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ANNUAL REPORT











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WHO WE ARE

The College of Computing and Digital Media is dedicated to providing students an innovative edge in today's computing, design, and cinema fields. We are a diverse group of notable and award-winning faculty, students, and programs, with specialized areas of expertise that are nationally and internationally recognized. Our curriculum is reflective and responsive to the latest industry trends, technologies, and ideas across the computing and digital media spectrum. Our programs provide real-world experience and global perspectives through national and international opportunities, enabling students and faculty to keep pace with leaders in their field. Chicago is our engine for creation where students can leverage the resources of the city and our broad alumni network to launch careers that have impact and influence. Whether it's computing, design, or cinema, we believe in the power of innovation and know it is at the heart of our students' success.

LETTER FROM THE DEAN

I am pleased to share with you the College of Computing and Digital Media's (CDM) 2017-18 annual report, highlighting the many achievements across our community.

It was a big year.

We began offering five new programs (two bachelor's, two master's, and one PhD) across our three schools, in addition to several new certificate programs through our Institute for Professional Development. We built new, cutting-edge spaces to support these and other programs most notably a 4,500 square-foot makerspace, a robotics and medical engineering lab, an augmented and virtual reality lab, and plans for a cyber-physical systems project lab.

Our faculty continued to pursue their research and creative agendas, offering collaborative opportunities with students and partners. CDM students and alumni were celebrated for their many achievements—everything from leading the winning teams at the U.S. Cyber Challenge and Campus 1871 to showcasing their games at juried festivals and winning national screenwriting competitions.

We encouraged greater research and teaching collaboration, both between our own schools and with units outside CDM. Design and Computing faculty are working together on an NSA grant for smart home devices that considers both software and interface/design, as well as a new grant-funded game lab. One Project Bluelight film team collaborated with The Theatre School and the School of Music while CDM and College of Science and Health faculty joined forces to research the links between traumatic brain injury, domestic violence, and deep games.

It has been exciting and inspiring to witness the accomplishments of our innovative and dedicated community. We are proud to provide the space and resources for them to do their exceptional work.

David Mulle

David Miller, Dean



CDM PROGRAMS

UNDERGRADUATE

Animation **BA/BFA** Computer Science **BS** Computing **B**A Cyber-Physical Systems Engineering BS* Cybersecurity **BS Data Science** BS* Film and Television **BA/BFA** Game Design **BS** Game Programming **BS** Graphic Design BFA Information Systems BS Information Technology BS Math and Computer Science BS Network Engineering and Security BS User Experience Design **BS**

GRADUATE

Animation MAIMFA Applied Technology MS Business Information Technology MS Computational Finance MS Computer Science Technology *JD/MS* Computer Science MS **Creative Producing** *MFA** Cybersecurity MS Data Science MS Digital Communication and Media Arts MA Documentary *MFA* E-Commerce Technology MS Experience Design MA Film and Television MSIMFA Game Design MFA* Game Programming MS Health Informatics MS Human-Computer Interaction MS Information Systems MS Network Engineering and Security MS Product Innovation and Computing MS Screenwriting MFA Software Engineering MS

PHD

Computer and Information Sciences Human Centered Design*

CERTIFICATES

Analytics Governance, Risk Management, and Compliance Project Management

Offered through Institute for Professional Development (IPD):

Advanced SQL Applications in Cybersecurity* Big Data and NoSQL Big Data Using Hadoop **Big Data Using Spark*** Cloud Computing Technologies Data Science for Business Fundamentals of R* Fundamentals of Software Testing* Introduction to SQL* iOS Developer* IPv6 Java Developer Modern Information Technology Modern .NET Web Development* SQL Server Business Intelligence SQL Server Database Administration Technology and Innovation Web Development with JavaScript and HTML5

* New progam in 2017-2018.

BY THE **NUMBERS**

STAFF AND FACULTY IN 2017-2018 -





Jacob Ciocci Assistant Professor in Animation



Assistant Professor

in Computer

Networking



Steven Rubinow Director of Institute for Professional Development in Film/Television and Executive in Residence

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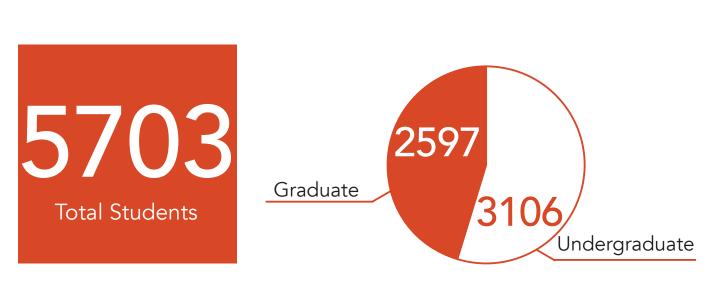
Guy Zimmerman **Professional Lecturer** in Computer Science

Jose Soto Assistant Professor

Assistant Professor in Cyber-Physical Systems Engineering

BY THE NUMBERS continued

STUDENTS IN 2017-2018



Scholarship and Assistantship Funding

\$1,803,674

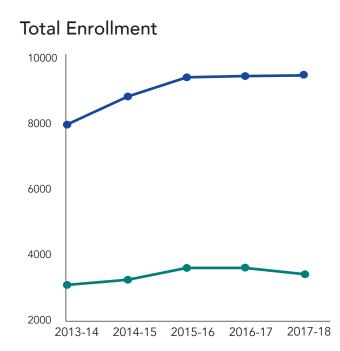
includes CDM-funded scholarships, tuition waiver dollars, and stipends

760

Total New Students

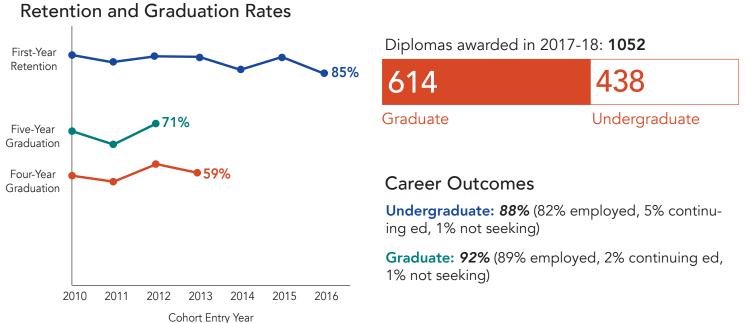
ENROLLMENTS

The College of Computing and Digital Media continues to show growth in both enrollments and head count.



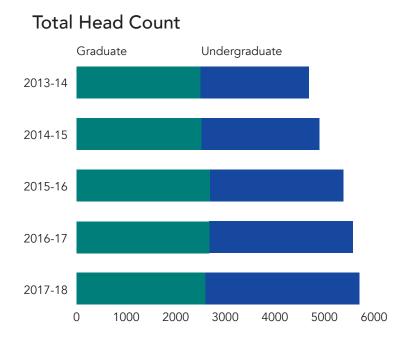
Total enrollment in CDM has increased 16% from Total head count in CDM has increased 22% from 2013-14 to 2017-18, with **undergraduate** showing a 2013-14 to 2017-18, with undergraduate showing a 42% increase and graduate showing a 4% increase. 19% increase and graduate showing a 10% increase.

RETENTION AND OUTCOMES



NEW UNDERGRADUATE DEMOGRAPHICS

	Freshmen	Transfer	% of Total
Women	157	53	28%
Men	365	185	72%
Students of Color	238	123	48%
Out of State Students	172	18	25%



SCHOOL OF COMPUTING

NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR



It's been an exciting year for the School of Computing. Our two newest bachelor's degrees, Data Science and Cyber Physical Systems Engineering, are starting to gain traction and see majors. Our enrollment continues to grow and our

Computer Science programs remain strong; a good indication of the health of our programs overall. As you will see detailed throughout this report, faculty continue to pursue cutting-edge research, students are involved in more things than is probably healthy for them, and the School remains a vital and interesting place. We love hearing what our alumni are up to, and I invite you to drop by or email any time.

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PARTNERSHIPS AND EVENTS

■ We hosted three *Girls Who Code* Campus courses over the summer, offering beginner to advanced courses for girls aged 10-18.

• Our Computer Science Society, a student organization, planned and orchestrated their first annual student hackathon, *DemonHacks*.

■ In April, the DePaul Data Science Group, along with the Chicago Machine Learning Meetup and the DePaul Data Science Center, hosted the first annual *Chicago ML/DePaul University Machine Learning Hackathon*. About 80 people attended the event, with 13 teams taking part in the hackathon. Alumni of the MS in Predictive Analytics degree served as mentors during the event, providing technical advice to each team.

■ Also in April, faculty members Amber Settle and Terry Steinbach hosted 49 high school women from Farragut, Bogan, and Kenwood Academy for a *Women in Computing* event consisting of presentations, a tour, activities in the Idea Realization Lab, and a student panel.

■ We sponsored six undergrad women to attend the *Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing Conference* in Orlando.

FACULTY RECOGNITION

■ Professor Amber Settle was again invited to *keynote the SIGCSE* (Computer Science Education) track at the ACM (Association for Computing Machinery) Turing Celebration Conference in Shanghai.

■ Associate Dean Terry Steinbach was the winner of the *Faculty Entrepreneurship of the Year Award* at the Coleman Center. The award is given annually to a faculty member who has promoted and taught entrepreneurship in their classroom and has been involved with entrepreneurship programs at DePaul. Dr. Steinbach's award was presented at the DePaul Entrepreneurship Symposium at 1871 on January 29.

Assistant Professor Jonathan Gemmell and Professor Daniela Raicu were coauthors on a "best paper award-" winning paper: Grant R., Kucher D., Leon A., Gemmell J., and Raicu DS., "Discovery of Informal Topics from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Forums," The 5th IEEE ICDM International Workshop on Data Mining in Biomedical Informatics and Healthcare (DMBIH), New Orleans, LA, November 18-21, 2017.

Professional Lecturer Mary Jo Davidson received the Assessment Award from the Office of Teaching and Learning.

CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM UPDATES

• Our new *BS in Cyber-Physical Systems Engineering* prepares students to develop and manage cyber-physical systems, often referred to as Internet of Things (IoT).

■ The *MS in Product Innovation and Computing* was launched in the winter quarter. This STEM degree incorporates the innovation and entrepreneurship processes with computer science, allowing students to recognize the broader issues in technology-related problems and understand the business restraints affecting technology. Some coursework for this program is taken from the Kellstadt Graduate School of Business.

• To meet the growing demand for data scientists and data analysts with deep analytical and technical skills who can analyze massive amounts of data and extract information from complex data sources, we developed and began offering the interdisciplinary *BS in Data Science* degree in 2017-18.



including healthcare, disaster response, and space exploration through research and development of next generation cyber-physical systems. Students and faculty in RoME develop tele-operable, MRI-guided/compatible robots to safely carry out intricate surgical procedures in previously inaccessible regions. The student-run Robotics Club also works on a number of research and development projects related to soft and continuum robot technology in the lab.

CYBER-PHYSICAL STEMS ENGINEERING

We launched the BS in Cyber-Physical Systems Engineering degree program, where students learn about engineering systems that integrate physical processes, computation, and control, and learn how networked, smart physical entities are used to manage electric grids and other critical infrastructures, home utilities and appliances, robots, autonomous vehicles, and Internet of Things (IoT) systems.

Dr. Isuru Godage, the first faculty member in the program, is the director of the new Robotics and Medical Engineering Lab (RoME), which strives to be at the forefront of the robot revolution. The lab brings together the expertise of computing and engineering to better meet real-life societal challenges,

SCHOOL OF CINEMATIC ARTS

NOTE FROM THE **DIRECTOR**



Since its inception, the School of Cinematic Arts has been dedicated to training the next generation of visual storytellers. When the program started, we asked ourselves a series of questions: If we were going to school today, what would we want that school to look like?

What courses would be taught? What equipment and facilities would we have? The goal was to create a truly innovative film school for the 21st century. Our accomplishments this past year are the latest answers to these questions in our quest to offer the best film education possible to our students.

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PROGRAM RECOGNITION

• *Variety* named us one of the Best Film Schools in 2018, saying that "DePaul boasts one of the most hands-on programs in the country."

■ *MovieMaker Magazine* listed DePaul as one of their top film schools.

■ *Animation Career Review* ranked our animation program #14 nationally, also ranking our MS program #2 and our MFA program #10 in the U.S.

FACULTY RECOGNITION

Several CDM faculty were featured in *Newcity's* "Film 50 2017: Chicago's Screen Gems." The list includes full-time faculty Anu Rana, Dana Kupper, Susanne Suffredin, Steven A. Jones (also our Producer-in-Residence), and Wendy Roderweiss. Adjuncts include Angie Gaffney (also an alumna) and Anthony Kaufman.

■ American Creed, for which Professional Lecturer Dana Kupper is one of the cinematographers, premiered on PBS. In addition, the Obama Foundation teamed up with American Creed to hold a series of community conversations all across the country about what binds us together as Americans.

Assistant Professor Scott Myers' blog, Go Into the Story, was named the Best of the Best scriptwriting website in Writer's Digest's 20th annual "101 Best Websites for Writers" list. Go Into the Story is the official screenwriting blog of The Black List.

■ James Choi's *Empty Space* is now available on both Amazon and Xfinity.

Chris Parrish's *Thrill Ride* had a 6-day theatrical run at the Woodstock Classic Cinemas and was released worldwide on DVD.

• Assistant Professor Ali Khatami's film *Oblivion Verses* won the Orizzonti Award for Best Screenplay as well as the Fipresci Best Debut and Interfilm awards at the *Venice Film Festival*, the oldest film festival in the world.

CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM UPDATES

• The *MFA in Creative Producing* enrolled its first cohort in the fall of 2017-18. The curriculum offers a specialized education in leadership, marketing, deal-making, development, and line producing for film and television. Some coursework for this program is taken from the Kellstadt Graduate School of Business.

• We ran our first summer *LA Quarter*, specifically for students interested in animation and directing. LA Quarter offers students a unique opportunity to experience the inner workings of Hollywood first hand, living in Los Angeles, taking classes at a historic studio lot, and interning at high profile companies. The program has gone from being offered one quarter per year to all four quarters.

• *"Film in Paris,"* a pilot Study Abroad Program took place in the Spring quarter. Students participating interned at the world-renown Champs-Élysées Film Festival.

■ The *MS in Film and Television* and *MFA in Film and Television Directing* are the newly renamed and revised versions of the MS in Cinema Production and MFA in Cinema. The programs were restructured, resulting in an increase in the number of required credit hours.

CINESPACE SHUTTLE



This summer, we launched expanded shuttle service to and from Cinespace Chicago Film Studios from our Loop campus. The shuttle now makes several departures, Monday through Friday, year-round. Wrapped in "Here, We Do" messages from DePaul's new brand advertising campaign, the shuttle holds 43 passengers and gives students, faculty, and staff increased accessibility to DePaul's soundstages and classrooms at Cinespace.

SCHOOL OF DESIGN

NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR



The School of Design continues to expand our programs and student enrollments. Tea and Consequences, a Friday night board game social event, is a new faculty-student collaboration led by Game Design faculty Anna Anthropy. We continue

our research and interdisciplinary development as highlighted throughout our report. We held a highly successful Graphic Design BFA and Digital Communication multidisciplinary capstone showcase at Lost Arts in Chicago. This report details how the Idea Realization Lab provides a place for learning and makes ventures that extend our amazing research accomplishments, teaching breadth to students and faculty alike throughout the university. Faculty continue to pursue cuttingedge research and students are joining more and more study abroad adventures like the highly popular Game and Animation trip to Japan.

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FACULTY RECOGNITION

■ "Hey! Play! Games in Modern Culture," curated by Associate Professor Brian Schrank and Professional Lecturer LeAnne Wagner, and featuring Game Designer-in-Residence Anna Anthropy, ran from October 20, 2017 through February 17, 2018 at the Chicago Design Museum. The show created an immersive experience spanning game design history since its origins and demonstrating how game design is a medium of self-expression, social change, cybernetic spiritual practice, and formal aesthetics. Students helped to design and build the show.

Associate Professor Doris Rusch's pitch presentation on "Soteria VR - an evidence-based, anxiety-conquering virtual reality experience for behavior change" at the 3rd Annual Innovations in Psychiatry and Behavioral Health: Virtual Reality and Behavior Change conference won the Audience Choice Award.

Five SoD faculty were selected to present at the 12th International Design Principles & Practices Conference, No Boundaries Design, in Barcelona. Assistant Professor Nathan Matteson presented the poster "Geometries of the Sacred and Profane in Lewerentz's St. Peters." Nathan, along with Professor Lee Zelenak and Professional Lecturer Heather Snyder Quinn, also presented a

focused discussion, "Methods for Encouraging Risk Taking in Design Education." Heather presented the poster "Leveraging the SmartPhone as a Teaching Tool," as well. Professional Lecturer LeAnne Wagner and Instructor Jay Margalus ran a workshop titled "Designing for Interaction beyond the Screen."

- Blood Myth, a mobile platformer game developed by Doris Rusch and students in the Deep Games Lab, received a 2018 Serious Play Awards bronze medal.
- Nathan Matteson's company, Obstructures, received the first place award ("other product" category) at the International Design Awards for an aluminum bass guitar design.

Associate Professor Brian Schrank wrote and co-directed with Assistant Professor B Rich *Eye Doctor* of Death, a VR film. Student collaborators from various disciplines have been pivotal in the development of this piece because it combines techniques of game design, film production, visual effects, and audio design in experimental and ground-breaking ways. Other faculty working on this: Brian Andrews, Rob Steel, Joanne Zielinski, and Kahra Scott-James.

CURRICULUM UPDATES

Our *MFA in Game Design*, which launched in **The Princeton Review** included us on both the fall of 2017, is designed for students interested their undergraduate and graduate lists of the in developing games that have considerable Top Schools to Study Game Design in 2018. We social and cultural impact. The degree prepares ranked #17 for the graduate program, #28 for the students to advance the frontier of games by undergraduate program exploring emerging theories and applying them to practice.

■ The new PhD in Human-Centered Design, which we began offering in 2017-18, prepares students to become interdisciplinary scholars who can apply a variety of methodological approaches at the intersection of technology, human behavior, and design.

IDEA REALIZATION LAB



PROGRAM RECOGNITION

Animation Career Review ranked our game design program #7 nationally and #1 in the Midwest in their 2018 list of Top Game Design Schools.

At the beginning of the 2017-18

academic year, our 4500 square foot, student-driven makerspace, the Idea Realization Lab (IRL) first opened its doors to provide the university community with the space, equipment, and guidance to make their concepts a reality. Lab Director Jay Margalus estimates that in its first year, IRL had nearly 10,000 visits.

IRL has every type of creative equipment available, from traditional workshop tools to laser cutters, 3D printers to sewing machines, and also houses two stop-motion animation studios. The space hosts classes and guests and is used by student groups like the Robotics Club and AIGA. While the IRL is primarily used by students and the DePaul community in general, IRL has also undertaken outreach programs with the Chicago Knights, ChickTech Chicago, Makergirl, Caterpillar, and Chicago Public Schools—to name just a few.

WHAT WE'RE DOING

SUPPORTING THE MISSION

Big Shoulders International Film Festival, created by SCA faculty Anu Rana, Rob Steel, Gary Novak, and JoAnne Zielinski, is dedicated to presenting the work of innovative filmmakers from around the world. Its mission is to promote diversity and inclusion by showcasing the work of emerging young voices and unique ways of storytelling. The inaugural festival took place in February of 2018 with the Division of Mission and Ministry as a co-sponsor. The festival will continue annually in February.

Susanne Suffredin's spring Project Bluelight course created a series of social media pieces for the PBS multiplatform series Veterans Coming Home. We partnered with Kindling Group, a documentary production company in Chicago, to create the work.

■ Following the guiding mission at DePaul, *Idea Realization Lab (IRL)*, has

undertaken outreach programs with area nonprofits, institutions of learning, and corporate institutions that includes the Chicago Knights, ChickTech Chicago, Chicago Public Schools, Caterpillar, and Makergirl. In the spring, IRL partnered with Northwestern's Garage and UIC, as well as seven community partners, to host the HACK2IMPACT series, culminating in a weekend-long hackathon for social good.

School of Design faculty LeAnne Wagner and students Theresa Boyle, Nina Keoborakot, Jennifer Lawhead, Eric Sanchez, Eric Swan, and Mark Tangalin partnered with *Magic Wheelchair* to create a costume for a 13 year old boy, Iker, whose muscular dystrophy has confined him to a wheelchair (*above*). The costume, a replica of Mario Kart 8 Deluxe's golden cart, was built in our Idea Realization Lab.

■ We continued our youth programs with the *Chicago Housing Authority*, part of One Summer Chicago. In the summer of 2018, we ran a new program in screenwriting (Movies and TV Scripts 101) that provided students with the skills to write screenplays designed for television and streaming platforms. This summer was also the third year for the documentary filmmaking program and the second year for the program in interdisciplinary design. The program's co-Pls are JoAnne Zielinski and Liliane Calfee, and faculty mentors included Allen Turner, Matt Quinn, James Choi, Michael Flores, and Pamela Sherrod Anderson.

■ As part of our Visiting Artist Series, we screened the documentary *@home*, followed by an on-stage conversation about the current challenges facing the homeless population in Chicago and around the country with Director and DePaul faculty Susanne Suffredin, President/Executive Director of Depaul USA Chuck Levesque, Director of the Institute for Global Homelessness Kat Johnson, and Associate Vice President for Mission Integration at DePaul's Division of Mission and Ministry Scott Kelley.



GLOBAL *LEARNING*

STUDY ABROAD

2017-2018

• Ottawa International Film Festival: This annual program allows undergraduate and graduate animation students to travel to Ottawa, Canada and attend the Ottawa International Film Festival, the largest and most prestigious animation festival in North America. Students attend screenings, industry events, panels, and talks, and meet with animators, critics, and directors from around the world.

• *Atlantis Dual-Degree Program:* Since 2007, the full-year Atlantis program has allowed CDM juniors to take business courses in École de Commerce Européenne in Lyon, France and Linköping University in Sweden. The student is awarded a standard 3-year European bachelor's degree before returning to the U.S., and then, after completing their senior year at CDM, a second bachelor's degree from DePaul.

Documentary Filmmaking in India: This "Beyond Bollywood" program is offered every other December intersession. In the fall, students take DC 370/470 to learn documentary techniques and prepare themselves for the intensive cultural immersion and hands-on workshop. For 3 weeks, students collaborate with an NGO under the guidance of filmmakers located in the heart of Bollywood, and create an original visual media project while exploring the Taj Mahal, palaces and forts of Jaipur, and the abandoned city of Fatehpur Sikri.

• Computer Games and Animation in Japan: Students in this two-week study abroad program, offered every other December intersession, visit game and animation companies in Tokyo, Kyoto, and Nagoya to learn about the processes of crafting culturally significant Japanese entertainment. Students examine how Japanese games/animation/motion graphics have influenced Japanese culture and will visit museums, galleries, cultural centers and other sites to foster meaningful experiences and gather research for their personal projects.

Film in Paris: Students in this program, which piloted this year, study at the Alliance Française and the CEA Paris Center, improving their French and also experiencing the rich culture of life in Paris. They intern at the world-renown Champs-Élysées Film Festival or a French film production company. New in 2018-19, film students will also attend the world-famous Cannes Film Festival.

TO BE OFFERED IN 2018-2019

• China Global Collaborative Software Engineering: Students majoring in a technology-related discipline are offered the immersive and unique opportunity to understand the quickly evolving and innovative Chinese software and IT industries, as well as China's rich history, culture, and modernity. In this two-week long trip, students travel to two of the most symbolic and vibrant cities in China: Shanghai, the commercial and financial hub teeming with technological and business innovations; and Beijing, the political and economic nerve center full of rich history and cultural heritage.



GLOBAL LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Global Learning Experience (GLE) is a collaborative online learning experience in which students gain international experience from their classroom in Chicago by interacting with other students across the globe.

This spring, CDM participated in two GLE programs: *Global Virtual Software Teams* and *Advanced Editing.* Students in Global Virtual Software Teams were taught the fundamentals of software development virtually, alongside students in Brazil, Germany, Mexico, and South Africa. They used an open source development environment, working across time, language, and culture.

In Advanced Editing, DePaul students worked with students at the Academy of Dramatic Arts in Zagreb, Croatia on a feature length film, editing both picture and sound. Participants met via zoom, and were paired up into nine teams, with each team given a portion of the film to collaborate on.

CHAMPS-ÉLYSÉES FILM FESTIVAL

CDM partnered with the acclaimed Champs-Élysées Film Festival (CEFF), bringing a screening of the American and French shorts to the CDM Theater in October. Additionally, SCA students who were part of the Film in Paris study abroad program interned at CEFF while in Paris. The partnership will continue in the 2018-19 academic year.

ENGAGING AND EDUCATING YOUTH

The Chicago Alliance for Equity in Computer Science (CAFÉCS) is a researcher-practitioner partnership between DePaul, Chicago Public Schools (CPS), Loyola University, University of Illinois at Chicago, and The Learning Partnership that supports the *Computer Science for All Initiative (CS4All)* at CPS. The goal of CS4All is to ensure that all CPS high school students take at least one relevant and compelling CS course, and that middle and elementary school children are exposed to computational thinking integrated in other disciplines.

The Principal Investigator (PI) for the project, which is funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF), is CDM Associate Dean Lucia Dettori. Dr. Dettori is also the PI on *Bridges to CS4All*, a collaboration between DePaul, CPS, and the Learning Partnership, to integrate and expand the teaching of computer science in the CPS high school curriculum. NSF has awarded Dr. Dettori over \$2 million between the two grants.

Twice a year, CPS teachers attend a week-long professional development course at CDM that prepares them to teach the Exploring Computer Science course curriculum. These workshops support the development of a cadre of teacher leaders in the professional learning communities that will be formed within the schools, and enable the development of students' computational thinking skills to better prepare them for a full-year CS course.



CHA Documentary Filmmaking Program



Data Science Summer Academy



College Connect course Cybersecurity in Action

• CDM continued our partnership with the *Chicago Housing Authority (CHA)*, facilitating youth programs as part of Mayor Rahm Emanuel's One Summer Chicago. This year, we ran a new six-week program in screenwriting (Movies and TV Scripts 101) that provided students with the skills to write screenplays designed for television and streaming platforms.

This was the third year for the documentary filmmaking program—which introduces teen girls to basic theory, aesthetic, and technical skills required to create a documentary—and the second year for the program in interdisciplinary design. The interdisciplinary design program gives teens the opportunity to express their voices through a tour of tools and media and process that result in interactive experiences, including graphic and game designs.

• Our tenth annual *Game, Cinema and Animation Summer Academy* took place in July. During this week-long program, high school students interested in film/TV, screenwriting, animation, or gaming learn from our accomplished faculty.

■ In June, we hosted an intensive week-long *Data Science Summer Academy* for Chicago Public Schools high school students, allowing them to explore the techniques used to analyze and interpret data and create innovative solutions using digital information. This program was made possible through the Association for Computing Machinery's (ACM) SIGKDD Impact Grant.

■ We hosted three *Girls Who Code Campus* courses over the summer. The program, with classes in Introduction to Computer Science, Website Design and Development, and iPhone App Development, offered beginner to advanced courses for girls aged 10-18. In addition, our Idea Realization Lab hosted a screenprinting and 3D printing workshop for more than twenty girls who participated in the Girls Who Code summer immersion program through Bank of America.

■ CDM carried two courses, "Introduction to Wordpress and Web Development" and "Cybersecurity in Action," as part of *DePaul's College Connect* enrichment program. Through the program, high school students were introduced to collegelevel coursework, college readiness workshops, career exploration opportunities, and diverse cultural experiences.

VISITING SPEAKERS

CDM hosts three guest speaker series: School of Design Talks, Visiting Artists Series, and Research Colloquium. We bring innovative practitioners, breakthrough researchers, and industry professionals to campus for presentations, panels, workshops, and discussions. The events are open to the public and allow both students and visitors the opportunity to have direct and meaningful contact with leaders in their field.

This year's roster includes guests who have worked as design managers at LEGO, screenwriters on critically acclaimed films, and directors of strategic initiatives at tech incubators, to name just a few.

SCHOOL OF DESIGN TALKS GUESTS

Terry Londy, Environmental Graphic Designer How Graphics Play a Role in Your Environment You Are Here (workshop)

Avery Adler, Game Designer Beyond the Hero Form Play & Insight (workshop)

Dr. Kenny McAlpine, Academic Curriculum Manager, Abertay University Scotland Would You Like Chips with That?

Valerie Aurilio, Executive Creative Director, Landor Sacred Brand Expressions

Anne-Sophie Leens, UX Designer and member of the band DOOKOOM Don't be Afraid to Try Something New Experimental Graphics and Intro to VJing (workshop)

Hammer of Zurich National Corporate Identity

Tara Wike, Design Manager, LEGO Stacking Up—Designing for the Builders of Tomorrow

Larry Labiak, Disability Police Officer, Chicago Park District Design and Disability

Adam DelMarcelle, Designer and Adjunct Faculty Design for Social Impact, Design Activism, and the Role of the Graphic Witness Design for Social Impact, Creating Projections with a Graphic Witness (workshop)

VISITING ARTISTS SERIES GUESTS

Sean Baker, Director

Advance screening of The Florida Project followed by an on-stage conversation

Courier 12 Screenwriting Conference

"The State of Streaming Media" with producer David Tochterman "Brown Girls: From the Web to HBO" with producer/director Sam Bailey and cast member Minita Gandhi "On the Black List" with alumnus Tom Dean (The Time Traveler's La Ronde) "On Staff and Working the Room" with writers Jalysa Conway (Grey's Anatomy), Jenna Richman (Designated Survivor), and Sara Tarkoff (Arrow)

"Storytelling in the Digital Era" with Mary Coleman, head of creative development at Pixar Animation studios

John Musker, Director

Screening of Moana followed by an on-stage conversation

Verité Documentary Conference

Screening of Chasing Coral followed by a panel discussion with Larissa Rhodes, Producer, and Mark Crawford, Sound Producer

Conversation with Adam Leipzig, Producer and CEO of Entertainment Media Partners Sound Design Masterclass with Dustin Caewood, Sound Designer, Chasing Coral Editing Masterclass with Davis Coombe, Editor, Chasing Coral Cinematography Masterclass with Kathy Kasic, Cinematographer and Director of Film Arts at Tippet Rise Art Center

Joe Chappelle, Executive Producer/Director, and Colleen Griffen, Writer/Director

Screening of Thieves Quartet followed by an on-stage conversation

Susanne Suffredin, Director and DePaul faculty; Chuck Levesque, President/Executive Director of Depaul USA; Kat Johnson, Director of the Institute for Global Homelessness; and Scott Kelley, Associate Vice President for Mission Integration at DePaul's Division of Mission and Ministry A screening of @home followed by an on-stage conversation about the current challenges facing the homeless population in Chicago and around the country

Big Shoulders International Student Film Festival

Screening of Sing and Edith+Edie followed by an on-stage conversation with the filmmakers, Kristof Deák and Laura Checkoway Screening of fifteen official student film selections

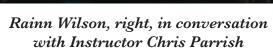
Charles Fairbanks, Filmmaker A screening of Modern Jungle followed by an on-stage conversation

Rainn Wilson, Actor and Producer On-stage conversation

Bo Burnham, Director Advance screening of Eighth Grade followed by an on-stage conversation

Frame-by-Frame Animators Conference

Interview with PES (Western Spaghetti, Fresh Guacamole) Interview with David O'Reilly (Please Say Something) Screening of North of Blue followed by an on-stage conversation with Joanna Priestley Presentation of work and interview with Duarte Elvas (Lead Designer, Sarofsky Corp) Storyboarding panel with Raymie Muzquiz (The Simpsons, Rugrats) Character Animation Masterclass with Brian Ferguson (Character Animator at Disney and DePaul Faculty) Game Artist Panel with Jeff Hanna, Principal Technical Artist at Volition; Aren Voorhees, Technical Artist at NetherRealm Studios; James Mattew Taylor, Studio Art Director at Phosphor Games; and Heinz Schuller, World Artist for Digital DNA Games and DePaul Faculty



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RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM GUESTS

Dr. Jonathan Gemmell, Assistant Professor, DePaul University

Automatic Extraction of Informal Topics from Online Suicidal Ideation

Rami Ghannam, PhD Candidate, DePaul University User-Targeted Denial of Service Attacks

Himan Abdollahpouri, PhD Candidate, DePaul University

Effective Exploration Exploitation Trade-Off in Sequential Music Recommendation

Dr. Jonathan Gemmell, Assistant Professor, DePaul University

Dr. Iyad Kanj, Professor, DePaul University Minimum Constraint Removal Problem

Kim Brown, Global Head of Marketing for GE Renewable Energy Digital, General Electric Women in Technology Keynote Address

Gabe Fils, MS Computer Science Student, DePaul University

The Sciunit: Making Computational Applications Reusable

Dr. Elena Zheleva, Assistant Professor, University of Illinois at Chicago

Data Science in Social Spaces: Incentives, Personalization, and Privacy

Amor Montes de Oca, Director of Strategic Initiatives, 2112

2112: DePaul's Partnered Incubator for Tech Creatives

Sugandha Malviya, PhD Candidate, DePaul University

Analyzing Real-World Queries to Support Requirements Engineering

Joe Chesak, CEO of FABLABS AS and Chief Data Officer at Bolder AS

The Power of Rich Modelling (Capturing Reality as it Exists in the Wild)

Dr. Marjan Mernik, Professor, University of Maribor

Formal and Practical Aspects of Domain-Specific Languages: Recent Developments

Adam Trowbridge, Assistant Professor, DePaul University

Divergent Interdisciplinary Research: I Wanted to Teach Designers about Security and Privacy, so I Went to Work for the NSA

Benjamin Grosser, Assistant Professor, University of Illinois

Less Metrics, More Rando: (Net) Arts as Software Research

Priya Deshpande, PhD Candidate, DePaul University

An Integrated Database and Smart Search Tool for Medical Knowledge Extraction from Radiology Teaching Files

Mariam Asad, PhD Candidate, Georgia Tech

Prefigurative Design: Exploring an Alternative Model for Civic Engagement

Dr. Amiangshu Shekhar Bosu, Assistant Professor, Southern Illinois University

Scalable Static Program Analysis Techniques to Secure Android Marketplace

Jessa Dickinson, PhD Candidate, DePaul University

Inclusion of Residents from Underserved Communities in City Technology Planning

Mark Diaz, PhD Candidate, Northwestern University

Addressing Age-Related Bias in Sentiment Analysis

Dr. Jason Hartline, Associate Professor, Northwestern University

Peer Grading and Mechanism Design

Dr. Angus Forbes, Assistant Professor, University of California Santa Cruz *Creative and Critical Data Visualization*

Keith Bessarud, AIA-Licensed Architect and Co-Founder of SpaceBot

Socio-Spatial Analytics in the Built Environment

Dr. Kristen Schilt, Associate Professor, University of Chicago

Dr. Patrick Jagoda, Associate Professor, University of Chicago Gaming Orientation: Alternate Reality Games as Cultural Intervention

Dr. Nicholas Diakopoulos, Assistant Professor, Northwestern University Algorithmic Accountability Reporting

Blase Ur, Assistant Professor, University of Chicago

Better Passwords through Data-Driven Methods

Dr. Dabaleena Chattopadhyay, Assistant

Professor, University of Illinois at Chicago Thinking about Affordances to Design Intuitive, Interactive Systems

Sandra Gesing, Assistant Professor, University of Notre Dame

Science Gateways: Technology-Enhanced Research Under Consideration of Usability and Sustainability

FACULTY GRANT FUNDING

3% 5% Internal (\$106,815) Nonprofit/ **Foundations** (\$152,449) 5% **Private** (\$160,121)

2%

State (\$69,830)



Federal (\$2,589,956)

\$3M+

EXTERNAL GRANT FUNDING

Graphical Front-End Development Project Continental Automotive Systems PI: Adelakun, Olayele

Product Analytics and Visualization Proof of Concept Bosch Pl: Adelakun, Olayele

Allstate Roadside Services Mobility SDK Proof of Concept Allstate Insurance Company PI: Adelakun, Olayele

Email Parser and Logger Computer Discount Warehouse (CDW) PI: Adelakun, Olayele

Computational Support for Reading Chicago Reading Hathi-Trust Research Center Pl: Burke, Robin

Bridges to CS4All National Science Foundation PI: Dettori, Lucia

Chicago Alliance for Equity in Computer Science (CAFÉCS) National Science Foundation PI: Dettori, Lucia

Analysis of Mobile Application Technology in Support of Violence Prevention Efforts Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority Pl: Erete, Sheena

Analyzing Violence Prevention Mobile Application McCormick Tribune Foundation Pl: Erete, Sheena

Design and Development of a Violence Prevention Mobile Application Polk Bros. Foundation Pl: Erete, Sheena

Small: Collaborative Research: A Modular Approach to Robot Systems National Science Foundation Pl: Godage, Isuru

Summer Academy in Data Science for High School Students

Association for Computing Machinery PI: Mobasher, Bamshad Co-PIs: Dettori, Lucia; Raicu, Daniela; Settimi-Woods, Raffaella

National Infrastructure for Standardized and Portable HER Phenotyping Algorithm National Institutes of Health Pl: Montague, Enid

Dynamic Allocation of Autonomy for Human-Robot Teams Office of Naval Research Pl: Montague, Enid

Artist Grant: Copperdog Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE) Pl: Rani, Anuradha

CyberOperatons RangE (CORE): Scalable and Lightweight Platform for Cybersecurity Education through Gaming National Security Agency Pl: Sharevski, Filipo Co-Pl: Labruyere, Jean-Philippe

AspireIT National Center for Women & Information PI: Steinbach, Theresa

Codex Design Foundations American Institute of Graphic Arts (AIGA) Co-PIs: Westbrook, Jessica and Trowbridge, Adam

Documentary Filmmaking Program Chicago Housing Authority

PI: Zielinski, JoAnne Co-PI: Calfee, Liliane

Interdisciplinary Design Program

Chicago Housing Authority PI: Zielinski, JoAnne Co-PI: Calfee, Liliane

Screenwriting Program

Chicago Housing Authority Pl: Zielinski, JoAnne Co-Pl: Calfee, Liliane

INTERNAL GRANT FUNDING

Eye Doctor of Death - Virtual Reality (VR) Short Film

CDM Collaborative Grant Co-PIs: Andrews, Brian; Duffield, Travis; Liberacki, Eric; Paritsi, Savvas; Schrank, Brian; Scott-James, Kahra; Steel, Rob

First Dance (Oh Baby): Post-Production and Film Festival Funds

DePaul University Research Council Pl: Artes, Meghann

Production Line Animated Film

DePaul University Research Council PI: Bell, Devin

Designing Systems and Human-Centered Interventions to Prevent Poor Birth Outcomes and Experiences for Culturally Diverse Women in Chicago CDM Collaborative Grant Co-Pls: Erete, Sheena and Montague, Enid

Untitled Property Tax Documentary DePaul University Research Council PI: Flores, Michael

Using Predictive Analytics and Data Visualization to Enable and Enhance Learning Support Roles for Educators CDM Collaborative Grant Co-PIs: Gemmell, Jonathan; Nacu, Denise; Raicu, Daniela

Securing and Enhancing Regional Gang Database

DePaul University Academic Initiatives Pool PI: Heart, Karen

Ensuring Curricular Alignment with Emerging Trends

DePaul University Quality of Instruction Council Pl: Matteson, Nathan Co-Pls: Quinn, Heather and Zelenak, Lee

The Exact Stretch Factor of Delaunay Triangulations

DePaul University Research Council PI: Perkovic, Ljubomir

Recommending Interactive Technologies for Autism DePaul University Research Council Pl: Putnam, Cynthia

New Program Development in Virtual Reality

DePaul University Academic Initiatives Pool PI: Rich, B Co-PI: Andrews, Brian Supporting: Brian Schrank

Traumatic Brain Injury and Domestic Violence

DePaul University Academic Initiatives Pool PI: Crabtree-Nelson, Sonya (College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences) Co-PIs: Kozlowski, Dorothy (College of Science and Health) and Rusch, Doris (College of Computing and Digital Media)

A Technology to Improve Deaf/Hearing Communication

DePaul University Academic Initiatives Pool PI: Wolfe, Rosalee



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Jose Soto (Writer/Television Series Developer) Broadcast Distribution (2018), Univision Broadcast Distribution (2018), Televisa

Art(es) Vida

James Choi (Writer/Director)

Best 60 Second Short Film (2017), Chicago International Film Festival Official Selection (2018), Millennium Park Summer Film Series

Audition for Death

Brian Zahm (Director/Cinematographer/Editor) Official Selection (2017), Girona Film Festival Official Selection (2017), Monaco Charity Film Festival

Banana Season

James Choi (Producer), Sanghoon Lee (Writer/Director) Official Selection (2018), Bentonville Film Festival Official Selection (2018), Lighthouse International Film Festival

Bernadette

John Psathas (Producer/Writer), Patrick Wimp (Producer/Writer/Director of Photography) Best Comedy, Best Ensemble, and Best of Fest (2018), Twister Alley Film Festival Official Selection (2018), Cleveland International Film Festival Official Selection (2018), Julien Dubuque International Film Festival

Burnt

Devin Bell (Writer/Director/Producer)

Cartoon Brew Pick of the Day (2018), Cartoonbrew.com Official Selection (2017), Ciné Jeune International Film Festival Official Selection (2017), Dam Short Film Festival Official Selection (2017), TIFF Kids International Film Festival

Counting

Daniel Pal (Producer/Director)

Best Drama (2017), Chicago International REEL Shorts Film Festival Audience Choice: Best Romantic Short Film (2017), OutWest Film Fest Official Selection (2017), NewFest: New York's LGBT Film Festival Official Selection (2017), Reel Affirmations: Washington DC's International LGBTQ Film Festival

Cranky

Chris Kalis (Sound Designer)

Commissioned MTV Artist Ident with international broadcast (2018), MTV World Creative Studios

A selection of the recognition and screenings faculty films received in 2017-18

FACULTY FILM RECOGNITION

Cry It Out

John Klein (Writer/Director)

Official Selection (2017), Indy Film Fest Best Actor: Timmy Hart Barron (2017), NOLA Horror Film Festival Official Selection (2017), NOLA Horror Film Festival Best Actor Nomination: Timmy Hart Barron (2017), Nightmares Film Festival

Deducked

Chris Kalis (Composer)

Official Selection (2018), Malt Adult Animation Screening Series Official Selection (2018), Kinemastik International Film Festival Staff Pick (2018), Vimeo

Different This Year

Meghann Artes (Director), Anna Hozian (Writer), Eric Liberacki (Director of Photography) Official Selection (2017), Austin Comedy Short Festival Official Selection (2018), Silver Lake Film Festival Official Selection (2018), In the Bin Film Festival Featured Director (2018), SHOOT's 16th Annual New Directors Showcase

Empty Space

James Choi (Director/Producer/Editor)

Best Feature Film (2017), Chilliwack Independent Film Festival Official Selection (2018), Beloit International Film Festival Theatrical Distribution in South Korea (2018), cMovie Distribution on XFinity OnDemand, iTunes, Amazon Prime (2018), Cow Lamp Films

Every Ghost Has an Orchestra

Shayna Connelly (Director), Savvas Paritsis (Post Consultant)

Best Documentary Short (2018), Big Muddy Film Festival Best Documentary Short (2017), Middle Coast Film Festival Official Selection (2018), Palm Springs International ShortFest Official Selection (2018), Sydney Underground Film Festival

Gardening at Night

Shayna Connelly (Writer/Director), Wendy Roderweiss (Producer) Best Short Screenplay (2017), Milwaukee Women's Film Festival Official Selection (2018), Tally Shorts Official Selection (2017), Third Eye Festival Curated Traveling Show Official Selection (2017), Proxy Act Film Festival

Heartless James Choi (Producer/Director/Co-Writer) Distribution (2018), Shorts TV

Hope for Change James Choi (Producer)

Official Selection (2017), Black Harvest Film Festival

I. An Actor

Brian Zahm (Director/Editor)

Official Selection (2017), Antimatter Film Festival Official Selection (2017), Barcelona Film Festival

Industrial Accident

Shayna Connelly (Director/Producer)

Audience Award (2018), Chicago Underground Film Festival Official Selection (2018), Chicago Underground Film Festival Official Selection (2018), Fantasia Film Festival Official Selection (2018), NorthWest Fest

It's Just a Gun

Dan Klein (Writer)

Official Selection (2017), Telluride Film Festival Winner: Dramatic Fiction (2018), Taos Shortz Film Fest After Hours Award (2018), Copa Shorts Film Fest Best Student Short Film, SCAD (2018), Savanna Film Festival Best Student Short Film (2017), Breckenridge Film Festival

The Kaleidoscope Guy at the Market

Michael Flores (Editor)

Nominee: Audience Award for Documentary Short (2018), Dances with Films Festival

Lavette's Choice

Naghmeh Farzaneh (Animation Director)

ACLU Campaign for Smart Justice short documentary Finalist (2018), Tribeca Film Festival

Le Nu/The Nude

Brian Zahm (Director/Writer/Cinematographer)

Official Selection (2017), Montevideo World Film Festival Official Selection (2017), Chicago/Paris Sister Cities Film Exchange

Lives: Visible

Peter Biagi (Cinematographer) Premiere (2017), Gene Siskel Film Center

Love Means Zero

Michael Flores (Editor) Official Selection (2017), Toronto International Film Festival/TIFF

Official Selection (2017), IDFA Film Festival Official Selection (2018), True/False Film Fest Winner: Best Documentary (2018), Cleveland International Film Festival

Marquee Brian Zahm (Director/Writer)

Official Selection (2017), Millennium Park Summer Film Series

Nominee: Best Documentary Feature (2017), Camden International Film Festival

FACULTY FILM RECOGNITION

My Atari Christmas

Chris Parrish (Writer)

Vitruvian Award for Best Screenplay (2018), DaVinci Film Festival First Prize: Family Genre (2017), Hollywood Now Film Festival Award of Excellence: Screenplay (2017), Hollywood Now Film Festival Screenplay Competition Finalist (2018), Pasadena International Film Festival

No Small Matter

Peter Biagi (Cinematographer)

Screening (2017), Gene Siskel Film Center

Nostalgic

Ron Eltanal (Writer/Director/Editor), Dana Hodgdon (Producer), James Choi (Cinematographer)

Official Selection (2018), International Film Festival for Environment, Health, and Culture (IFFEHC)

Oblivion Verses

Alireza Khatami (Writer/Director)

Best Screenplay, Horizon Competition (2017), Venice International Film Festival Fiprescie Award for Best Debut Film (2017), Venice International Film Festival InterFilm Award for Promoting Interreligious Dialogue (2017), Venice International Film Festival CANVAS Award (2018), MOOV Film Festival Young Jury Award (2017), Festival des 3 Continents

Orders

Eric Marsh (Co-Director), Andrew Stasiulis (Writer/Co-Director), Chris Kalis (Composer) Official Selection (2017), Kaunas International Film Festival

Official Selection (2018), Nobudge.com

Other People's Children

Anna Hozian (Co-Writer/Co-Director), Brad Riddell (Co-Writer/Co-Director), Ron Eltanal (Editor), Savvas Paritsis (Editor/Post Production Supervisor), Nick Schmidt (Co-Producer), Susan Suffredin (Editor), Robert Steel (Composer), Brian Zahm (Cinematographer/Co-Producer)

Best International Series (2018), Pilot Light TV Festival Bronze Medal (2018), DC Webfest Official Selection (2018), Melbourne International Web Fest Official Selection (2018), Seattle International Film Festival Official Selection (2018), Vancouver Webfest Daily Pick (2017), Stareable

Paper Beast

Dan Klein (Writer/Director/Producer)

Official Selection (2018), Dances with Films

Pond Life Teasers

Amy Lockhart (Animator/Creator)

Commissioned bumper (Spring 2018), Adult Swim Television Network Commissioned bumper (Summer 2018), Adult Swim Television Network

Scent of Geranium

Naghmeh Farzaneh (Writer/Director)

10 Best Short Films from 2017 (2017), National Geographic Finalist (2017), CINE Golden Eagle Official Selection (2017), KLIK Amsterdam Animation Festival Winner: Best Student Film (2017), World Festival of Animated Films Youth Jury Award (2017), Chicago International Children's Film Festival Staff Pick Premier (2017), Vimeo

Silicone Soul

Michael Flores (Editing Consultant)

Official Selection (2018), Thessaloniki Documentary Festival (TDF)

Sleepy Steve

Meghann Artes (Writer/Director/Animator), Robert Steel (Composer)

Official Selection (2018), Echos of Eco Official Selection (2017), MAR Museum: Best of Funcinema Exhibition

- Official Selection (2017), Moving Image, Sound and Things (MIST)
- Official Selection (2017), Roanne Animation Short Film Festival, Ciné Court Animé

Snake Bomb

Chris Kalis (Producer)

Official Selection, Films in Competition: Animation (2018), Ann Arbor Film Festival Official Selection, Malt Adult (2018), Columbus International Film Festival

Speed Dating

Meghann Artes (Writer/Director), Robert Steel (Composer) First Place People's Choice Award (2018), 12 Films with Heart: West Australian Fringe Festival Official Selection (2018), Shortcutz Brazil Official Selection (2018), Women in Focus FilmFest

Official Selection (2017), Moving Image, Sound and Things (MIST)

Ten More

Brad Riddell (Writer/Director), Shayna Connelly (Producer), Ron Eltanal (Editor), Savvas Paritsis (Editorial Consultant/Post Supervisor), Robert Steel (Supervising Sound Editor)

Best Picture (2017), Elgin Short Film Festival Best Screenplay (2017), Milwaukee Shorts Festival Official Selection (2017), Charlotte Film Festival Official Selection (2017) San Francisco International Short Film Festival Official Selection (2017), Tallgrass Film Festival

Thrill Ride

Chris Parrish (Writer/Director), Angie Gaffney (Producer), Peter Biagi (Cinematographer)

Worldwide distribution on home media platforms (2017), Gravitas Ventures Best Science Fiction/Fantasy Feature Film (2017), Burbank International Film Festival Best Director (2018), North Hollywood CineFest Best Feature Film (2017), Gen Con Film Festival

FACULTY FILM RECOGNITION

Quiver

Shayna Connelly (Director), Brian Andrews (Visual Effects Supervisor), Kahra Scott-James (Sound Designer)

Best Cinematography (2018), Cinepocalypse Best Horror Film (2018), Berlin Short Film Festival Honorable Mention (2018), International Horror Hotel Official Selection (2018), Athens International Film + Video Fest

Sparrow Duet

Steve Socki (Director)

Official Selection (2017), 300 Seconds Short Film Festival Official Selection (2017), Vionaria International Short Film Festival Official Selection (2017), World Animation Celebration Official Selection (2017), Insomnia International Animation Festival Official Selection (2017), Teknochat Film Festival

Stage 4

Wendy Roderweiss

Official Selection (2018), Auckland International Film Festival

Trap

Kahra Scott-James (Writer/Sound Designer)

Official Selection (2018), New Zealand International Film Festival Official Selection (2018), Palm Springs International Animation Festival, USA

Welcome to Unity

Anuradha Rana (Cinematographer)

Broadcast Distribution (2018), Amazon Prime Broadcast Distribution (2018), Cow Lamp Films Broadcast Distribution (2018), Indie Flix Broadcast Distribution (2018), Vimeo Streaming

Where it Floods

Joel Benjamin (Writer/Director)

Best Animated Short (2017), Sydney World Film Festival Best Animated Film (2017), Midwest International Film Festival's Best of the Midwest Grand Feature Competition (2017), Animafest Zagreb, Croatia Official Selection (2018), Anima Brussels Animation Film Festival Official Selection (2018), Animac International Film Festival of Catalonia Spain

Yours is Not the Taj Mahal

Shayna Connelly (Director)

Official Selection (2018), The 2018 Film and Video Symposium Official Selection (2017), The Artists Forum: Festival of the Moving Image Official Selection (2017), Collected Voices Film Festival Official Selection (2017), South Short Connect Arts Festival

FACULTY

Akiyoshi, Shiro, "Nuclear Club." Studio Kura Gallery, Itoshima City, Fukuoka, Japan. (2018).

Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL. (June 2018 - October 2018).

London, UK. (April 2017 - Present).

Center for Art and Politics at the New School, New York, NY. (October 2016 - Present).

Anthropy, Anna A., "Triad." Tickle My Computertois, Lady*Fest, Kassel, Germany. (September 2017).

2018 - May 2018).

Anthropy, Anna A., "Herding Cats." Dunlop Art Gallery, Regina, Canada. (January 2018 - April 2018).

Andrews, Brian C., "Elevator Studio." Queens Museum, New York, NY. (April 2018 - May 2018).

Evanston, IL. (February-March 2018).

Ciocci, Jacob G., "Difference Engine." Lisson Gallery, New York, NY. (June 2018 - 2018).

Ciocci, Jacob G., "One Of Those Days." Stavanger, Norway. (July 2017 - August 2017).

Ciocci, Jacob G., "Forever, Fornever." pin E. M. Bannister Art Gallery, Providence, RI. (October 2017).

EXHIBITIONS

- Anthropy, Anna A., "Queers in Love at the End of the World." I Was Raised on the Internet, Museum of
- Anthropy, Anna A., "Queers in Love at the End of the World." Now Play This, London Games Festival,
- Anthropy, Anna A., "Queers in Love at the End of the World." Unplay: Action, Affect, Attention, Vera List
- Anthropy, Anna A., "A Decade of Game Design." Museum of the Moving Image, New York, NY. (February
- Barcy, Lisa, Puppet Designer, "Journey to the Sun: A Sci-Fi Cartoon Circus." Cabinet of Curiosity Events,
- Ciocci, Jacob G., "Investment, Casting." Jacob G Ciocci, Los Angeles, CA. (September 2017 October 2017).
- Lockhart, Amy E., "Sluice Art Fair, London, UK." Amy Elisabeth Lockhart, London, UK. (September 2017).

FACULTY EXHIBITIONS

STUDENT AND ALUMNI ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Matteson, Nathan; Hall, Matt; Johnson, Brian, "Sonorefest: Festival de guitare de Montréal." Montréal, Quebec, Canada. (September 2017).

Quinn, Heather, "MFA Semester 3 Pin Up Exhibition." Vermont College of Fine Arts, Montpelier, VT. (April 2018).

Quinn, Heather, "LoveHateLeave." Vermont College of Fine Arts, Montpelier, VT. (September 2017).

Roberts, Scott D., "Chicago Art Book Fair." Chicago, IL. (November 2017).

Roberts, Scott D., "Small Press Expo." Bethesda, MD. (September 2017).

Rusch, Doris, Invited presenter and juror. Gotland Games Conference, Sweden. (May 2017).

Schrank, Brian; Wagner, LeAnne (Co-Curators) and Anthropy, Anna A. (Artist), "Hey! Play! Games in Modern Culture." Chicago Design Museum, Chicago, IL. (October 2017 – March 2018).

Schrank, Brian, "Bishop's Game." Gaming Installation, Hunt and Peck: Alternative Expressions of the Keyboard, Video Game Art Gallery, Chicago, IL. (2018).

Schuller, Heinz W., "Death Toll Game." Digital DNA Games, released on Steam. (April 2018-Present).

Trowbridge, Adam, and **Westbrook, Jessica**, "Future Artifact: Creative Tech Week." New York, NY. (May 2018 - June 2018).

Trowbridge, Adam, and **Westbrook, Jessica**, "Plot Device." Activatar on the Apple App Store. (January 2018-Present).

Turner, Allen, "Battles:SS3 Post-Butoh Festival." Featured Performer. (2017).

Wilber, Dolores, "MAKE AMERICA DYSTOPIAN AGAIN." Group Exhibition, Response: NO, and presentation Always Will Be, Visible Cultural Association, Madrid, Spain. (July-August 2017).



add objects with voice recognition, using the UrhoSharp Xamarin cross-platform new 3D game engine.

PhD students Badar al Lawati and Redar Ismail led the winning team at the annual *Campus 1871 competition* hosted by 1871. The team also included James Valles (MS CS) and Aramide Kehinde (MS Data Science), and their business model and pitch for their startup, Refugee, took first place over teams from several Chicagoland universities.

■ MS Data Science student Sierra Sellman was a 2018 finalist for the *Women in Technology (WIT) Leadership Award.* She was interviewed on Federal News Radio about her work as a data scientist at the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency and leveraging cloud systems for government capabilities.

■ The games FoolVille (developed in GAM 368 Augmented Reality Game Design and Development) and That Blooming Feeling (developed in the game capstone) were jury-selected to show at the *Bit* Bash game festival.

STUDENTS

Cybersecurity student Shannon Linares and Information Assurance alum Marco Alonzo were part of the winning team at the 2017 US Cyber Challenge Competition. Additional CDM students qualified and competed in the challenge, many placing in the top 5 teams.

• Our Computer Science Society student organization planned and orchestrated its first annual student hackathon, *DemonHacks (left)*. There were 115 participants from at least five different states. Six sponsoring companies provided several thousand dollars in prize money.

PhD student/CDM development student worker Redar Ismail, along with a team of three others, won first prize at the *BuiltWorlds Hackathon* at mHUB. The team developed an app for the Microsoft HoloLens to scan spaces and

STUDENT AND ALUMNI

ACCOMPLISHMENTS continued

Eight School of Computing students (Ian Burke, Paula Grzybowicz, Roshan Jamkatel, Iryna Lemeha, Sean Ruffatti, Chenjie Sang, Katherine Wagner, Isra Zidan) were recognized by *Illinois Technology Foundation's "Fifty for the Future"* as the tech industry's best and brightest students.

■ DePaul's AIGA chapter were awarded the *Student Boost Grant* for their proposal "Design for the Adaptive Athlete Initiative."

School of Design students Josh Miller and William Ngo *designed the winning shirts* for DePaul's Division of Mission and Ministry campaign to bring awareness to the ethical implications of the fast fashion industry. Both shirt designs were printed by Alta Gracia and are available for purchase in DePaul bookstores.

■ MFA Film and Television student Will Schneider's script "Ageusia" won this year's short *Bluecat Screenplay Competition.*

MFA Game Design student Trynn Check's VR game Unboxed was accepted into The Big Indie Fest
 @ ReVersed in Vienna, Austria.

ALUMNI

MFA Screenwriting alum Robert Riley's thesis screenplay, "The Man from the Deep" made it to the 2017 Academy Nicholl Fellowships' Top 50 Screenplays list. There were over 7100 feature screenplay submissions from 78 countries. This fellowship is well-known and extremely competitive.

■ Jibran Ilyas, Network Engineering and Security alum and youngest managing director at Aon's cybersecurity business Stroz Friedberg, was named one of *Crain's "40 Under 40."*

■ MFA Cinema alum and adjunct Joel Benjamin (*Where it Floods*) and BA Digital Cinema alumna Savannah Cannistraro (*The Good Work*) won best animated film and best editing, respectively, at the Midwest International Film Festival's *Best of the Midwest Awards*. Both films were created while Joel and Savannah were students.

• *Code-Switched*, a Chicago-made webseries by Cinema alumnus ('17) Karan Sunil was profiled as a webseries to watch in 2018 by the Chicago Reader. Karan was also hired as a writer's assistant on the upcoming Ava DuVernay-produced CBS series *The Red Line*.

MS Cinema alumnus ('15) Rubin Daniels Jr. was an editor on Steve James' America to Me miniseries, which world premiered at Sundance and is now on Starz.

Alumna Charlotte Pence, daughter of VP Mike Pence, has a new book, *Marlon Bundo's A Day in the Life of the Vice President*. Charlotte was featured in several media outlets discussing how Marlon was first procured for one of her films while a student at DePaul.

MS Cinema alumna Melisa Resch's project "The Line" was selected to be part of the AT&T Hello Lab with Lena Waithe. She will be mentored by COMMON.

CDM IN THE NEWS

July 12 | RogerEbert.com "CHA documentary program empowers future filmmakers" Liliane Calfee

July 17 | Chicago Tonight, WTTWOct. 9 | ASC magazine"How a Controversial Chicago Astronomer Influenced
'Close Encounters'""Stacy Steers: The Edge of Alchemy"
Robert SteeleMark O'ConnellRobert Steele

July 21 | AMA Wire "Video-game developer says med ed should go outside the box" Jay Margalus

July 27 | Indie Wire "Venice announces 2017 lineup, including 'The Shape of Water,' 'Suburbicon,' 'mother!,' and many more" Alireza Khatami

Aug. 31 | Variety "House of Fire boards 'Under the Sun,' 'Family Tree,' 'Overgod' (Exclusive)" Alireza Khatami

Sept. Edition | *The Hearing Journal* "Virtual reality: The next frontier of audiology" Rosalee Wolfe

Sept. 1 | *Cineuropa* "Imagination helps us navigate reality" Alireza Khatami

Sept. 5 | *HollywoodChicago.com* "Podtalk: Brian Zahm on 'Marquee' at Chicago's Millennium Park Film Series" Brian Zahm

Sept. 13 | *Chicago Tribune* "'SNL,' Soviet artists and the dead highlight fall museum season" Brian Schrank

Sept. 20 | *The Wrap and SF Gate* "Top 50 Film Schools of 2017 Ranked, From USC to Full Sail" CDM DePaul ranked No. 36.

Sept. 24 | *Chicago Tribune* "6 finalists screened at Elgin Short Film Festival" Brad Riddell, Robert Hemlich, Conlon Taaffe Sept. 24 | Newcity "Film 50 2017: Chicago's Screen Gems" Steven A. Jones, Angie Gaffney, Dana Kupper, Anuradha Rana, Wendy Roderweiss, Susanne Suffredin, Cinespace Film Studios Chicago

Oct. 20 | *WBEZ Chicago* "Chicago Professor Alireza Khatami's Film 'Oblivion Verses' Draws Global Buzz" Alireza Khatami

Oct. 20 | *Chicago Reader* "Chicago Design Week's best events" Brian Schrank, LeAnne Wagner

Oct. 27 | *ABC 7 Chicago* "DePaul Students Create Halloween Costume for Elgin Boy in Wheelchair" LeAnne Wagner, Students

Nov. 1 | *Chicago Tribune* "Putting video games on gallery walls" Brian Schrank

Nov. 27 | *Chicago Sun-Times* "Rogers Park's Lucas Jade Zumann takes fantasy trip in 'Thrill Ride'" Christopher Parrish

Nov. 30 | *CLTV Chicago* "WGN Radio: The Steve Cochran Show" Christopher Parrish

Dec. 2 | *HollywoodChicago.com* "Podtalk: Brad Riddell & Anna Maria Hozian of Web Series 'Other People's Children'" Anna Hozian and Brad Riddell

Dec. 7 | *Chicago Tribune* "DePaul profs create series zinging parent-teacher conferences" Anna Hozian and Brad Riddell

Dec. 14 | HollywoodChicago.com "Podtalk: Presenting the Film 'Step' on Dec. 16, 2017" Liliane Calfee

CDM IN THE NEWS

Dec. 17 | 91.5 WBEZ Chicago (WBEZ-FM) "It's All Fun And Games: Exhibit Explores The Culture Of Gaming" Brian Schrank

Dec. 20 | *Chicago Tribune* "Stop-motion animator uses humans and it's hilarious and amazing" Meghann Artes

Jan. 8 | Chicago Tribune "At DePaul, creating video games for social good" Doris Rusch

Jan. 8 | Chicago Tribune "Deep Games Laboratory" Doris Rusch

Feb. 16 | *American Banker* "Banks' underground data vault is evolving -- will it use blockchain next?" Steve Rubinow

Feb. 22 | *HollywoodChicago.com* "Film News: DePaul University's Big Shoulders International Student Film Fest on Feb. 16 & 17, 2018" College of Computing and Digital Media

March 7 | *ABC7 Chicago WLS* "Women in film production doubles at DePaul University" Dana Kupper, Casey Autey, and Lauren Simpson

March 7 | *ABC7 Chicago WLS* "DePaul video games reflect social struggles" Doris Rusch

March 8 | MedPage Today "Losing the 'Therapeutic Gaze'" Enid Montague

March 13 | *Psych Central* "Mix of Some Personality Traits May Up Risk of Compulsive Social Media Use" Hamed Qahri-Saremi

March 17 | *Medical News Today* "Unlocking the personality of a social media addict" Hamed Qahri-Saremi *April 10* | *Healthline* "What Healthcare Info Facebook and Other Tech Companies Have on You" Jacob Furst

April 16 | HollywoodChicago.com "Podtalk: Brian Zahm on 'Tea Party' at Chicago's Sound of Silent Film Fest on April 14, 2018" Brian Zahm

April 25 | *Variety* "Entertainment Education Report: The Best Film Schools in 2018" College of Computing and Digital Media

May 1 | *Chicago Tribune* "CHA teen girls film documentaries, find power in Chicago's difficult truths" Liliane Calfee

May 1 | *Mashable* "'God of War' shows how far the video game industry has come... and how far it has to go" Anna Anthropy

May 2 | Newsradio 780 Chicago (WBBM-AM) Liliane Calfee

May 4 | *Chicago Tribune* "Second City, DePaul offer comedy filmmaking degree" Gary Novak

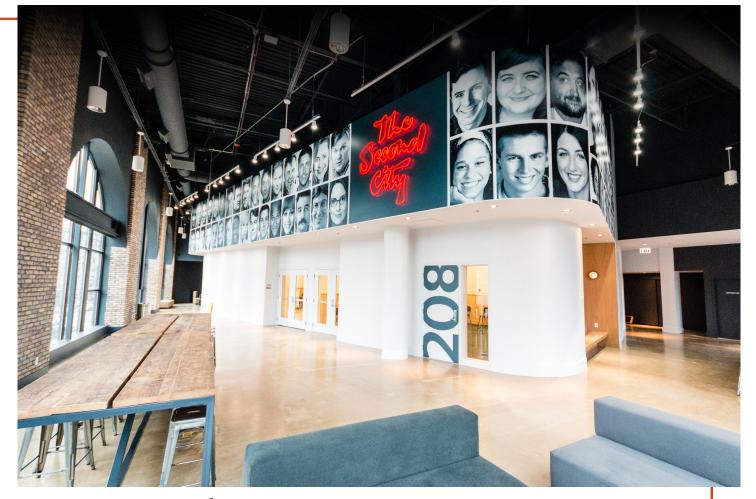
May 10 | *Chicago Tonight, WTTW* "DePaul Students Develop Video Games to Trigger Empathy, Understanding" Doris Rusch

May 19 | RogerEbert.com "Chaz Ebert interviews Gary Novak at Cannes" Gary Novak

May 24 | Cartoon Brew "Inaugural Frame-by-Frame Animation Conference Has Amazing Lineup of Guests" CDM Animation Program/Visiting Artists Series



PREVIEW



In collaboration with The Second City, the School of Cinematic Arts will begin offering graduate and undergraduate degrees in comedy filmmaking in the Fall of 2018. The master's concentration in Comedy, housed within our MFA Screenwriting program, is the only terminal degree of its kind. The concentration in Comedy Filmmaking, part of our BFA Film and Television, will be the most comprehensive undergraduate comedy filmmaking degree in the country.

Students take classes at both The Second City and DePaul. These innovative programs will enable students to develop their own comedy voice and original material through a methodology honed over decades by The Second City. Upon completion of either degree, students will have in hand a rich portfolio of original scripts and films to help best prepare them for a career in the industry following graduation.

The Physical Computing Lab was recently transformed into a full-fledged electronics and robotics lab, ready for use during the 2018-19 academic year. Now the Cyber-Physical Systems Engineering Project Lab, the space is equipped with three state-of-the-art electronic benches consisting of professional grade multimeters, digital function generators, a digital oscilloscope, and PCs; mobile/rover robots; "educational" robot arms; and an "industrial" robot manipulator. The CPSE Project Lab is directed by Isuru Godage and Ljubomir Perkovic.

Our new-in-2018 Virtual and Augmented Design Lab (VAD), directed by School of Design faculty Brian Schrank, is now open on the Concourse Level of the DePaul Center. VAD will host classes and projects to research and develop experimental games on emerging platforms. The lab supports multiplayer, room-scale AR/VR gamedev and is equipped with Microsoft HoloLenses, HTC Vives, headsets with hand and foot trackers, and Oculus Rifts.



Faculty Allen Turner and Will Myers received an Academic Growth Initiative Fund to create a new DePaul Game Studio, which will be an interdisciplinary lab that brings together game artists, designers, engineers, sound designers, and producers to work together in an ongoing large studio experience. Yearly data builds and content packs will be released for public consumption and as a resource for future classes. This will be an actual game studio, producing and publishing work that will be shipped to more publicly visible platforms, like Steam, Xbox, PS4, and Switch.

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