

# Suneil Sanzgiri

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## Curriculum Vitae

### EDUCATION

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#### Masters of Science in Art, Culture, and Technology 2015 - 2017

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Cambridge, MA  
*School of Architecture and Planning*

#### Bachelor of Fine Arts in Interdisciplinary Sculpture, Concentration in Film and Video 2007 - 2011

Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA), Baltimore, MD

### GRANTS and AWARDS

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- 2022 Creative Capital Award  
UOVO Prize presented by the Brooklyn Museum
- 2021 New York State Council on the Arts Grant  
Jerome Foundation, Video, and Digital Production Grant  
Open City Documentary Festival, Best International Short Film  
BlackStar Film Festival, Best Experimental Award  
VideoEx Film Festival, Grand Prix  
Images Festival, Frame Discreet Film Transfer Award  
NYFA Film & Video Arts Award Fellowship, Finalist  
MAAF (Media Arts Assistance Fund)  
Foundation for Contemporary Art, Emergency Grant
- 2017 Bill Mitchell ++ Fund Grant
- 2016 Center For The Arts @ MIT Grant  
MISTI Mexico Travel Fellowship
- 2015, 2016 ACT Pilot Grant  
National Endowment for the Arts

### RESIDENCIES and INTENSIVES

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- 2021 - 2022 Line of Sight Fellowship, Sentient Art Film New York, NY
- 2021 - 2022 MacDowell Fellowship Peterborough, NH
- 2021 Pioneer Works Studio Residency Program Brooklyn, NY
- 2020 - 2021 Asia Art Archive in America Leadership Camp New York City, NY
- 2020 Flaherty NYC Programming Residency New York City, NY
- 2018, 2017 Union Docs Workshops (Various) Brooklyn, NY
- 2016 SOMA Summer Mexico City, Mexico

### SCREENINGS, EXHIBITIONS, PUBLIC PROGRAMMING, & ARTIST TALKS

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- 2023 "To See One's Self at a Distance," *Mass MoCA* North Adams, MA  
Untitled Solo Show, *Brooklyn Museum* Brooklyn, NY  
"Growing Like a Tree: Sent A Letter," *Sunaparanta Center for the Arts* Goa, India  
"Diasporic Tremors," *The Gallatin Galleries @ New York University* New York, NY  
"Golden Jubilee," *European Media Arts Festival* Osnabrück, Germany
- 2022 "Barobar Jagtana: Films by Suneil Sanzgiri," Doc Talks, The New School Documentary Studies New York, NY  
"Golden Jubilee," *International Film Festival Rotterdam* Rotterdam, Netherlands  
*Media City Film Festival* Detroit-Windsor, MI  
*True/False Film Festival* Columbia, MO  
*KurtzFilm Hamburg, Best International Film Nomination* Hamburg, Germany  
*BlackStar Film Festival, Winner Honorable Mention* Philadelphia, PA  
*Onion City Film Experimental Film & Video Festival, Special Mention* Chicago, IL  
*Third Horizon Film Festival* Miami, FL  
*FRONT Triennial* Cleveland, OH  
*LightWork & UVP, Everson Museum of Art* Syracuse, NY  
*SAVVY Contemporary* Berlin, Germany  
*Curitiba International Experimental Film Festival* Curitiba, Brazil  
*Le Cinéma Club* Worldwide  
*Vimeo Staff Pics* Worldwide  
*The Menil Collection* Houston, TX  
*NOMADICA* Brescia, Italy  
*Prismatic Ground* Harlem, NY  
*Bucharest International Experimental Film Festival* Bucharest, Romania  
*Cinemigrante en Obraje* Buenos Aires, Argentina  
*Mills Folly Microcinema, Art & Literature Laboratory* Madison, WI  
*Shadow Kitchen* Los Angeles, CA  
*SeaShorts Film Festival* Cyberjaya, Malaysia  
*Canal180* Lisbon, Portugal  
*FENDA/Brazil* Belo Horizonte, Brazil  
"Transfigured Boundaries" *Cineteca Nacional de Mexico* Mexico City, Mexico  
*North by North Film Festival* Duluth, MN
- "Letter From Your Far-Off Country," *REDCAT @ CalArts* Santa Clarita, CA  
*The Menil Collection* Houston, TX  
*Criterion Channel* Online  
*Karama Yemen Human Rights Film Festival* Various Cities, Yemen  
*Festival International du Film sur l'Art* Montreal, Canada  
*Celestial Festival, YEOJA Mag* Berlin, Germany  
*SESSIONS, Mercer Union* Toronto, Canada  
"Transfigured Boundaries" *Cineteca Nacional de Mexico* Mexico City, Mexico

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2021	“SAID Presents Performances in Response to South Asia’s COVID-19 Crisis,” <i>MoMA PS1</i> “Barobar Jagtana: Films by Suneil Sanzgiri,” <i>Asia Art Archive in America &amp; Pioneer Works</i> “Golden Jubilee,” <i>Berwick Film &amp; Media Festival, New Cinema Awards Competition</i> <i>San Diego Asian Film Festival</i> <i>Chicago International Film Festival, Best Documentary Short Competition</i> <i>Dharamshala International Film Festival</i>	Long Island City, NY Brooklyn, NY Berwick-upon-Tweed, UK San Diego, CA Chicago, IL Dharamshala, India
2021	“Golden Jubilee,” <i>International Film Festival CineMigrante</i> <i>DocLisboa, Best Short Film Competition</i> “But Where Are You Really From? Tour” <i>T A P E Collective</i> “Letter From Your Far-Off Country,” <i>International Film Festival Rotterdam, Ammodo Tiger Short Competition</i> <i>Open City Documentary Festival, Winner Best International Short Film Award</i> <i>BlackStar Film Festival, Winner Best Experimental Film</i> <i>Images Festival, Winner Frame Discreet Film Transfer Award</i> <i>VideoEx, Winner Grand Prix</i> <i>European Media Arts Festival, Jury Special Mention</i> <i>Iowa City International Documentary Festival, Jury Special Mention</i> <i>Viennale</i> <i>e-Flux Video &amp; Film</i> <i>Sheffield Doc/Fest</i> <i>Los Angeles Film Forum</i> <i>Slamdance Film Festival</i> <i>Berlin Critics Week/ Woche der Kritik Screening and Lecture</i> <i>IndieLisboa, Competition</i> <i>Punto de Vista, Competition</i> <i>Hong Kong International Film Festival, Competition</i> <i>William and Louise Greaves Filmmaker Seminar</i> <i>Atlanta Film Festival</i> <i>Prismatic Ground</i> <i>CalArts</i> <i>Camden International Film Festival</i> <i>Olhar de Cinema - Curitiba International Film Festival</i> <i>MUTA - International Audiovisual Appropriation Festival</i> <i>Indian Film Festival Los Angeles</i> <i>Experimenta India, Kurtzfilm Festival Hamburg</i> <i>International Film Festival of South Asia</i> <i>Onion City Film Experimental Film &amp; Video Festival</i> <i>Chicago Underground Film Festival, Winner Right to Belong Award</i> <i>Third Horizon Film Festival</i> <i>Mimesis Documentary Festival</i> <i>Festival Internacional de Cine independiente de La Plata</i> <i>Duluth Superior Film Festival</i> <i>Nashville Film Festival</i> <i>Cinematic Migrations: A Conversation with Renée Green on Time, Space, Movement, and Essayistic Forms</i> <i>Cámara Lúcida - Internacional de Cine Contemporáneo</i> <i>Imagine Science Festival</i> <i>Ethics &amp; Aesthetics, Detroit Narrative Agency, Cinema Detroit</i> “Cinema of Breath” <i>Squeaky Wheel Film &amp; Media Art Center</i>	Buenos Aires, Argentina Lisbon, Portugal Various Locations, UK Rotterdam, Netherlands London, UK Philadelphia, PA Toronto, Canada Zurich, Switzerland Osnabrück, Germany Iowa City, IA Vienna, Austria Worldwide Sheffield, UK Los Angeles, CA Park City, UT Berlin, Germany Lisbon, Portugal Pamplona, Spain Hong Kong, China Philadelphia, PA Atlanta, GA Harlem, NY Los Angeles, CA Camden, ME Curitiba, Brazil Lima, Peru Los Angeles, CA Hamburg Germany Toronto, Canada Chicago, IL Chicago, IL Miami, FL Boulder, CO Buenos Aires, Argentina Duluth, MN Nashville, TN Cambridge, MA
	“At Home But Not At Home,” <i>bi’bak/Sinema Transtopia</i> <i>Kyiv International Short Film Festival</i> <i>World Organization of Video Culture Development</i> <i>Lo Schermo dell’Arte</i> <i>Labocine, South Asia Foreground</i> <i>Now-Instant Image Hall &amp; Mascot Studio</i> <i>ImageUnionTV</i>	Cuenca, Ecuador New York, NY Detroit, MI Buffalo, NY Berlin, Germany Kyiv, Ukraine Beijing, China Florence, Italy New York, NY Los Angeles, CA Chicago, IL Baltimore, MD Montreal, Canada New York, NY New York, NY
2020	“Phone Call,” <i>Baltimore Museum of Art</i> Artist Lecture, “14th Annual Colloquium: Archives & Activism”, <i>McGill University</i> “To Feel, To Feel More, To Feel More Than,” <i>The Flaherty NYC</i> “Letter From Your Far-Off Country” <i>New York Film Festival, Currents</i> “At Home But Not At Home,” <i>International Film Festival Rotterdam, Found Footage Award nomination</i> <i>25 FPS Festival, Competition</i> <i>Videoex Festival, International Competition</i> <i>Queer Lisboa, Short Film Competition,</i> <i>London Indian Film Festival, Satyajit Ray Short Film Competition,</i> <i>London Short Film Festival</i> <i>Beijing International Short Film Festival, International Competition,</i> <i>Outstanding Artistic Exploration Award nomination</i> <i>Coalition of South Asian Film Festivals</i> <i>Onion City Experimental Film + Video Festival</i> <i>Alchemy Film and Moving Image Festival</i> <i>Maryland Film Festival</i> <i>Mimesis Documentary Film Festival</i> <i>Marseille Underground Film and Music Festival</i> <i>Imagine Science Festival</i> <i>San Diego Underground Film Festival</i> <i>Experimental Film Guanajuato</i> <i>AT THE FRINGE International Arts Festival</i> <i>PLATFORM ASIA</i> Besides the Screen Conference RhizomeDC Virtual Microcinema Late Capital	Rotterdam, Netherlands Zagreb, Croatia Zurich, Switzerland Lisbon, Portugal London, UK London, UK Beijing, China North America Chicago, IL Scotland, UK Baltimore, MD Boulder, CO Marseille, France New York, NY San Diego, CA Guanajuato, Mexico Paris, France London, UK Brazil Washington, DC Chicago, IL

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2020	"In Search of Incoherence," Artist Lecture, <i>Alternative Research Forum</i> "Conditions of Unknowing," Artist Lecture, <i>Chen's World Remote</i> "Decolonizing the Desktop," <i>The Block Museum</i> "The Unwriting of Disaster," <i>The Flaherty NYC</i> "MAHA Pavillion," <i>Bangkok Biennial</i>	Belgrade, Serbia Brooklyn, NY Chicago, IL New York, NY Bangkok, Thailand
2019	"The Reunion," <i>Marienbad Film Festival</i> <i>TIMELINE:BH#5</i> <i>Unbag Magazine</i> <i>Maryland Film Festival</i>	Lázně, Czech Republic Belo Horizonte, Brazil New York City, NY Baltimore, MD
2018	"At the Top of Grasshopper's Hill," <i>CANADA Gallery</i> <i>Ladrón Galeria</i> <i>Interference Archive</i>	New York, NY Mexico City, Mexico Brooklyn, NY
2017	Conference Lecture "Environments and the Ecological Self," <i>University of Rochester</i> Conference Lecture "Under Super Vision," <i>University of British Columbia</i>	Rochester, NY Vancouver, Canada
2017	"In No Time," <i>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</i> "This Sea is Mine," <i>Qalandiya International</i> "The Document," <i>fortyK Gallery</i> "Alternative Reality," <i>Samsøñ Gallery</i> "The Alternative Art School Fair," <i>Pioneer Works</i>	Cambridge, MA Haifa, Gaza Cambridge, MA Cambridge, MA Brooklyn, NY
2016	"On Media, Virtuality and Materiality," <i>Critical Practices, Inc.</i> "Parallax I," <i>SOMA Mexico</i> "An Act or No Future," <i>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</i>	New York, NY Mexico City, Mexico Cambridge, MA
2015	"Conversation with Wendelien van Oldenburgh," <i>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</i> Artist Lecture, <i>Maryland Institute College of Art</i> "Fifth Annual Publications and Multiples Fair," <i>D Center</i>	Baltimore, MD Baltimore, MD Baltimore, MD
2014	"New Paradigms of Art in the Digital Age," <i>Johns Hopkins University</i>	Baltimore, MD
2013	"Fourth Annual Publications and Multiples Fair," <i>D Center</i> "Archiving, Culture and the Creative Act," <i>Open Space Gallery</i>	Baltimore, MD Baltimore, MD
2012	"Neurocinematics," <i>Open Space Gallery</i>	Baltimore, MD

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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FALL 2022	"Imaging Virtual Futures: New Media Aesthetics & Political Alternatives," <i>The New School, Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts</i> "Non-Fiction Filmmaking," <i>Pratt Institute, Department of Video and Film</i> "Contemporary Practices," <i>Pratt Institute, Department of Video and Film</i>	New York, NY Brooklyn, NY Brooklyn, NY
SPRING 2022	"Scenes of Liberation: Decolonization & The Moving Image," <i>The New School, Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts</i> "Consciousness & Crisis: Cinema in Times of Radical Change," <i>The New School, Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts</i>	New York, NY New York, NY
FALL 2021	"Video 1" <i>The College of New Jersey, Dept. of Art and Art History</i>	Ewing Township, NJ

### GUEST LECTURE

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2022	<i>University College London</i> <i>Royal College of Art</i> <i>Cornell University</i> <i>University of Madison Wisconsin</i> <i>Union Docs</i> <i>Lehman College, CUNY</i> <i>Syracuse University</i>	London, UK London, UK Ithaca, NY Madison, WI Brooklyn, NY Bronx, NY Syracuse, NY
2021	<i>Temple University</i> <i>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</i>	Philadelphia, PA Cambridge, MA
2020	<i>Cornell University</i> <i>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</i> <i>New York University</i>	Ithaca, NY Cambridge, MA New York, NY