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**PROFILE**

Alexsiss Jackson is an Adjunct Professor at Spelman College in the Department of Art & Visual Culture; as well as a working Director of Photography and Creative Professional with over 13 years of experience in the industry. Her work has been recognized at least 20 times by a number of international bodies, including film festivals across the United States, Canada, Kenya, Uganda, Australia, the Netherlands, and the UK. She was spotlighted on Amy Poehler's Smart Girls in March 2018. Also in 2018, she was invited to speak at TERMINUS Conference + Festival, where she presented a seminar entitled "Cinematography: Crafting a Look with Lenses and Filters" that was very well received. She has spoken on several other panels, podcasts, radio interviews, etc; not only about cinematography, but also what it's like to be a woman of color in the film industry.

**EDUCATION**

**BA in Film/Video Studies and English** December 2006  
University of Michigan - Ann Arbor  
• *Earned University Honors, April 2004*

**Completion, Summer Film Program** August 2006  
University of Southern California

**National Achievement Scholarship Recipient** 2002  
• *National Achievement Scholarship Program was established by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation to recognize outstanding African-American high school students*  
• *Scored in Top 2% in the country on the ACT*

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Production	Position	Employer	Year
This Day in History Class (podcast)	Editor	iHeartRadio	2019
March (feature film)	Director of Photography	Raw Productions	2019
The Rich Idea (online course)	Director of Photography/Editor	Tickles TV	2019
Solo Punk (short film)	Director of Photography	Sledgehammer Pictures	2018
Mama Bears (documentary feature)	Camera Operator	Daresha Kyi	2018
American Breast Care (commercial)	Director of Photography	White Flame Studios	2018
Amy Poehler's Smart Girls (web content)	Editor	Legendary Entertainment	2018
Unemployable (short film)	Director of Photography	J&J Productions	2018
Warning Signs (music video)	Director of Photography	ECG Productions	2018
Infinite (music video)	Director/Producer/DP/Editor	Swimming with Sharks Records	2018
Shazzy Fitness (exercise video)	Director of Photography	ECG Productions	2018

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Circus Town - How? (demo pilot)	Director of Photography	New Puppet Order	2017
Beeda After the Wake (short film)	2nd Unit Director of Photography	Fox & Geese Films	2017
Dr. Luz Towns-Miranda (interview)	Director of Photography/Editor	Momma Knows Best/ Univision-Atlanta	2017
Together (music video)	Director/Producer/DP/Editor	10 Minutes Late Records	2017
Urban Chameleons: Live (web broadcast)	Camera Operator	Tickles TV	2016
Final Lesson: Don't Answer Me (short film)	Director of Photography	Icestorm Studios	2016
Just Open the Door (short film)	Director of Photography	Sledgehammer Pictures	2016
Construction Kids (commercial)	Cinematographer	Children's Museum of Atlanta	2015
Dream Project w/ Soledad O'Brien (live event)	Camera Operator	Egami Consulting	2015

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

<b>Honor/Award</b>	<b>Issuing Entity</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Year</b>
Award of Merit: Individual Achievement in Cinematography	Southern Shorts Awards	Roswell, GA, USA	2019
Official Selection	African Film Festival	Kabale, Uganda	2018
Official Selection	Out of Africa International Film Festival	Nairobi, Kenya	2018
Official Selection	Da Bounce Urban Film Festival	Amsterdam, Noord-Holland, Netherlands	2018
Best Music Video   2nd Place	Urban Mediamakers Film Festival	Atlanta, GA, USA	2018
Official Selection	BronzeLens Film Festival	Atlanta, GA, USA	2018
Official Selection	Festival International Film Black Montréal	Montréal, Quebec, Canada	2018
Official Selection	Rapport International Black Film Festival	London, England, UK	2018
Best Music Video	Ocktober Film Festival	New York, NY, USA	2018
Nomination: Best Music Video	International Music Video Underground	Los Angeles, CA, USA	2017
Nomination: Best Director of a Music Video	International Music Video Underground	Los Angeles, CA, USA	2017
Nomination: Video of the Year	Georgia Music Awards	Atlanta, GA, USA	2015

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Official Selection	Sprockets International Music Video Festival	Athens, GA, USA	2015
Official Selection	Ocktober Film Festival	New York, NY, USA	2015
Official Selection	Colortape International Film Festival	Brisbane, Queensland, Australia	2015
Official Selection	Los Angeles Independent Film Festival Awards	Los Angeles, CA, USA	2015
Best Music Video	Indie Gathering Film Festival	Cleveland, OH, USA	2014
Best Metal Music Video	Indie Gathering Film Festival	Cleveland, OH, USA	2014
Award of Merit	Accolade Global Film Competition	San Diego, CA, USA	2014
Official Selection	New York Hell's Kitchen Film Festival	New York, NY, USA	2011
Official Selection	Shockfest Film Festival of Hollywood	Los Angeles, CA, USA	2011
Best Music Video	SharpCuts International Film and Music Festival	Toronto, Ontario, Canada	2011
Official Selection	Detroit Windsor International Film Festival	Detroit, MI, USA	2011
Best Alternative Music Video	Indie Gathering Film Festival	Cleveland, OH, USA	2007

## **PRESENTATIONS**

**Cinematography: Creating a Look with Lenses and Filters** June 2018

TERMINUS Conference + Festival

- Audience of 100+; mostly college students. Standing room only
- "I learned more there than I did in my entire Intro to Production class." - Attendee

## **PANELS**

**Filmmaker Panel**

May 2019

Black Girl Geek Out

- Event encouraging young black girls to explore careers in STEM, film, etc

**Women in Film Panel**

April 2019

Milledgeville/Eatonton Film Festival

**Cinematography Workshop**

November 2018

Rome International Film Festival

**Freelancing in the Film Industry Panel**

June 2018

TERMINUS Conference + Festival

**Black Women Filmmakers Panel**

February 2018

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. HRAC Film Festival

## **MEDIA COVERAGE/INTERVIEWS**

**Bad Feminists Making Films (podcast)**

May 2019

**Tea Talks with Tomeka (podcast)**

April 2019

**Gladeo (virtual career day program)**

November 2018

- *Currently used in over 5,000 high schools nationwide*
- *In addition to interview, worked with company employees to create a cinematography-specific career profile*

**This is What a Cinematographer Looks Like (campaign)**

October 2018

- *Image campaign for female filmmakers, directors, and cinematographers curated by Italian filmmaker Elena Rossini. Project featured in Huffington Post, Mashable, etc.*

**A Moment with Diviin (radio show, University of Iowa)**

April 2018

**Amy Poehler's Smart Girls (web)**

March 2018

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Adjunct Professor**

2019

Spelman College

- *Adjunct Professor in the Department of Art & Visual Culture. Course: Advanced Sight & Sound*

**English Teacher, 10th-12th grade**

2017

Detroit Community Schools

- *Sophomore class, the following year; received the highest average SAT scores in the history of the school*

**Student Teacher, Violence Against Women of Color**

2006

University of Michigan - Ann Arbor

- *Invited by professor to co-teach Women's Studies course entitled "Violence Against Women of Color" for one semester; as a Student Teacher; after having taken course previously*

## **ORGANIZATIONS**

**Georgia Production Partnership**

**Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.**