArts Center - Rockville, MD
SPE (Society for Photographic Education) Media Festival - online due to Covid

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

2022 - current **Associate Professor**
Film Production, Visual Effects - Cal Poly Humboldt, Arcata CA
Assistant Professor
2019 - 22 *New Media, 3D Animation* - University of Texas San Antonio, San Antonio, TX
Lecturer
2016 - 18 *Interactive Multimedia* - Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
2009 - 16 *Digital Video Art* - Yale University, New Haven, CT
2016 - 21 **Director of Documentary Film Program** - Choate Rosemary Hall, Wallingford, CT
2018 **Director of Free Teen Film Program** - Black Vulture Project, Paoli, IN
Three-day intensive filmmaking and storytelling workshop for high school and middle school students in rural Indiana cities

Visiting Artist

- 2024 Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
Oxford College of Emory University, Oxford, GA
- 2021 Lewis & Clark College, Portland, OR
University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS
Wofford College, Spartanburg, SC
- 2020 Yeshiva University, New York, NY
University of Connecticut Stamford, Stamford, CT
Southern Connecticut State University, New Haven, CT

GRANTS & AWARDS

- 2026 Guggenheim Fellowship - Film/Video
- 2025 Victor Jacoby Award - Humboldt Area Foundation
- 2024 Slamdance Channel Distribution - Los Angeles, CA
Rotten Tomatoes Audience Award: Best Short Film - Chicago Critics Film Festival
Fick's Picks: Best of 2024 - 48 Hills Magazine
Pick of the Week - Labocine, Science New Wave
Most Watched Films - NoBudge Online Streaming Platform
- 2023 Jury Award Honorable Mention - Chicago Underground Film Festival
Artist in Residence Fellowship - Darmstädter Sezession, Germany
Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities Program Grant - Cal Poly Humboldt
Special Mention Jury Prize - 27th Videomedija New Media Art Festival, Serbia
Professional Development Grants - Cal Poly Humboldt
Emeritus Retired Faculty and Staff Association Grant - Cal Poly Humboldt
Special Mention - 01 NFT New Media Experimental Digital Arts Film Festival, London, United Kingdom
- 2022 Best Film - Green Screen Film Fest, Australia
Best Actor Female - Green Screen Film Fest, Australia
Best Documentary Cultural Nominee - New York Emmy Awards
Honorable Mention - IN OUT Festival, Laznia Contemporary, Poland
- 2021 NEA Grant for the Arts: South Texas Life and Visual Culture - PI, Dr. Scott Sherer
Grand Prize Winner - Blue Star Contemporary *Projection/Projektion*
Second Place Winner - VII Festival Video nodoCCS, Venezuela
Best Short Film Nominee - Maverick Movie Awards
President's Distinguished Achievement Award in Performance, Creative Production, or Other Scholarly Achievement, UTSA

SELECTED REVIEWS (*chronological*)

Williamson, Graham. "[Experimental Shorts \(Slamdance 2026\)](#)" The Geek Show. March 10, 2026.

Vorob, Michelle. "[Climate Control \(2025\)](#)" Bain's Film Reviews. March 5, 2026.

McDonald, Patrick. "[Slamdance26: Director Sarah Lasley of Short Film 'Climate Control'](#)" Hollywood Chicago. March 2, 2026.

Paz, Or. "[Climate Control - Slamdance 2026](#)" Film Castle. February 28, 2026.

Kakadelis, Tina. "[Slamdance '26: Short Film Round-Up, Part Two](#)" Beyond the Cinerama Dome. February 27, 2026.

Jones, Chris. "[The Quiet Violence of Optimization](#)" Overly Honest Film Reviews. February 21, 2026.

Newman, Ursula. "[The Extraction Epidemic](#)" The Osprey Magazine. December, 2025.

Hawthorne Ficks, Jesse. "[Ficks' Picks: Best flicks of 2024, part two](#)" 48 Hills. January 9, 2025.

Finney, Abigail. "[Sarah Lasley Q&A](#)" Digital America Magazine. November 2024.

Souter, Collin. "[Short Films in Focus: Welcome to the Enclave](#)" RogerEbert.com. August 6, 2024.

Vorob, Michelle. "[Welcome to the Enclave \(2023\)](#)" Bain's Film Reviews. June 29, 2024.

Goforth, Grant Scott. "[Slamdance Film Festival Gives Professor Lessons to Share with Students](#)" Humboldt NOW. March 14, 2024

Lim, Erin and Tambora, Angela "[Slamdance 2024 - Welcome to the Enclave + Legend of Cucuy](#)" Bitch Talk Podcast. February 23, 2024

Hawthorne Ficks, Jesse. "[What we saw at Sundance 2024: Film fest feature stand-outs](#)" 48 Hills. February 11, 2024.

Barnhart, Alton. "[Slamdance Short Film Review: Experimental Block](#)" Slug Mag. January 26, 2024.

Williamson, Graham. "[Experimental Shorts \(Slamdance Film Festival 2024\) Review](#)" The Geek Show. January 26, 2024

Strouse, Kristy. "[Slamdance Film Festival 2024: Darla in Space & Welcome to the Enclave](#)" Film Inquiry. January 24, 2024.

Vance, Grant. "[How to Turn Your Art Installation into a Comedy Short Film](#)" No Film School. January 24, 2024.

Talbot-Haynes, Michael. "[Welcome to the Enclave](#)" Film Threat. January 23, 2024.

Perry, Joseph. "[Short-Film Reviews: 'Legend of El Cucuy,' 'PU EKAW TNOD,' 'Blockbuster,' and 'Welcome to the Enclave' \(Slamdance Film Festival\)](#)" Horror Fuel. January 23, 2024.

Andrews, Dave. "[Identity, othering and the idealism of youth: Sarah Lasley, Dan Guthrie and Olana Light](#)" Moving Image Art London. December 3, 2022.

Pusser, Meagan. "[New exhibitions at Laney Contemporary challenge how you'll respond and connect to art](#)" Savannah Now. November 26, 2022.

Jenkins, Mark. "[In the galleries: An intimate panorama of video art's variety and breadth](#)" The Washington Post. June 25, 2021.