

# 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

- 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

- Zeima, 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

	<b>Vice Magazine</b>
	Neon Animation Captures the Worst Blind Date Since “When Harry Met Sally”
	<b>Directors Notes</b>
	It’s a Date
2014	<b>Vice Magazine</b>
	Take a trip over the lonely seas in animated short film “CRUISING”

## GRANTS + HONORS/AWARDS

2023	<b>Film Production Grants</b>
	ASIFA-Hollywood Animation Educators Forum Faculty Grant
	<b>Sabbatical</b>
	Fall 2023 Semester
2022	<b>Staff Pick</b>
	Vimeo
2021	<b>Oscar Qualification</b>
	The 2022 Academy Awards
	<b>Fiscal Sponsorship</b>
	The Center for Independent Documentary
	<b>RSCA Reassigned Award</b>
	California State University, Los Angeles
2021	<b>Best International Short Animated Film</b>
	Go Short Film Festival
2020	<b>Finalist</b>
	UniFrance Short Film Awards
	<b>Special Jury Award</b>
	Anilogue International Animation Festival
	<b>Honorable Mention</b>
	Salute Your Shorts Short Film Festival
	<b>Best Traditional Animation</b>
	Stop Motion Film Festival
2018 - Present	<b>Entertainment Alliance Grant</b>
	California State University
2018	<b>CSGS Reassigned Award</b>
	California State University, Los Angeles
	<b>Outstanding Faculty Advisor (Nominee)</b>
	Student Leader Awards
	<b>Film Production Grants</b>

	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	<b>Special Mention Award</b>
	Anibar Animation Film Festival
2015	<b>Honorable Mention</b>
	Dok Leipzig Film Festival
	<b>Best Experimental Film</b>
	Animation Block Party
	<b>Honorable Mention</b>
	Adobe Design Achievement Awards
2013	<b>Cover Artist</b>
	American Illustration Annual 31

## FILMOGRAPHY

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

## SCREENINGS

2020 - 2022	<b>Friend of a Friend</b>
	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 Ööde 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  
 Figari Film Festival, Olbia, Italy  
 TOKO Film Festival, Sala Consilina, Italy

#### It's a Date

Sundance Film Festival, Park City, UT

2014-2015

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 Shortsfest, 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

#### 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

2017-2018

## 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

2022	ASCI 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

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

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
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## 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

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