

DURAN M. JONES

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EDUCATION

AFI Conservatory, Masters of Fine Arts, Producing (*Class of 2021*) *Los Angeles, CA*

- Selected Fellow Affairs Committee Representative Academic Chair, Selected Producers Guild of America Student Ambassador. Dr. David M. Milch Foundation short film scholarship recipient.

Hampton University, Bachelor of Arts w/ **Honors**, Broadcast Journalism (*May 2007*) *Hampton, VA*

- Member of Student Leadership Program, Student Recruitment Team and National Association of Black Journalists. Served as Membership Intake Coordinator of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Fellow, **2021 Sundance Feature Film Producers Lab** | *Los Angeles, CA* *Jul. 2021 - Present*

- One of five selected participants for project development and skill strengthening.
- One-on-one pitch meetings, roundtables, panels, and informal networking opportunities tackling current issues facing the independent film market.

Producer, **PGA “Power of Diversity Workshop”** | *Los Angeles, CA* *Jul. 2020 - Sept. 2020*

- One of ten selected projects tasked with taking a project from script through distribution.
- Nurture diverse perspectives and learn from the most successful producers in the PGA.

Instructor, **Actor’s Breakthrough** | *Jonesboro, GA* *Jul. 2017 - Jul. 2019*

- Worked with children ages 10-18 teaching the basics of acting (i.e. monologues, improv, etc.). Facilitated curriculum teaching self-tape auditions for adults.

Freelance Technical Director & Editor, **CNN Newsource** | *Atlanta, GA* *Feb. 2011 – Dec. 2012*

- Directed and edited previously-produced news feeds and packages for 800+ CNN domestic and foreign affiliates. Created and maintained projects in the archival system for affiliate requests.

Archives Coordinator, **CNN Newsource** | *Atlanta, GA* *Dec. 2008 – Mar. 2010*

- Edited and distributed archival video footage to 800+ CNN news affiliates worldwide. Provided efficient and effective customer service to various news markets encoding converted video.

FILM FESTIVALS/ ACCOLADES

BLKMGC, Musical Short Film

Producer/ Co-Writer/ Composer/ Cast

- Urban Film Festival (Best Musical Short Film) | Music In Cinema Film Festival (Best Drama Short) | Spotlight Short Film Awards (Gold Award Winner) | Peachtree Village International Film Festival (2nd Place Short) | Maryland International Film Festival | Black Web Fest

AFTER THAT WE DIDN’T TALK, Short Film

Co-Producer

- Hollyshorts Official Selection | “Best Short Film” Los Angeles Cinematography Awards | San Diego Black Film Festival | Los Angeles Black Film Festival | Indie Fest Los Angeles | Capital City Black Film Festival

LEADERSHIP/ AWARDS

Student Ambassador, **Producers Guild of America (PGA)** | *Los Angeles, CA*

Feb. 2020 - Present

- Serve as a bridge between future producers and the Producers Guild.
- Move the PGA in a more inclusive direction—both in membership and leadership.

SKILLS & SPECIAL INTEREST

Skills: Movie Magic Budget & Scheduling, Script Coverage, Final Draft, Final Cut Pro, Pro Tools, MS Office
Community Service: Big Brothers Big Sisters, Music Makes Me Happy Camp, Middle Georgia State Creative Arts Camp, Georgia Legal Services Program.