



# Alyssa Garoogian

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## Education

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**University of Central Florida**  
Emerging Media MFA | August 2017 – May 2020  
Track: Animation and Visual Effects

**Florida Atlantic University**  
Film, Video, New Media | August 2012 – May 2015  
Minor: Studio Art | Graduated summa cum laude

## Experience

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### 2D Animator/Video Editor | The Literacy Architects, LLC | Summer 2020 – Present

- Animate educational tutorials in Vyond for teachers as they organize virtual classrooms
- Correspond remotely with manager in editing and creating animated annotations for live-action video courses

### Jenkins Scholar | William and Alice Jenkins Community Arts Scholars Program | Spring 2019– Spring 2020

Under this art scholarship program provided by the Jenkins family and the University of Central Florida, worked as:

#### Assistant/Lead Teaching Artist | ArtReach Orlando | Summer 2019– Present

- Assist in the education, artmaking, and caretaking of children ages 5 -14
- Develop and execute virtual camps and workshops during the pandemic
- Design and illustrate banners and illustrations for camps/partner programs

#### Animation Workshop Educator | UCF CREATE | Fall 2019– Spring 2020

- Organized after-school animation workshops for local in-need children
- Taught storyboarding and animation of a trailer for an original story or poem, emotive character acting through animation, and an introduction to 3D animation

#### Art & History Education Intern | Art & History Museums – Maitland | Spring 2019– Spring 2020

- Pioneered and taught animation workshops which highlighted both writing/storyboarding and techniques of animation
- Co-designed a mascot character for the Education Department
- Composed the script for and illustrated a program for their Telephone Museum, drafted illustrations for their family guidebook

### Content Writer/Researcher | Grey House Publishing | Summer 2014– Summer 2018

- Remotely performed technical writing duties for *America's Top-Rated Cities* and other reference books; wrote backgrounds on cities within the United States, updated biographies for state politicians, etc.
- Researched and inputted information for reference books published for and distributed to public, university, and special libraries

## Projects

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### Alexander – MFA Thesis Film | Director, Writer/Storyboard Artist, Animator | Fall 2017 – Spring 2020

- Solo-developed an original, three-minute short film
- Collaborated with a composer who created the music for the film
- **Awards:** New York Movie Awards: Best Animation | Hollywood Gold Awards: Silver in Animation | Screen Power Film Festival: Best LGBTQ+ Animated Short Film | Rome International Movie Awards: Best LGBTQ+ Film | Best Global Shorts: Best Musical Short | New York Tri-State Film Festival: Best Animation

### Marching Forward Documentary Film | Character Designer, Animator | Fall 2017 – Spring 2018

- Produced character design work and contributed to look development for the UCF Film Department's documentary film, *Marching Forward*
- Responsible for portions of final animation.
- Collaborated with a small team in creating one cohesive product for our client, Dr. Lisa Mills.

### Transition | Undergraduate Senior Student Exhibition | Spring 2015

- Coordinated and presented undergraduate senior demo reels at the Cinema Paradiso Theater in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.
- Provided artwork for the flyers given out to advertise this event.

## Skills

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### Technical

TVPaint, Storyboard Pro, Final Draft, Adobe After Effects CC, Adobe Photoshop CC, Autodesk Maya, Vyond, Shotgun, Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Google Workspace

### Personal

Planning and development of ideas and projects, technical and creative writing, project organization, meeting deadlines, taking notes, public speaking, customer service and a friendly, goody attitude

## Honors/Activities

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### University

Jenkins Community Art Scholar | First Cohort of Emerging Media MFA – Animation and Visual Effects Program | Presidential Scholarship from Florida Atlantic University | Dean's List - Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2013, Spring 2014, and Fall 2014

### General

Women in Animation | RAD Artist Network | Disney College Program Fall 2015 – Spring 2016