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CURRICULUM VITAE

Gemini Award | Dr. Liss Jeffrey Graduate Award | Alan Shepard Equity Diversity & Inclusion Award | ECI Curriculum Innovation Gant | Ontario Graduate Scholarship 2020/19/18/17 | Edward S. Rogers Sr. Graduate Fellowship 2020/19/18 | Nova Scotia Cultural Innovation Fund 2018 | Telefilm Drama Fund | Banff/Quebecor Fellowship | RBC Immigrant Diversity and Inclusion Project Award 2019 | National Film Board's Reel Diversity Award | York/TMU Doctoral Scholarship Award | Yeates School of Graduate Studies Fund | TMU Graduate Award 2020/19/18/17/16/15 | E-20 Reelworld Festival Mentorship Award | Canadian Independent Film & TV Award | SSHRC

• EDUCATION:

PhD, York-TMU Joint Communication and Culture MFA w/Distinction, Documentary Media, TMU University Entrepreneurial Zone Participant – Transmedia Zone, TMU Level 1&2: SEDA Certification - Learning & Teaching in Higher Education

• CURRENT & RECENT EMPLOYMENT

- 2024 Assistant Professor, Teaching Stream, UTSC, University of Toronto
- 2024 Professor RTA180 The Creative School, TMU (400 Undergrads)
- 2024 CERC in Migration, TMU: Research Fellow
- 2024 Professor CRTA180 The Chang School, TMU (66 Undergrads)
- 2023 CERC in Migration, TMU: Where We Stand (18 Grads Across Canada)
- 2023 Professor RTA957 The Creative School, TMU (30 Undergrads)
- 2023 Professor RTA180 The Creative School, TMU (200 Undergrads)
- 2022 Professor RTA180 The Creative School, TMU (200 Undergrads)
- 2022 Professor CRTA180 The Chang School, TMU (65 Undergrads)
- 2022 Professor RTA180 The Creative School, TMU (200 Undergrads)
- 2022 CERC, Immigration & Integration, TMU: Under the Tent (20 Grads Across Canada)
- 2021 CERC, Immigration & Integration: i am... (28 Grads- Across Canada)
- 2022 Lead Researcher CERC, Immigration & Integration: Under the Tent
- 2022 Lead Researcher CERC, Immigration & Integration: i am...project
- 2022 Researcher/Producer Canadian Midwives of Colour History Project
- 2020 Researcher/Creative Producer w/Dr. Mehrunissa Ali, School of Early Childhood Studies

• CURRENT RESEARCH

- 2024 World premier unites Indigenous, non-Indigenous artists in Brantford
- 2021 In the Wake of Time: Virtual Live-Documentary navigating the Zoom Revolution
- 2020 Performing the Documentary: Expanding the Cinematic Frame to a Live Experience
- 2020 CERC, Immigration & Integration: I AM Digital Storytelling Research Project Lead
- 2020 Canadian Midwives of Colour History Project w/Dr. Karline Wilson-Mitchell
- 2020 Syria was Once a Beautiful Country, Research w/Dr. Mehrunissa Ali
- 2019 SSHRC Funded: The Humanities Research Group & Live Doc Project w/Kimberly Nelson,
- 2018 Mothers of the Disappeared: 150 days of protest in Kilinochchi, Sri Lanka
- 2017 We see the promised land: the diaspora within Life in the IDP camps in Jaffna, Sri Lanka

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2016 Strange Cargo: Tamil Refugees and the Transformation of a Resurrected Lifeboat

• PUBLISHED WORKS:

- Sundar Singh, Cyrus. "Brothers in the Kitchen: a multidisciplinary look at migration through live-documentary" in *India Migration Report 2023*, edited by S Irudaya Rajan. Routledge New York 2024
- Sundar Singh et al. "i am: circular questions of identity" In *Canada Watch* <u>Revisiting Canada in Conversation: Crisis Challenge, and Change</u>, Robarts Centre for Canadian Studies, York. Spring 2022)
- Sundar Singh, Cyrus. "Lines in the Sand: A Triptych of Resistance," in *Our Voices, Our Story 2022*
- Sundar Singh, Cyrus. "Floating to the Lure of the Promised Land." In *Finding Refuge in Canada: Narratives of Dislocation,* edited by George Melnyk and Christina Parker. Edmonton: Athabasca University Press, June 2021.
- Sundar Singh Cyrus. "How We See: The Colourizing of Race," in *Gnosis a Journal of Philosophy*, Concordia University in Montréal Québec. Upcoming August 2020.
- Sundar Singh Cyrus. "Reflections on the 2nd International Conference on Tamil Nationhood and Genocide in Sri Lanka," *Canadian Network on Humanitarian History*, 2018 http://aidhistory.ca/
- Sundar Singh Cyrus. "Collective Camera: Reflections on the Journey to Here," *Rough Draft, The Transmedia Zone*, 2018 https://medium.com/@cyrusmedia1/collective-camera-29d1e5df6d0d
- Sundar Singh Cyrus. "Is That a Camera Phone in Your Pocket? A Documentary Manifesto," in *Function Magazine 18*, edited by Megan Keenan. TMU University: Toronto (2015)
- Sundar Singh Cyrus. "Chains of Freedom," in *Filling in the Blanks: Essays on Art, Media and Culture*, edited by Michele Clarke and Don Snyder. TMU University: Toronto (2014) p135
- Sundar Singh Cyrus. "Soldat du Fortune," in *Filling in the Blanks: Essays on Art, Media and Culture*, edited by Michele Clarke and Don Snyder. TMU University: Toronto (2014) p297
- Sundar Singh Cyrus. "I am NASAA," in *Filling in the Blanks: Essays on Art, Media and Culture*, edited by Michele Clarke and Don Snyder. TMU University: Toronto (2014) p21
- Sundar Singh, Cyrus. "A City of Nations: Toronto's Multicultural Transformation in The Late Twentieth Century," in *VOX 2013/14*, edited by J. Barbara Rose. Woodsworth College, University of Toronto online publication (2014) p135 http://www.wdw.utoronto.ca/index.php/news/vox_v
- Landry MD, Sundar Singh C, Carnie L, Stephenson F, Hill A, Hill C. Spinal cord injury rehabilitation in post-earthquake Haiti: The critical role for non-governmental organizations (NGOs). Physiotherapy 2010; 96: 267- 268.
 - http://www.physiotherapyjournal.com/article/S0031-9406(10)00115-X/references

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CONFERENCES: KEYNOTE & SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS - International/National/Local

• KEYNOTE:

- Singh Singh, Cyrus. "Where We Stand." Gala w/Mi'kmaq Youth, Liscombe Lodge, Nova Scotia Special Presentation with inBusiness. In Person. June 15, 2023
- Singh Singh, Cyrus. "i am...Project Lesson Plan." Speaker Series: Voices from the Field Special Presentation w/Council of Ontario Directors of Education (CODE)
- Singh Singh, Cyrus. "*i* am...Project Lesson Plan." *Peel ESL/EDL Secondary Conference* Special Presentation with CERC, Migration. Virtual. December 8, 2022.
- Singh Singh, Cyrus. "I Am NASAA: How Colour, Culture, and Curry Intersect My Academics." *Grad Talks Special Presentation* at The Catalyst, TMU University. October 24, 2019.
- Sundar Singh, Cyrus (Author/Keynote). "How We See: The Colourizing of Race," *ACMS*, University of Toronto, March 27, 2019. https://utscacmsa.wordpress.com/
- Sundar Singh, Cyrus (Author/Keynote). "Africville in Black and White," *The Africentric School*, TDSBToronto, January 30, 2019. https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/africentricschool/
- Sundar Singh, Cyrus (Author/Keynote). "How We See: The Colourizing of Race," *Intersections*| *Cross-sections: Imagining Identity* York University, Toronto, March 10, 2017. http://www.iscs-conference.com/

• SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

- 2024 August: *Following the Notes from Africville to Emancipation to the Door of No Return* at the 162nd EMANCIPATION FESTIVAL Speaker's Corner, Grey Roots Museum and Archives Owen Sound, Ontario. August 2024. A multimedia presentation of my academi-creativec journey.
- 2024 May: Learning and Teaching Conference at TMU Presenter
- 2024 May: Cape Breton University: Digital Storytelling Workshop Producer and Presenter Online
- 2024 May: CERC in Migration Annual Conference, Presenter/Convenor
- 2024 May: Arts of the Indian Ocean, International Conference UoT Tri-Campus. Presenter
- 2024 May: University of Washington Cinema & Media Studies Graduate, Invited but Declined
- 2024 April: Messages to Ancestors: Multimedia Happenin' & Live Tour from Gorée Island, Senegal In collaboration with The Harriet Tubman Institute, York U and The Ontario Black History Society at University of Toronto, Scarborough.
- 2024 March: Research Gym at CERC in Migration
- 2024 February: One Land Two Hearts: Where WeStand World Premieres 8 creative projects premiered at Pier 21, Halifax, NS and Woodland Cultural Centre, Brantford, ON with CERC in Migration at TMU 2024 World premier unites Indigenous, non-Indigenous artists in Brantford
- 2024 February: d'Art & Soul of Letting Go: When, Where, How, and Why do you use it? Centre for Spectatorship and Audience Research, Queen's University
- 2023 December: *Across the Universe-City*, short film world premiere produced in collaboration with the Employees with Disabilities Community Network at Toronto Metropolitan University.
- 2023 October: Dakar, Sénégal. Research on Africa and its Diasporas (Université York, Canada/York University, Canada), in collaboration with L'Institut Supérieur des Arts et des Cultures (Université Cheikh Anta Diop, Sénégal),

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- 2023 September: "Floating to the Lure of the Promised Land," International Live Journalism Festival, *Stitched*, The Catalyst, TMU. https://www.torontomu.ca/the-catalyst/residents/offices/stitched/
- 2023 September *Emancipation2Africville*: *Triptych of Resistance* Video, Photo, MOBA: Mapping Ontario's Black Archives, Toronto, Canada.
- 2023 August: 161st EMANCIPATION PICNIC, *Speaker's Corner*, special guest Grey Roots Museum and Archives Owen Sound, Ontario.
- 2023 July: 20th IMISCOE ANNUAL CONFERENCE, *Immigrant integration, social participation and inequalities*, CERC Researchers Workshop Presentation. Warsaw, Poland.
- 2023 June: CATR Conference Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia:
- 2023 June: Reinventing the Stage. University de Montreal, Quebec
- 2023 June: CONGRESS: York University, Toronto
- 2023 May "The Narratives of Migration: Between Politics and Policies" *Roundtable on Migration and Mobility Narratives in the Arts.* CERC Migration Annual Conference 2023, Toronto/Virtual
- 2023 March: University of Johannesburg, South Africa. "Digital Migration Studies": Methodological Considerations and Reflections about the Use of Multimedia and Storytelling in Knowledge Creation. Virtual Presentation
- 2022 December 'Across the University' as part of International Day of Persons with Disabilities

 Preview of short film preview produced in collaboration with the Employees with Disabilities

 Community Network (EwDCN) at TMU.
- 2022 November "d'Art & Soul of Letting Go: When, Where, How, and Why do you use it? *Parallaxes Navigating Perspectives in Research-Creation an* Un-Conference, SORCE, TMU/York U
- 2022 August "Floating to the Lure of the Promised Land," *Destinations And Departures An Interdisciplinary Graduate Conference*. Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS August 11-13
- 2022 April "Survival: Reggae Sound-Documentary time Machine," Live-Doc Presentation @ Intersections | Cross Sections Conference, TMU-York Online Conference, Toronto.
- 2021 October "Ohh Canada: Navigating-Hyphen," Metropolis Canada's 4th Annual Forum on Measuring Identities entitled Multiculturalism @50: Diversity, Inclusion and Eliminating Racism. Online.
- 2021 July The Birth Talks Podcast S7E3: Canadian Midwives Of Colour
- 2021 April "*Dogs, Gods, and City Hall,*" Live-Doc Presentation @ Intersections | Cross Sections Conference, TMU-York Joint Graduate Online Conference, Toronto.
- 2020 June "Floating to the Lure of the Promised Land," *FSAC Congress 2020*, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario. 25th (Cancelled & Rescheduled for 2021)
- 2020 June "Dogs, Gods, and City Hall," *FSAC Congress 2020*, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario. 25th (Cancelled & Rescheduled for 2021)
- 2020 April "Dogs, Gods, and City Hall," *Second Annual Social Justice Summit* at Lakehead University, Thunder Bay, Ontario. (Cancelled & Rescheduled for 2021)
- 2019 December: "The Idol of Belief," Future Communications Conference, York University
- 2019 November: "Blind Faith: The Idol of Belief," Flash Symposium, The Catalyst, TMU
- 2019 March: "The Camera Cannot Lie," *Intersections*| *Cross-sections: Versus* York University and TMU University, Toronto.
- 2019 February: "Floating to the Lure of the Promised Land," *Transgressions*, 25th Annual McGill

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English Graduate Conference, McGill U, Montreal. https://mcgillconference.wordpress.com/

- 2018 December: "The Extra-linguistic: Research Creation as Methodology," *Future Communications Conference*, York University, Toronto, Ontario.
- 2018 August: "Under the Tent," *WC2 Toronto 2018 Symposium: Migration & the City University*, TMU University, Toronto. http://wc2network.org/activities/2018-toronto-symposium/2018
- May: "How We See: The Colourizing of Race," *White Privilege Conference Global:* TMU University, Toronto. https://www.ryerson.ca/wpc-global/
- 2018 May: "Film Club," National Film Board of Canada, *White Privilege Conference Global:* TMU University, Toronto, May 9, 2018. https://www.ryerson.ca/wpc-global/
- 2018 May: "Floating to the Lure of the Promised Land," @Congress 2018 w/the Canadian Network of Humanitarian History, University of Regina, Saskatchewan.
- 2018 May: "God in a Selfie" @Congress 2018 w/Canadian Communications Association, Congress 2018, University of Regina, Regina Saskatchewan
- 2018 May: "Floating to the Lure of the Promised Land," *Conflict, Commemoration and Displacement*, Scotia Bank Contact Festival, Toronto.

 https://www.scotiabankcontactphoto.com/2018/symposium/ryerson-university-image-arts-build-ing-conflict-commemoration-and-displacement
- 2018 May: "Dogs, Gods, and City Hall," *Learning and Teaching Conference* TMU University, https://www.ryerson.ca/lt/programs/conference/
- 2018 March: "Strange Cargo" @Underhill Colloquium for Carlton University, Ottawa.
- 2018 February: "Strange Cargo" @Rundle-Summit for U of Alberta and U of Calgary, Banff, Alberta.
- 2017 November "Human Library for Digital Workshop" *Canada Council for the Arts and the Ontario Arts Council*, Annette Mangaard, V-Tape, 401 Richmond.
- 2017 July: Special Guest Lecturer Ponjesly College of Engineering, Tamil Nadu, India.
- 2017 May "Africville: Dogs, Gods, and City Hall" *Mikinaakominis* | *TransCanadas: Literature, Justice, Relation* Hart House, University of Toronto.
- 2017 February: "Research-creation and Public Intervention," *Critical Methods in Technoculture* York/TMU at TMU University, Toronto.
- 2016 March "Performing the Documentary," *Verging Technologies*, York School of Media Arts and Design at Beit Zatoun, Toronto.
- 2016 February: "Brothers in The Kitchen," *Graduate "Un-Colloquium"* TMU & York Universities at York University, Toronto.
- 2015 October: "Imagining Canada's Future" SSHRC funded research-creation, York-TMU, Canadian Association of Graduate Studies, Calgary, Alberta
- 2015 Aug: "The Ties that Bind: TMU & Witwatersrand," *World Cities/World Cultures WC2* City University, London. London, UK.
- 2015 July: "Music & the Moving Image," *Inaugural Jamaica Film Festival Marley Museum*, Jamaica.
- 2015 May: "Africville in Black and White: How a National Historical Site and Memorial Park has reignited racial hatred in a Canadian city" *Critical Topography* Trent/TMU Universities.

• INSTALLATIONS:

2023 <u>Emancipation2Africville</u>: Triptych of Resistance Video, Photo, MOBA: Mapping Ontario's Black Archives, Toronto, Canada.

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2021 <u>Emancipation2Africville</u> : Video, Photo, Live-Doc Presentation (a) Intersections Cross Section	ns		
Conference, TMU-York Joint Graduate Online Conference, Toronto.			
2020 Folding Dozuki, author. Art and Poetry Exhibition, The Arts & Letters Club, Toronto			
2020 Emancipation2Africville: a Story of Two Black Communities, Black Cultural Society of PEI.			
Video, Photo, Live-Doc Presentation, City Cinema, Charlottetown, PEI			
2019 Emancipation2Africville in Africville: A Spirit that Lives On-A reflection Project			
Video and Photo Installation, Mt. St. Vincent University Art Gallery, Halifax, NS			
2018 picture this Video Installation @ Art in Colour, Gallery 310, School of Image Arts			
Producer/Director/Writer/Performer, TMU University, Toronto			
2018 foot[age] Video Installation World Cities World Cultures Symposium, TMU U, Toronto			
https://www.ryerson.ca/news-events/news/2018/08/toronto-at-ground-level/			
2018 Under the Tent: Stories from the Village, World Cities World Cultures Symposium, Toronto			
Live Performance Installation TMU University, Toronto			
2018 Safe Haven: A musical exploration of the cultural gifts brought by refugees to baroque Europ	e.		
w/Tafelmusik - Live Performance Installation w/Tamil Lifeboat, Jeanne Lamon Hall,			
Trinity-St. Paul's Centre, Toronto. January 18, 19, 20, 21, & 23, 2018			
2017 Strange Cargo: this time the lifeboat will carry their stories in commemoration of World			
Refugee Day Live Performance Installation, June 20, 2017 TMU University, Toronto			
2015 – 2017 <i>foot[age]</i> , Video Installation, 20 th Anniversary, BATA SHOE MUSEUM, Toronto			
Filmmaker/Writer https://vimeo.com/122533330			
• SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND ARTIST RESIDENCIES:			
Guest Lecturer, Live Journalism Class, RTA TMU, April w/Soynya Fatah			
Guest Lecturer, Doc Studies II, IMA, TMU, April w/Blake Fitzpatrick			
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Workshop Presenter @yDocs, Center for Leadership and Innovation			
2021 Artist-in-Residence – TDSB VIRTUAL SCHOOL, May.			
Guest Lecturer, Doc Studies II, IMA, TMU, April w/Blake Fitzpatrick			
2021 Artist-in-Residence – TDSB VIRTUAL SCHOOL, March.			
Guest Lecturer @ York University. Dept of Communications w/Kevin Dowler			
Guest Lecturer @ Woodsworth College, UofT, Academic Bridging Program, Toront	0.		
2019 Artist Talk @ The Catalyst, FCAD, TMU University			
Guest Lecturer @ York University. Dept of Communications w/Shirley Roburn			
Guest Lecturer @ Centennial College. Media Writing Course w/Eroll Nazaretth			
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In the Belly of the Cargo Ship: TamilBoat'86 Reunion, St. John's Newfoundland			
2016 Africville in Black and White @ 154 th Emancipation Picnic, Owen Sound, Ont.			
Workshop Presenter@ yDocs, Center for Leadership and Innovation			

Artist-in-Residence - Winston Churchill Collegiate,

Artist-in-Residence – Winston Churchill Collegiate,

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Collective Camera: Youth media mentorship initiative, St. James Town, Toronto

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2014	Artist-in-Residence – Winston Churchill Collegiate,
	Artist-in-Residence @ Harbord Collegiate for Asian Heritage Month
	Artist Talk @ Centennial College. Journalism Course w/Eroll Nazaretth
2013	picture_this installation @ The Royal Ontario Museum Video/Music/ installation
	Event Producer @ Regent Park Focus, Inaugural FundraiserVideo/Music/
	Artist Talk @ Centennial College. Script Writing Workshop w/Eroll Nazaretth
2012	Artist Talk on Limestone Sustainability & Art @ The Mabin School, Toronto.
	Mega Quarry/Limestone/Junior Kindergarten to Gr 6
2011	Artist Talk @ The Mabin School, Toronto. JK - Gr 6 Sustainability/Tree Planting
2010	Artist Talk @ The Mabin School, Toronto. JK - Gr 6 Solar/Pedal Powered
	Concert/Introduction to Dynamo Power
2009	Documentary Film Workshop @ Gr 6 Students @The Mabin School, Toronto.
2008	Tamil Studies Conference, Artist/Presenter, University of Toronto
	Spoken Word/Music/Performance
2007	Dig Deep @ York University, Toronto. Spoken Word Performer

• COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS:

- 2021 Tamil Boat '86 35th Anniversary w/MP Gary Anandasanagree & Canadian Tamil Congress
- 2021 Tri-Community Collaboration: St. James Town, Thorncliffe Park, and Flemingdon Park
- 2020 TIFF & Toronto Film and Media Seminar (TFMS) Committee Member, Panel Chair
- 2020: Hot Docs Advisory Board; member since 2017
- 2020: Regent Park Focus President & Chair, Board of Directors, Regent Park, Toronto.
- 2018: "Emancipation2Africville," *35th Africville Reunion*, my ongoing research is instrumental in connecting and convening the historic meeting between the communities of Emancipation, Owen Sound, Ontario and Africville, Nova Scotia during the Africville Reunion from July 2-0-30, 2018, in Halifax, Nova Scotia
- 2018 Collective Camera @ the Trans Media Zone (TMZ), TMU: Founder and Creative Head of a Tri-Community/Campus Trans-Media Partnership Between St. James Town, TMU U and Jarvis Collegiate, TDSB a multimedia collaboration capturing the 5-year Trillium Funded transformation of Toronto's St. James Town's Collective Impact Initiative. Currently Incubated at the TMZ, TMU
- 2017 TMU /York President, Board of Directors, Communications & Culture Grad Students' Asso.
- 2017 HotDocs Canadian International Documentary Festival Artist Advisory Board
- 2017 St. James Town Member Steering Committee Collective Impact Strategy
- 2016 Tamil Heritage Month: Member Advisory Committee MP Gary Anandasangaree, Ottawa and the Canadian Tamil Congress (CTC), Toronto.

MEMBERSHIP & AFFILIATIONS:

- 2023 Artistic Advisory Committee Hot Docs Film Festival
- 2023 Board Member, Film and Media Studies Association of Canada
- 2020 Member The Arts & Letters Club of Toronto.
- 2020 Member, Documentary Organization of Canada (DOC): Active member www.doctoronto.ca
- 2020 Member, Film Studies Association of Canada (FSAC) http://www.filmstudies.ca/
- 2019; Hot Docs Artist Advisory Committee

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2018 Toronto Film and Media Seminar @TIFF

2018 Member, Canadian Communications Association (CCA)

2018 Member, Associate: Canadian Network of Humanitarian History (CNHH).

THE ACADEMY OF FILM AND TELEVISION: Member of several juries for the Gemini Awards TORONTO ARTS COUNCIL: Member of the Board of Directors and Committee Co-chair - 6 years THE ONTARIO ARTS COUNCIL: Member of various juries for Arts Council grants

• SELECTED AWARDS & GRANTS / FUNDING:

Film Club – Documentary

• Gemini Award – The Canada Award & NFB Reel Diversity Award

Mashalá - Documentary

- Special Mention in TV and Film Category & 2010 Jewish Eye Film Festival, Ashkelon, Israel *Moving Day* Short Film: Gennie Winner/Gemini Nominated Short-Film Composer *Twisted Sheets* Short-Film: Gemini Winner Best Short-Film & Nominated for Composer *Painted Nation* Documentary
 - Canadian Independent Film and Video Fund Production grant
 - Broadcaster development & production funding (Vision TV & Bravo!)

Goodnight Freddie - Dramedy Series

- CTV Development Financing
- Cogeco Development Financing
- Telefilm Development Financing

Strange Cargo- Documentary

• Broadcaster development Financing (OMNI)

Salaam Shalom: The Jews of India – Documentary

- 1st Prize 7th Annual Jewish Video Competition, Judah L. Magnes Museum, Berkeley CA
- Gold Plague Intercom International Communications Film and Video Competition, Chicago.
- Silver Award, Worldfest Houston International Film Festival
- Honourable Mention, Chris Awards, Columbus International Film & Video Festival
- Rogers Documentary Fund, Grant Recipient "Salaam Shalom: The Jews of India"
- ➤ E-20 ReelWorld Film Lounge
- ➤ BANFF/QUEBECOR, Fellowship
- > HOTDOCS Documentary Film Festival, Mentorship Program Recipient
- > CIFVF Grant Recipient, "Painted Nation"

IN THE PRESS:

2024:

- 1. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ladBf]RIX-c
- 2. https://www.torontomu.ca/content/dam/phd-media-design-innovation/curriculum/23-24_design-innovation-phd.pdf
- 3. World premier unites Indigenous, non-Indigenous artists in Brantford

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- 4. https://www.voutube.com/watch?v=SX6daTlX86k
- 5. https://www.cbc.ca/news/indigenous/where-we-stand-newcomers-indigenous-1.7122819
- 6. https://www.newcanadianmedia.ca/world-premieres-bring-together-indigenous-and-immigrant-voices-in-canada/

2023:

- 7. https://www.yorku.ca/research/tubman/reflections-on-the-harriet-tubman-institutes-international-conference-in-dakar-senegal/
- 8. 'The journey continues to be amazing'
- 9. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cdesDfXGO7c_vGzBkgthxVWnLYifVveI/view
- 10. https://www.torontomu.ca/news-events/news/2023/12/human-rights-disability-justice/
- 11. Roundtable on Migration and Mobility Narratives in the Arts

2022:

- 12. https://www.thestar.com/sponsored_sections/new-canadian-connections/finding-identity-as-a--hyphenated-canadian-.html
- 13. <u>Telling stories of identity and multiculturalism through film Research and Innovation Toronto Metropolitan University (torontomu.ca)</u>
- 14. Finding identity as a 'hyphenated Canadian'

2021:

- 15. <u>How a daring rescue off N.L. waters 35 years ago created a generation of Tamil</u> Canadians | CBC News
- 16. https://www.thebirthtalks.com/podcast
- 17. https://www.ctvnews.ca/video?clipId=2234709
- 18. https://www.canadaboundimmigrant.com/canadian-experience/short-films-provide-a-uni que-window-into-canadian-experience
- 19. https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2021/06/20/fear-guilt-trauma-and-resilience-newly-launched-refugee-story-bank-of-canada-shares-stories-by-those-whove-sought-protection-in-canada.html
- 20. https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2021/06/09/50-years-after-canada-adopted-multiculturalism-a-new-film-project-is-checking-on-our-progress.html
- 21. https://www.ryerson.ca/news-events/news/2021/05/top-10-events-at-ryerson-this-june/
- 22. https://us9.campaign-archive.com/?e=[UNIQID]&u=bed63d3ce10ec9adba60ea410&id=6d34f4c808
- 23. lampsletter.pdf (artsandlettersprivate.ca)
- 24. https://twitter.com/nkeung/status/1356359979616382979
- 25. https://www.ryerson.ca/fcs-news-events/news/2021/02/syria-was-once-a-beautiful-country/
- 26. https://www.ryerson.ca/cerc-migration/new-commentary/featured-videos/
- 27. https://www.ryerson.ca/fcs/research/

2020:

28. https://visualartsnews.ca/2020/02/remembering-africville/

2018·

- 29. https://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/gus-dalton-87-was-the-famous-fishing-boat-captain-who-saved-155-tamil-refugees-off-newfoundland/article37933953/
- 30. <u>"hybrid performative piece"</u> about Africville premiers tonight. By Evelyn C. White https://www.halifaxexaminer.ca/featured/africville-in-black-and-white-hybrid-performative-piece-about-africville-premiers-tonight/

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31. AFRICVILLE IN BLACK AND WHITE Review by Michelle Brunet, Halifax

- 32. "... artist and filmmaker Cyrus Sundar Singh shows the city's diversity... through its feet" https://www.ryerson.ca/news-events/news/2018/08/toronto-at-ground-level/
- 33. <u>"The idea for the summer sojourn originated with Ontario filmmaker Cyrus Sundar Singh"</u> https://www.halifaxtoday.ca/local-news/35th-annual-africville-reunion-goes-this-weekend-9519

2017

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FILM PREMIERES & FESTIVAL PREMIERES:

IN THE WAKE OF TI	ME	Virtual Online Live-Documentary
2021	Producer/Director/Writer/Composer	Premiere August 11, 2021
AFRICVILLE IN BLA	CK & WHITE Site-Specific Live Documentary	FIN Atlantic International Festival
2018	Producer/Director/Writer/Composer	Premiere Sept 3, 2018
AFRICVILLE IN BLA	CK & WHITE Site-Specific Live Documentary	HotDocs International Festival 2017
2017	Producer/Director/Writer/Composer	Premiere May 3, 2017
BROTHERS IN THE R	<u>XITCHEN</u> Site-Specific Live Documentary	HotDocs International Festival 2016
2016	Producer/Director/Writer/Composer	Premiere May 4, 2016
ORAH BUCK: THE A	CCIDENTAL PHOTOGRAPHER Documentary	Madrid International Film Fest
2016	Writer/Director	LifeStyleMedia, Canada
GENTLY TO NAGAS.	AKI Short-Documentary	Salaam Shalom Productions Inc
2015	Producer/Director/Writer	Louisville Film Festival, Sept 2015
THE CONFLICTED S.	AMARITAN Documentary	Jamaica International Film Festival
2014	Producer/Director/Writer/Composer	Kingston, Jamaica
MASHALÁ	Documentary	Vanessa C. Laufer, Producer
2010	Director/Co-Writer/Producer/Composer	Salaam Shalom Productions Inc.
	Winner 2010 "Special Mention" Jewish Eye" Fi	lm Festival, Ashkelon, Israel.
WALLA	Short-Film	Vanessa C. Laufer, Producer
2000	Director/Writer	Global Visions Festival, ROM 2010
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BROADCAST - INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL PREMIERES:

30 Second PSA for Crohn's & Colitis Canada	CTV/BellMedia National Broadcast
Producer/Director/Writer/	Premiere May 9 till June 4, 2019
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6-Part Web Series for Bell Media	BellMedia/ FIBE TV1, Canada
AMARITAN Documentary	Smithsonian Canada/BlueAnt
	Producer/Director/Writer/ 30 Second PSA for Crohn's & Colitis Canada Producer/Director/Writer/ 30 Second PSA for Crohn's & Colitis Canada Producer/Director/Writer/ 30 Second PSA for Crohn's & Colitis Canada Producer/Director/Writer/ 30 Second PSA for Crohn's & Colitis Canada Producer/Director/Writer/ 6-Part Web Series for Bell Media Co-Producer/Director/Co-Writer

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2014	Producer/Director/Writer	On Location In Haiti & Canada
SPIRIT OF SOUTH AT 2010	SIA 22-part Series of Vignettes Director/Writer	Mark Prashun, Executive Producer Chris Remerowski, Zoomer Media.
CRAZY FOR LOVE 2010	13-part Lifestyle Series Director/Producer/Writer	Joan Jenkinson, Executive Producer Vision TV
THE BIG WAIT 2010	Documentary Development Director/Co-Writer Composer	Joanne Jackson - Producer Long Haul Big Hearts Productions OMNI TV
BOLLYWOOD GUPS 2008	HUP Entertainment Weekly Series Director/Writer/Producer Developed series format	Joan Jenkinson, Executive Producer Wat No Dur Productions Vision TV
MY SIKH WEDDING 2007	<u>*</u>	Joan Jenkinson, Executive Producer Visions of Punjab Inc. Vision TV
MASHALÁ 2008	Documentary Director/Co-Writer/Producer/Composer Winner 2010 "Special Mention" Jewish Eye" Fi	Vanessa C. Laufer, Producer Salaam Shalom Productions Inc. ilm Festival, Ashkelon, Israel.
BHANGRA NATION 2008	Reality Program Director/Writer/Creative Producer	Joan Jenkinson, Executive Producer Salaam Shalom Productions Inc.
EXORCISM 2007	Enigma Series for Vision TV Writer/Creative Consultant	Paul St. Amand, Producer Vancouver, Canada Vision TV
PAINTED NATION 2006	Documentary Discovery UK/US/India, Bravo! Director/Co-Writer/Co-Producer Salaam	Vanessa C. Laufer, Producer n Shalom Productions Inc.
FILM CLUB 2001	Documentary Director/Writer/Composer Winner 20002 GEMINI AWARD Reel Diversity Award, National Film Board	Karen King, Producer National Film Board of Canada CBC, Vision TV
JEWS OF INDIA 1999	Documentary Co-Producer/Composer	Vanessa C. Laufer, Producer Festivals/Broadcasters worldwide
CORPORATE & IN 220 OAK STREET 2016	Documentary Co-Producer/Director/Writer	COTA <i>Health, Home and Community</i> Toronto Community Housing
IMAGINING CANAD 2015	A'S FUTURE Documentary Producer/Director/Writer/Composer	TMU U & York U CAGS/SSHRC
PAPER LIONS 2014	Live at NXNE / Danforth Music Hall Producer/Director/Writer/	MOOSEHEAD PRESENTS Music Made Well Series

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WHEN GODS DANCE Doc Series in Development On Location in India & Canada Producer/Director/Writer Salaam Shalom Productions 2012 DIVERSITY WORKS! 4-part Series of Vignettes Regional Diversity Roundtable 2011 Director/Writer/Producer Peel Region, Ontario. COMPOSER - FILM / TELEVISION / RADIO / DANCE: **EMPTY NEST** Chris Deacon, Director Chris Deacon, Producer 2023 TIFF 2023 IN THE WAKE OF TIME Virtual Live-Doc Tamil Journeys '86 Co-Composer w/Ian De Souza Premiere August 11, 2021 2021 SYRIA WAS ONCE A BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY Short Film Mehrunissa Ali, Ryreson Composer / Creative Producer Premiere February, 2021 2021 AFRICVILLE IN BLACK AND WHITE Site-Specific Live-Doc HotDocs International Festival 2017 2018 & 2017 Producer/Director/Writer/Composer Premiere May 3, 2017 AIRSHOW Film by Maya Bastian Toronto International FILM Festival 2017 Co-Producer/ Composer Premiere TIFF 2017 BROTHERS IN THE KITCHEN Site-Specific Live Documentary HotDocs International Festival 2016 Producer/Director/Writer/Composer 2016 Premiere May 4, 2016 SLICE N DICE 6-Part Web Series for Bell Media BellMedia/FIBE TV1, Canada 2015 Co-Producer/Director/Co-Writer IMAGINING CANADA'S FUTURE TMU U & York U Documentary Producer/Director/Writer/Composer 2015 CAGS/SSHRC GENTLY TO NAGASAKI Documentary Salaam Shalom Productions Inc 2015 Producer/Director/Writer Louisville Film Festival, Sept 2015 THE CONFLICTED SAMARITAN Smithsonian Canada/BlueAnt Feature Doc On Location In Haiti & Canada Producer/Director/Writer 2014 THE BIG WAIT Feature Doc – Composer Joanne Jackson - Producer 2012 OMNI TELEVISION MASHALÁ Performance Documentary Vanessa C. Laufer. Producer Director/Co-Writer/Producer Salaam Shalom Productions Inc. 2008 Winner 2010 "Special Mention" Jewish Eye" Film Festival, Ashkelon, Israel. PAINTED NATION Cyrus, Director/Co-Writer/Co-Producer Vanessa C. Laufer, Producer Documentary 2006/7 ENTRY DENIED The Komagata Maru Story, Writer Sugith Varughese Damiano Pietropoalo, Producer Radio Drama - a one-hour radio adaptation of the novel for CBC Radio One - National 2003 Damiano Pietropoalo, Producer A FINE BALANCE Rohinton Mistry, Writer

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Radio Drama - a one-hour radio adaptation of the novel for CBC Radio One - National

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BLIND SPOT 2002	Vanessa C. Laufer, Writer/Director TVO - The View From Here	Boja Vasic, Producer Golden Sheaf Award Nomination
FILM CLUB 2001	Cyrus, Director/Writer/Composer National Film Board of Canada	NFB - Karen King, Producer Documentary
SALAAM SHALOM: Vanessa C. Laufer, Writer/Director/Producer Cyrus Sundar Singh Co-Producer The Jews of India 1st Prize - 7th Annual Jewish Video Competition Judah L. Magnes Museum, Berkeley CA Gold Plaque – INTERCOM Intrnl. Communications Film & Video Competition, Chicago & Silver Award, Worldfest Houston International Film Festival		
FOREVER 2000 1999	Srinivas Krishna, Director Indian International Film Festival Toronto International Film Festival	Bill Marks, Producer Premiere Premiere
MOVING DAY Winner 1998 1998	Chris Deacon, Director 2000 GENIE AWARD Toronto International Film Festival Golden Sheaf Nomination for Best Composer	Tina Goldlist, Producer Best Dramatic Short Film Premiere Yorkton Film Festival
TWISTED SHEETS Winner 1997	Chris Deacon, Director Toronto Worldwide Short Film Festival Gemini Nomination	Cheryl Zalemeda, Producer Best Canadian Film Best Dramatic Short Program
THEMELBU SCARS	Dance @ fFIDA, Composer Original Music Dance @ fFIDA, Composer Original Music	Sudharshan, Choreographer Sudharshan, Choreographer

SELECTED PUBLISHED POETRY:

THE TORONTO REVIEW A selection of Poems was published in the anthology BLOOD AND APHORISMS A selection of Poems was published in the anthology

THAYAGAM Tamil Publication 2 poems were translated into Tamil and published

MUSIC PRODUCER / PERFORMER / ARTIST:

Fall Again (songwriter)

Island in the Sun (songwriter)

Lightning Strikes (producer)

Sun to Star (CD)

Artist: Cyrus

Artist: Sunforce

Artist: Sunforce

Video Single Much Music Rotation

Indie Label National Distribution

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Juno Award Winning Dub Poet

Black Star Artist: SHAFIQ – Dub Poet Indie Label National Distribution

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