

# Jacob Simon

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## EDUCATION

**Rice University**, Houston, TX

Expected May 2022

Bachelor of Arts in Visual and Dramatic Arts with a Major Concentration in Film and Photography, Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

- **Awards:** President's Honor Roll (x4), Academic Fellow, Phi Beta Kappa Member, Rice Visual and Dramatic Arts Excellence Award in Film and Photography
- **Current GPA:** 3.99/4.0

## RELEVANT COURSEWORK

Filmmaking I; Handmade Film; Film Studio; History & Aesthetics of Film; Screenwriting; Survey of American Film and Culture

## FILM PROJECTS

### “Lulu & Flippy” Short Film

Jan 2022 - Present

Co-director, Writer, Editor, Actor, Cinematographer

- 18 min drama film for Senior Film Capstone class that was premiered at an art exhibit on Rice's campus
- Wrote the 20-page script, hired and worked with child actors, and scheduled + participated in 3 weeks of film shoots
- As editor, implementing advanced editing techniques including heavy use of green screen and rotoscoping to produce scenes involving simulated earthquakes, car crashes, and more
- Received the Rice Visual and Dramatic Arts Excellence Award in Film & Photography for this movie

### “Down with Willy” Documentary

Sept 2021 - Jan 2022

Co-Director, Co-Editor, Co-Cinematographer, Co-Researcher

- Collaborated with numerous Rice University activists to produce a documentary on their struggle for justice
- Followed these activists for a period of months, cultivating relationships and following them to public events as their “press unit”
- Performed substantial independent research, including meeting with an archivist, which was then incorporated in the final film
- Recorded dozens of hours of footage, which we proceeded to cut into a 15-minute film

### “Yoyo” Documentary

Sept 2021 - Dec 2021

Co-Director, Editor, Co-Cinematographer

- Collaborated with the owners of local restaurant chain “Yoyo's Hot Dogs” to produce a documentary on their history, their business, and our experience with them
- Recorded 50+ hours of footage, ranging from professional interviews to behind-the-scenes footage of the business, over many months which I then edited into a 20-minute film in a week

### “The East Ball” Short Film

March 2021 - May 2021

Co-Director, Actor, Co-Writer, Editor, Co-Cinematographer

- Created a 20-minute comedy mockumentary film that was selected to be shown at the Rice Student Film Showcase
- I wrote the script, starred in the film, coordinated the film shoots and casting, and edited it in the span of 4 weeks

### “The Ghost of You” Short Film

Feb 2021 - March 2021

Co-Director, Co-writer, Editor, Actor, Co-Cinematographer

- Created a short 4-minute film about trauma that was also selected to be shown at the Rice Student Film Showcase

### “Reopen the Economy” Satirical Political Video

June 2020 - August 2020

Director, Writer, Editor, Researcher

- Created a 3.5 minute long satirical political video inspired by the style of 1940s propaganda
- Wrote the script, hired a voice actor, and collected hundreds of clips from different sources to incorporate in the video

## ADDITIONAL SKILLS

- Applications:
  - Adobe Premiere and After Effects
  - Celtx, Final Draft
  - Microsoft Word, Excel, Photoshop, and social media/internet navigation
  - Python and R programming languages
- Trained in using 16mm film equipment and developing 16mm film
- 105WPM Typist