### **ULYA AVIRAL**

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#### **Education**

EMERSON COLLEGE, Boston, MA

December 2017

M.F.A. in Film & Media Art

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, Minneapolis, MN

May 2014

B.A. Double Major: Sociology; Studies in Cinema & Media Culture. Minor: Cultural Studies & Comparative Literature

### **Teaching Experience**

## Adjunct Professor, Critic at Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI:

Present

• Teaching FAV 5116 - Writing for the Screen, Fall 2018

Instructor, GrubStreet, Boston, MA:

Present

• Teaching creative writing and research workshops.

# Adjunct Professor, Community College of Rhode Island, Lincoln, RI:

Present

• Teaching COMM 1050 – Mass Media Foundations, Fall 2018

### Teaching Assistant, Emerson College, Boston, MA

# Rob Sabal (Dean of the School of the Arts), VM 610 Graduate Media Pedagogy

Sept – Dec 2017

- Created rubric based on Fink's taxonomy and evaluated co-curricular syllabi in the VMA Department.
- Researched course materials and assisted graduate level students.
- Critiqued and graded graduate students' assignments and projects.
- Coordinated media production workshop sessions for undergraduate students.

# Diane Lake (Head Writer, Frida 2002), VM 320-02 Writing the Feature Film

Sept 2015 - May 2016

- Taught classes to undergraduate level students.
- As Writer's Research Assistant, investigated information from The Radcliffe College Archives at Harvard for a feature screenplay.
- Catalogued various movies and edited images for publishing *The Screenwriter's Path* with Routledge Press.

# Paul Turano (Interim GPD) in VM 613 Graduate Foundations of Image and Sound Production:

Sept 2015 – Jan 2016

- Guided graduate level students during media production projects.
- Animated, edited, organized VFX for narrative film projects, researched and arranged content for short film.

# Pam Larson (Professor, Experimental Filmmaker):

Jan - May 2015

• Taught classes and workshopped 16mm film development, optical printer and film projector operations to undergraduate level students.

### Filmography (Selected)

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Director, Writer, Producer, Editor	My Nature	USA & Turkey 2018
Director, Writer, Producer, Editor, P. Designer	Shut Your Eyes I'm Gonna Dance	USA & Turkey 2018
Director, Writer, Producer, Editor, P. Designer	Colors Inside	Boston, MA 2016
Director, Writer, Producer, DOP	Semio.Chaosophy	Boston, MA 2016
Actor, Graphic Designer	A House by the Waterfall (Award winning)	Boston, MA 2016
<b>Production Designer</b>	Does A Bear Need Many Glasses? (Award winning)	Boston, MA 2016
Actor	Rise	Boston, MA 2015
Actor	Intro	Boston, MA 2015
Director, Writer, Producer	Frame	Boston, MA 2015
Director, Editor, Animator	#SonyPicturesHack	Boston, MA 2014
Director, Writer, Producer, DOP, Editor, VFX	The Quad	Minneapolis, MN 2014
Director, Writer, Producer, DOP, Editor, VFX	I Am A Man	Minneapolis, MN 2013

# Festival Screenings & Awards

## My Nature, 2018

• Screened at Court Métrage, Short Film Corner at Cannes Film Festival; Paramount Theatre in Boston; Coolidge Corner Theatre in Boston. UFVA *Official Selection*.

#### Shut Your Eyes I'm Gonna Dance, 2018

• Screened at Paramount Theatre in Boston. UFVA Official Selection.

# Colors Inside, 2016

 Official Selection at LA CineFest; Short to the Point; Eye Myth Film Festival. Awarded "Best Colors in a Short Film" at So Free and Limitless Film Festival.

## **Additional Work Experience**

### Creative Assistant at Emerson College:

Present

- Producing, directing and editing Performance Arts Department's fundraising video that seeded \$100,000 and aiming \$1M.
- Coordinating visual effects and design for Writing and Publishing department faculty's promotional videos.
- Installing Raining Poetry for public art by Emerson College.

# Media Producer at Hope For Derin Organization:

Present

- Producing, directing, writing, shooting and editing a short documentary and a crowdfunding video for a \$60,000 campaign.
- Researching archival footage and conducting interviews.
- Consulting for crowdfunding and social media strategies.

## Jury Member at Somerville International Film Festival 2018:

May 2018

• Voting for selected feature and short films for the festival award.

### Voting Panel Member at CILECT PRIZE:

May-June 2018

- Screening documentary, animation and fiction short films coming from the best student filmmakers all around the world.
- Analyzing the form and content of each film and commenting on cinematic approach, narrative, acting and editing style.
- Selecting and voting for the top films in each category.

### Research Assistant, Engagement Lab, Emerson College, Boston, MA

Jan – May 2016

- Cultivated and lead Art to Action, a reading & discussion group about media, arts, culture and civic action for the Emerson Grads and gathered literary, theoretical readings and news articles for the group.
- Graphic designed media content and advertised the sessions.
- Researched and organized data for @Stake game, interviewed participants in NYC.

# Magazine Co-Editor & Writer, Hit International Education Magazine, Ankara, Turkey

Jan - Feb 2010

- Edited magazine's content for publication; revised writers' works.
- Authored "Homesick Olmak ya da Olmamak" about multi-cultural communication and travel experiences.
- Translated articles and advertisements between English and Turkish.

### **Conferences & Seminars**

# UFVA 72<sup>nd</sup> Conference at New Mexico University, Las Cruces, NM

July 2018

- Presented My Nature, 2018 and Shut Your Eyes I'm Gonna Dance, 2018.
- Responded and critiqued short films.
- Attended the conference with School of the Arts, Emerson College funding.

# Cultural Ambassador, Argonne National Laboratory, Lemont, IL

Nov 2008

• Presented Turkish culture; history of Ottoman Empire and the Republic of Turkey; Shared experiences in communication between different cultures.

### **Skills**

Software: Premiere Pro; Final Cut; After Effects; Photoshop; Illustrator; Final Draft; Celtx; Max 6; Unreal Engine; Rsync

Hardware: Cannon C100/300; Sony (A6/A7 series; EX3; F5/F55; FS100/FS700); DSLRs; Arri 535B; Zoom H4N; TascamDR-40

Film: Hand-processing Super8 and 16mm films in both color and BW; Hand-processing 35mm BW; Darkroom printing

Music: 9-year Piano experience; 4-year Drumming experience.

**Languages:** Turkish – Native; English – Advanced reading, writing, speaking; French – Conversational speaking, basic reading and writing