

# Brandon Omari Lake

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## Education

### University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

M.F.A in the School of Cinema Arts, Completed: 2013  
Major: Animation and Digital Arts

### University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

B.A in the College of Arts and Sciences, Completed: 2009  
Major: Fine Arts with a concentration in Animation

## Teaching Experience

- Present **University of the Arts - Adjunct Assistant Professor – Animation Department**  
Returning Adjunct Professor for the Intro to Stop Motion required course. Taught 16 students as they experimented with the art of stop motion through various mediums and in class exercises.
- 2021 **Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts - Visiting Lecturer**  
Guest lecture for an intro to stop motion class, brought in to specifically advise on puppet-making
- 2021 **Sitka Arts School District - Video Lecturer, Teacher Instructor, Curriculum Development Consultant**  
Tasked to create 6 lesson plans and accompanying video series instructing teachers and students on stop motion animation techniques. Recorded a series of 6 videos distributed around the Sitka School District.
- 2020 **University of Pennsylvania - Visiting Lecturer**  
Visiting Lecturer for stop motion animation class.
- 2020 **Carnegie Mellon- Visiting Lecturer**  
Visiting Lecturer for Animation Studio class.
- 2019 **University of the Arts - Senior Lecturer – Stop motion**  
Adjunct Lecturer for Stop Motion Puppet and Animation elective class. Taught 16 students in the art of puppet creation and basic stop motion animation techniques.
- 2018 **Georgetown - Visiting Lecturer**  
Visiting Lecturer for a stop motion animation class.
- '16/'17/'18 **Sitka Fine Arts Camp - Animation teacher for the Summer High School Arts Program:**  
SFAC is an intensive 2-week program for students where they are introduced to and nurtured through various facets of performance and visual arts.

## Grants

### Film Independent - Project Involve - Laika Animation Fellowship

Selected as one of 31 filmmakers for funding, equipment, workshops, and mentorship for individual professional development and the creation of an independent short film. I was the sole artist chosen for the animation track and receiver of the Laika Fellowship grant. My film "The Mud" was created through this funding opportunity.

## Work Experience

- Present **ACLU - Senior Multimedia Producer (2018-Present)**  
In charge of multimedia assets, including video, editing, motion graphics, and various other forms of animation.
- 2018 **"The Shivering Truth" - Stop Motion Animator**  
Animator for a new Adult Swim series created by ShadowMachine.
- 2018 **Baby Bear and Babooshka (2D Animated Short) - Director and Animator**  
A hand-drawn animated short using a combination of Flash and Photoshop.
- 2018 **"C3" Commercial Spots - Stop Motion Animator**  
Animated on Paper Cut-out spots for Platypus Studios and the C3 convention
- 2018 **Robot Chicken Season 9 - Stop Motion Animator**  
Animator for the Emmy winning stop-motion television show.
- 2017 **"Tumble Leaf" Season 4 - Stop Motion Animator**  
Animator for the Emmy winning children's animated show created by BIX PIX and Amazon.
- 2017 **"The Mud" - Director/Animator/Editor - Project Involve**  
A Claymation short about the conflict of identity, funded by the Laika Animation Fellowship.
- 2017 **La Di Da Productions, "Hot Wheels" Commercials - Stop Motion Animator**  
Lead Animator on several spots for Mattel's Hot Wheels.
- 2017 **Angela and Ithyle "Brooks Brothers" Commercial - Dragon Tech**  
In charge of camera and capture for stop-motion clothing commercial.
- 2017 **SuperMansion Season 2 - Stop Motion Animator**  
Animator for an adult themed stop motion show created for Sony's Crackle and Stoopid Buddy Stoodios.
- 2016 **"Buddy Thunderstruck" Season 1 - Stop Motion Animator**  
An amazon original Children's show featuring extremely cartoon-y and energetic animation.
- 2016 **PES Honda "The Power Of Ridgeline" Commercial - Stop Motion Animator**  
Part of a pixilation team that used time-lapse and smear frames to create another PES Honda spot.

- 2016 **Gentleman Scholar Commercial Spot - Stop Motion Animator**  
Object animation for Open the Portal and Gentleman Scholar.
- 2016 **Baby Bear and Babooshka (Children's Picture Book) - Writer / Illustrator**  
A self-published Children's Picture Book created in Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator.
- 2016 **Verizon Commercial - Stop Motion Animator**  
Animator on several paper cut-out spots for Verizon online
- 2015 **Robot Chicken Season 8 (Stoopid Buddy Stoodios) - Stop Motion Animator**  
Emmy winning stop motion television show.
- 2015 **SuperMansion Season 1 (Stoopid Buddy Stoodios) - Stop Motion Animator**  
First season of an adult themed show about flawed superheroes in a stop-motion world.
- 2015 **PES Honda "Paper" Commercial - Stop Motion Animator**  
One of many animators that collaborated with the director, PES, on a high-level stop-motion flip-book.
- 2015 **Bratz (Stoopid Buddy Stoodios) - Stop Motion Animator**  
Animator for the toy brand web series.
- 2015 **Stoopid Buddy Stoodios - Track Reader**  
Track Reader for various shows, including Robot Chicken season 8, Bratz, and Supermansion
- 2014 **Katie Gately - Pivot (Music Video) - Camera**  
Dragon Tech. and Lighting Assistant
- 2014 **Robot Chicken Season 7 - Track Reader**  
Track Reader for Robot Chicken Season 7 at Stoopid Buddy Stoodios
- 2014 **Valspar Paint - Stop Motion Animator**  
Lead Animator and Dragon Tech. on Commercial Spot
- 2014 **Oakley**  
Animation Assistant on Commercial Spot
- 2013 **Luna and Lars**  
Freelance Stop-motion Animator
- 2013 **Laika House - Camera/Stage Intern**  
Stop-motion intern in the stage department. Assisted with camera setup and the lighting for various commercial spots.
- 2013 **"El Coyote"- Compositing, 2D Moton Graphics**  
Composited, in betweened, and added visual effects for an ink on paper 2d animation
- 2013 **Stoopid Buddy Stoodios**  
Camera Apprentice
- 2013 **Bix Pix - Tumbleleaf Season 1**  
Camera Intern
- 2013 **"Gentle Rain"- Camera Layout**  
Completed preliminary camera and character animation for a comissioned short film.
- 2013 **"Tin" - Director/Animator/Editor**  
A stopmotion animated short featuring puppet animation and paper Cut-out
- 2012 **The Story of Pines - Production Intern**  
Paper Cut-out Music video for A Fine Frenxy
- 2012 **Sony Imageworks - CG Animation Internship:**  
Animated background crowds for Aardman's Arthur Christmas, and run cycles for The Smurfs 2.
- 2012 **"The Collector's Gift" - CG Animator**  
Provided run and walk cycles for a Slone Grant CG film
- 2012 **Screen Novelties - Fabrication Intern**  
Nickelodeon's SpongeBob SquarePants Christmas Special
- 2011 **Chiodo Brothers - Fabrication Intern**  
Stop Motion productio Disney's Sam Sandwich
- 2011 **Music Video for Jane's Addiction, "End To The Lies" - Animation Production Assistant**  
Pixelation Music Video done in association with ShadowMachine Films

## Program Proficiency

**Dragonframe , Autodesk Maya, TV Paint**

**Adobe Suite:(Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Animate, After Effects, Premiere)**