

ALEXIS DURAN
EDUCATOR / FILMMAKER

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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

2019 - Present Adjunct Assistant Professor, Southwestern College

FTMA 100 Editing I
FTMA 101 Fundamentals in Camera, Lighting and Sound
FTMA 102 Introduction to Motion Picture Production
FTMA 290 Professional Media Work Experience I-IV

2023 - Present Lecturer, San Diego Miramar College

DFLM 101 Introduction to Film
DFLM 102 The American Cinema

2021 Lecturer, San Diego State University

TFM 160 Cinema as Art

2016 - 2019 Graduate Teaching Assistant, San Diego State University

TFM 364A History of Film Classics: Beginning to 1950s
TFM 363 International Cinema
TFM 160 Cinema as Art

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2012 - Present Filmmaker and Founder, Oxford and Claire Productions

Position(s): Director, Producer, Writer, Cinematographer, Editor
Clients: Al Jazeera, BBC, USA Today, Bloomberg, Business Insider, Barcroft TV, PBS and Ted Talk.

2016 - 2023 Instructor, Y.E.S. Academy / College for Kids, Southwestern College

Taught multiple filmmaking summer courses to students ages 8-16.

2015- 2016 Operations Technician, NBC San Diego 7

Duties: Studio camera operating, lighting, teleprompter, sound mixer and floor directing.

EDUCATION

2020 M.F.A. San Diego State University
Film and TV Production

2015 B.A. University of California, Santa Cruz
Film and Digital Media, Production Concentration

2014 Study Abroad, Thammasat University - Bangkok, Thailand
Thai Studies

2012 A.A./A.S. Southwestern College - San Diego, Ca
English Literature(A.A.), Telemedia Technology(A.S.)

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FILMOGRAPHY - NARRATIVE SHORT

2021 *Forgetting Caroline*, 15min. 4K

Writer, Producer, Director, Editor

During Michael's final goodbye to his ten-year-old stepdaughter, Caroline, he reflects on his experiences that led to his decision to leave. (Festival circuit in progress).

2019 *Bye Luna*, 4min. 1080P

Writer, Producer, Director, Editor

As Michael teaches his seven-year-old daughter, Luna, to speak in Spanish, an abrupt hostile confrontation presents itself. Michael experiences an unexpected reality of fatherhood.

2017 *Chato*, 10min. 1080P

Writer, Producer, Director, Co-Editor

When a fatherless 12-year-old boy attempts to put an end to his abuse from his neighbor, he's confronted by his mother about her suspicion, as he must quickly decide who he's willing to protect at the end.

FILM FESTIVALS - OFFICIAL SELECTIONS / AWARDS

Forgetting Caroline

2022 San Diego Latino Film Festival, San Diego, California - Official Selection

2022 Coronado Island Film Festival, Coronado, California - Official Selection

2021 Austin Film Festival, Austin, Texas - Official Selection

2021 San Diego International Film Festival, San Diego, California - Official Selection

Bye Luna

2021 Oakville Film Festival, Toronto, Canada - Honorable Mention

2020 SPLICE Film Fest, Brooklyn, New York - Winner

2020 San Diego Latino Film Festival, San Diego, California - Official Selection

2020 Highland Park Independent Film Festival, Los Angeles, California - Official Selection

2020 Hidalgo Film Fest, Pachuca, Mexico - Official Selection

2020 Show Me Justice Film Festival, Warrensburg, Missouri - Official Selection

2020 Chhatrapati Shivaji International Film Festival, Pune, India - Official Selection

2020 Chihuahua International Film Festival, Chihuahua, Mexico - Official Selection

2020 Sunday Shorts Film Festival, London, England - Semi-Finalist

2019 Cannes Film Festival, Cannes, France, - Short Film Corner Screening

2019 Campus Movie Fest, USA - Jury Winner

Chato

2019 Miami Independent Film Festival, Miami, Florida - Official Selection

2019 Chhatrapati Shivaji International Film Festival, Pune, India - Finalist

2019 SPLICE Film Fest, Brooklyn, New York - Finalist

2018 Hidalgo Film Fest, Pachuca, Mexico - Official Selection

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TELEVISION / STREAMERS

- 2024** **The Earth Unlocked: Mudslides-** S2 E(TBD)- , ERD: 6/22/24
The Weather Channel. Distribution Platforms: TWC and Spectrum.
Segment: San Bernardino, Ca. - Olin Richey
Director/DP/Field Producer
- 2024** **90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After?** - S8 E1- , ERD: 3/17/24
TLC/Discovery. Distribution Platforms: TLC, Hulu, Apple, Amazon and Vudu.
Segment: San Diego, Ca. - Liz & Ed
“B” Camera Operator.
- 2023** **90 Day Fiancé: Singles** - S4 E2- , Aired: 1/22/24
TLC/Discovery. Distribution Platforms: TLC, Hulu, Apple, Amazon and Vudu.
Segment: San Diego, Ca./Los Angeles, Ca. - Jamal and Veronica
“B” Camera Operator.
- 2023** **Warrior Games** - DOD- Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, SOCOM
Department of Defense. Distribution Platforms: YouTube.
Camera Operator(Sony HDC2500), 10 Days
- 2023** **Match Me Abroad** - S1 E2- Make Me a Match, Aired: 5/21/23
TLC/Discovery. Distribution Platforms: TLC, Hulu, Apple, Amazon and Vudu.
Segment: Menifee, Ca. - Natalie
“B” Camera Operator, 43min.
- 2023** **Help! I’m in a Secret Relationship!** - S2 E9- Gary & Giselle, Aired: 4/24/23
MTV/Paramount. Distribution Platforms: MTV, Paramount, Hulu, Apple, Amazon and Vudu.
Segment: San Diego, Ca. - Gary & Giselle,
“B” Camera Operator, 42min.
- 2022** **90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After?** - S7 E14- Stand By Me, Aired: 11/27/22
TLC/Discovery. Distribution Platforms: TLC, Hulu, Apple, Amazon and Vudu.
Segment: San Diego, Ca./Los Angeles, Ca. - Kim, Jamal and Usman.
“B” Camera Operator, 85min.
- 2022** **Ultimate Rides** - S2 E3, All Shapes and Sizes (#203)
FYI/A&E Networks. Distribution Platforms: FYI, A&E, Hulu, Amazon, YouTube and Vudu.
Segment: San Diego, Ca. Howard- 1975 Acoma Mini Comtesse.
Director, Producer, Cinematographer, 21min.
- 2021** **Ultimate Rides** - S2 E20, Hardcore and Heavy Duty (#220)
FYI/A&E Networks. Distribution Platforms: FYI, A&E, Hulu, Amazon, YouTube and Vudu.
Segment: Corona Ca. Hayden Proffitt- 1957 Chevy/ Hot Streak II
Director, Producer, Cinematographer, 24min.

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- 2021 How To Live Younger** - Three Part Series: EP.1 Fit, EP.2 Mind, EP.3 Food.
ABC (Australia). Distribution Platforms: ABC iview.
Segment: San Diego, Ca.
Field Producer + Sound, 165min.
- 2021 Invisible Wars** - Dir. Emma Watts
ABC (Australia). Distribution Platforms: ABC iview.
Segment: San Diego, Ca.
Field Producer + Sound, 55min.
- 2021 Major League Rugby(MLR)** - Seattle Seawolves vs Los Angeles Giltinis
Fox Sports. Distribution Platforms: Fox Sports and YouTube.
Camera Operator, 80min.

FEATURE LENGTH DOCUMENTARIES

- 2024 MEHKOS Project (working title)-** Dir. Luann Barry. (In progress)
1st Wave Productions. Distribution Platforms: TBA
Cinematographer + Sound, 70+min.
- 2024 SD Legion (working title)-** Dir. Justin LePera. (In progress)
Lane 4 Media. Distribution Platforms: TBA
Camera Operator, 70+min.
- 2024 No Fallen Heroes-** Dir. Leigh Simons. (In progress)
Leigh Simons Productions. Distribution Platforms: TBA
Cinematographer + Sound, 70+min.
- 2022 Luminous-** Dir. Sam Smartt.
Honest Eye Productions. Distribution Platforms: Kanopy
Camera Operator (San Diego segment), Sound and PA, 95min..

SHORT DOCUMENTARIES / VJs

- 2024 LinkedIn-** Catalyst Series: Lina Taylor
Shape Your Setbacks. Distribution Platforms: LinkedIn News
Cinematographer, 6min.
- 2023 NowThis-** 35-Year-Old Inspires Others by Teaching Himself to Read
NowThis Original. Distribution Platforms: YouTube, Facebook, Now This
Director + Cinematographer + Sound, 4min.

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- 2023** **Al Jazeera-** I Own a Home But I'm Still Being Evicted
Aj+ Distribution Platforms: YouTube, Facebook, Now This
Cinematographer + Sound, 13min.
- 2022** **NowThis-** Roller Skater Bily Ruiz: 'I Embrace Every Part of Me'.
SEEN. Distribution Platforms: NowThis News, Facebook, YouTube and Twitter.
Cinematographer + Sound, 7min.
- 2022** **Voice of America(VOA)-** For The Ocean.
52 Documentaries. Distribution Platforms: VOA Streaming, Facebook, YouTube.
Cinematographer, Drone and Sound, 12min.
- 2022** **Wall Street Journal-** Workplace Holograms Could Soon Replace the Zoom Conference Call..
WSJ. Distribution Platforms: WSJ, Facebook, YouTube, Twitter and Snapchat
Cinematographer + Sound, 8min.
- 2022** **Beauty Insider-** How Fake Facial Hair Is Applied For Movies.
INSIDER. S11 E11. Distribution Platforms: Insider, Facebook, YouTube and Snapchat.
Cinematographer + Sound, 6min.
- 2022** **More Perfect Union-** How to Stop an Amazon Warehouse From Taking Over Your Town.
MPU. Distribution Platforms: More Perfect Union, Facebook and YouTube.
Cinematographer + Sound(San Diego segment), 8min.
- 2022** **Beauty Insider-** Scalp Micropigmentation Makes Hair Look Thicker
INSIDER. S10 E37. Distribution Platforms: Insider, Facebook, YouTube and Snapchat.
Cinematographer + Sound, 3min.
- 2022** **More Perfect Union-** California Students Battle University for Affordable Housing.
MPU. Distribution Platforms: More Perfect Union, Facebook and YouTube.
Cinematographer + Sound, 4min.
- 2021** **Al Jazeera(AJ+)-** 'I Felt Like a F*cking Nazi' An Ex-Border Patrol Agent Speaks Out.
Direct From with Dena Takruri. Distribution Platforms: Facebook, YouTube and Twitter.
Cinematographer + Sound, 11min.
- 2021** **Al Jazeera(AJ+)-** Why California Isn't As Green As You Think
Direct From with Dena Takruri. Distribution Platforms: Facebook, YouTube and Twitter.
Cinematographer + Sound, 12min.
- 2021** **USA Today-** Coffee Shop Survives Pandemic Brewing Cups of Kindness.
USA & Main: Surviving and Thriving. Distribution Platforms: Facebook and USA Today.
Cinematographer + Sound, 5min.

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- 2021 Business Insider-** Flip Flops Made From Plants and Algae Can Help Reduce Plastic Pollution.
World Wide Waste. Distribution Platforms: Facebook, YouTube and Business Insider.
Cinematographer + Sound, 7min.
- 2020 Bloomberg Quicktake-** Fragile Recovery in Cali's Barrio Logan.
Small Recoveries. Distribution Platforms: Twitter and Bloomberg.
Director, Cinematographer + Sound + Interviewer, 4min.
- 2020 TED Talk-** The Mood-Boosting Power of Crying- Kathy Mendias.
TED@PMI Action+Impact. Distribution Platforms: Apple, Spotify, YouTube, TED Talk.
Cinematographer + Sound, 11min.
- 2020 PBS-** San Diego Doctor Treats Patients and Tests a Covid-19 Treatment.
A Diary From the Frontline- Episode 2. Distribution Platforms: YouTube and PBS.
Cinematographer + Sound, 7min.
- 2020 Business Insider-** Drive-thru Citizenship Ceremonies Become a Solution During the Pandemic.
BI. Distribution Platforms: Facebook Watch and Business Insider.
Cinematographer + Sound + Interviewer, 6min.
- 2019 Barcroft TV (Truly)-** My Dad's Big Boobs and Me
My Trans Life. Distribution Platforms: YouTube, Facebook and Barcroft TV.
Director + Cinematographer + Sound + Interviewer, 7min.
- 2019 Barcroft TV (Truly)-** I Inspired My Parents to be Polyamorous.
Extreme Love. Distribution Platforms: YouTube, Facebook and Barcroft TV.
Director + Cinematographer + Sound + Interviewer, 6min.
- 2018 BBC-** My Inspirational Twin with Down's Syndrome
Living Differently. Distribution Platforms: BBC, YouTube and Facebook.
Director + Cinematographer + Sound + Interviewer, 8min.
- 2018 Barcroft TV (Truly)-** I Swiped Right On Tinder - And Got A Kidney.
Extreme Love. Distribution Platforms: YouTube, Facebook and Barcroft TV.
Director + Cinematographer + Sound + Interviewer, 9min.
- 2018 Barcroft TV (Truly)-** My 300lbs Weight Loss Left Me With 13lbs Of Loose Skin.
Truly. Distribution Platforms: YouTube, Facebook and Barcroft TV.
Director + Cinematographer + Sound + Interviewer, 9min.
- 2018 Barcroft TV (Truly)-** 9-Year-Old Ninja Is 4-Time World Champion.
Kick-Ass Kids. Distribution Platforms: YouTube, Facebook and Barcroft TV.
Director + Cinematographer + Sound + Interviewer, 7min.

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PRESS:

- 2023** “Meet Alexis Duran” | Bold Journey by Stephanie Hernandez, SD Voyager, Summer 2023
- 2022** “Frontera Filmmakers Showcase San Diego Latino Film Festival 2022 Q&A”
Moderated by Adriana Trujillo, Facebook Live/YouTube, Spring 2022
- 2022** “Then & Now SWC Alum: Alexis Duran” by Southwestern College Foundation, Spring 2022
- 2021** “French Exit Q&A | Oakville Festivals of Film & Art 2021”
Moderated by Tyler Collins, Live/Facebook/YouTube, Summer 2021
- 2020** “Frontera Filmmakers Showcase San Diego Latino Film Festival 2020 Q&A”
Moderated by Luis Martinez, Facebook Live/YouTube, Fall 2020
- 2020** “Meet Alexis Duran | Filmmaker/Educator” by Patrick Harris, Shoutout Socal, Summer 2020
- 2020** “Postponed Film Festival Shines Spotlight on Variety” by Isabel Hughes,
The Star News, Spring 2020
- 2020** “Expondrá Alexis Duran el Filme “Bye Luna” en San Diego Latino Film Festival”
by Victor Delgado, ZETA Tijuana, Spring 2020
- 2019** “October Featured Member: Alexis Duran” by Sandi Buehner, San Diego Crew, Fall 2019
- 2019** “Art & Life with Alexis Duran” by Patrick Harris, SD Voyager, Spring 2019
- 2018** “Campus Movie Fest returns to SDSU” by Stephan Early, The Daily Aztec, Fall 2018

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

- 19-24** Sexual Harassment Prevention for Non-Managers (SB1343)- Keenan SafeColleges Training
- 2023** Faculty Hiring Prioritization Training, Southwestern College
- 2022** Snag It Training, Southwestern College
- 2022** CCCAOE: Strengthening Community Through Inclusion and Engagement, Spring Conference
- 19-22** Equal Employment Opportunity and Implicit Bias Training, Southwestern College
- 19-21** Strong Workforce Faculty Institute, *Rethinking the Experience for Retention and Success*.
San Diego & Imperial Community Colleges Regional Consortium, Fall Cohort
- 2021** VoiceThread Training, Canvas - Southwestern College
- 2020** Distance Education Addendum Originator Training- Southwestern College
- 2019** CCCAOE: Making Every Connection Work While Reaching for the Stars, Fall Conference

CERTIFICATES:

- 2024** Sexual Harassment Prevention for Non-Managers (SB1343)- Certificate of Completion
- 2023** FAA Part 107 Remote Pilot Certificate, Federal Aviation Administration
- 2023** The Recreational UAS Safety Test (TRUST) Certificate, Academy of Model Aeronautics
- 2022** Work-Based Learning(WBL) Certificate, Southwestern College
- 2022** Vimeo Expert, Certificate
- 2022** Learn Light & Sound- Zoom F4: Getting the Most from Your Recorder, Certificate
- 2022** Covid-19 Compliance Officer Certificate(Film, TV & Media Sets), Health Education Services
- 2021** Remote Teaching Certificate, Southwestern College
- 2019** Mental Health First Aid USA, National Council for Behavioral Health- Adult Aider Certificate

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SERVICES:

- 19-24 FTMA Club, Faculty Advisor, Southwestern College
- 19-23 College Preview Day Exhibitor (In-person and Virtual), Southwestern College
- 19-23 Diploma Presenter, Southwestern College Commencement Ceremony
- 20-23 Puente Mentor, Southwestern College
- 2023 Meet & Greet ACDM Scavenger Hunt- Southwestern College
- 2022 FTMA Student Film/Video Work(2002-Present), Digital Archivist
- 20-21 FTMA Lab Technician Interim, Southwestern College
- 20-21 Distance Education/Online Learning Addendum, CurricUNET, Southwestern College
- 19-20 FTMA ADT (A.A./A.S.) Transfer Course Map, Jaguar Pathways, Southwestern College

AWARDS / HONORS:

- 2023 Alex Trebek Legacy Fellowship Recipient, Television Academy Foundation's 2023 Media Educators Conference.

GRANTS:

- 2023 Cal Coast Cares Foundation Educator Grant , Awardee, \$1,000
- 2022 Career Education/Strong Workforce Annual Funding Grant, Awardee, \$60,845

GUEST LECTURES / WORKSHOPS:

- 2022 Guest Speaker, Career Panel, Pasadena City College
- 2022 Guest Director, Middle School Day Filmmaking Workshop, Southwestern College/FTMA
- 2022 Guest Speaker, FTMA 163: Introduction to Electronic Media, Southwestern College
- 2021 Guest Lecturer, Exploring Alfonso Cuarón's *Y Tu Mama Tambien*, Virtual Film Discussion, Persian Cultural Center & San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture.
- 2021 Guest Director, Youth Acting Workshop, Arts for a Better Tomorrow & Love Thy Neighbor

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN FILM:

- 2023 1st Annual SWC Summer Drone Workshop, Southwestern College
- 2022 Television Academy Foundation's 2022 Media Educators Conference, Attendee
- 2022 Attendee, Sundance Collab. Master Class: Writing your Documentary Script with Mark Monroe.
- 2022 Attendee, Sundance Collab. Advisor Studio: How to Create a Pitch Deck with Mallory Schwartz and Jessica Devaney.
- 2021 Blackmagic TV Studio Production Training, AbelCine/Southwestern College
- 2019 2nd Annual UASTEP Drone Workshop, Palomar College/Southwestern College

MEMBERSHIPS / AFFILIATIONS:

- 2022- Present Television Academy, Academic Member

LANGUAGES:

English: Speak, Read, Write: Native. **Spanish:** Speak, Read, Write: Fluent.