

# DURAN M. JONES

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## EDUCATION

**AFI Conservatory**, Masters of Fine Arts, Producing

*Los Angeles, CA*

- Selected Fellow's Advisory 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

*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

Producer's Assistant, **Apple+ Physical Season 2** | Studio City, CA

*Sept. 2021 - Present*

- Provide administrative and creative support to the producer.
- Organize production activities, assist with the management of the production budget, and participate in all phases of the production process.

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.

CEO and Artist, **BLK MGC Content** | Atlanta, GA

*Apr. 2018 - Present*

- Responsible for the creative development, production, and release of music and film projects.
- Booked performances, produced stage shows, and design/ sell artist merchandise.
- Developed, produced, marketed and promoted short film content.

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 affiliates.

## FILM FESTIVALS/ ACCOLADES

**Hallelujah, Short Film**

*Producer*

- Sundance Film Festival (Official Selection) | Toronto Black Film Festival (Official Selection) | Martha's Vineyard African American FF (Official Selection)

**FIVE, Short Film**

*Writer/ Producer*

- Toronto Black Film Festival (Official Selection)

## LEADERSHIP/ AWARDS

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

*Feb. 2020 - August 2021*

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