TANIEL KILAJIAN
Assistant Professor of Instruction
Department of Theatre, Dance and Film
College of Fine Arts and Communication
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## EDUCATION

2019 | MFA, Film and Video Production, Radio-Television-Film, University of Texas at Austin

2011 | BA, Economics, College of Arts and Science, New York University

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Instruction | August 2024 - Present
Department of Theatre, Dance and Film
Texas State University

Full-Time Lecturer | August 2023 - August 2024
Department of Theatre, Dance and Film
Texas State University

Part-Time Lecturer | January 2022 - August 2023
Department of Theatre, Dance and Film
Texas State University

Teaching assistant | August 2017 - May 2019
Radio-Television-Film
University of Texas at Austin

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Personal assistant to Terrence Malick | January 2021 - June 2022
The Way of the Wind
Lake Waco Productions

Videographer and Editor | October 2018 - February 2020
President's Award for Global Learning
Radio-Television-Film
University of Texas at Austin

SELECTED WORK

In post-production | The Way of the Wind (directed by Terrence Malick) - Personal assistant to Mr. Malick
In post-production | Foragers (short film directed by Carlos Cagin) - Co-Producer, Assistant Director
2025 | Leads (feature film directed by Bryan Poyser) - Actor
2024 | The Falcons (short documentary) - Director, Editor, Director of Photography
2023 | Lost Soulz (feature film directed by Katherine Propper) - Additional Photography, Special Thanks
2022 | Towards a dream in the USA (commercial directed by Terrence Malick) - Personal assistant to Mr. Malick
2021 | Factory (commercial directed by Terrence Malick) - Personal assistant to Mr. Malick
2020 | C'est La Vie (short film) - Director, Writer, Editor
2019 | Blast Radius (short film directed by Isaac Burns) - Additional Photography
2018 | The Menu (short film directed by Atli Sigurjonsson) - Director of Photography
2018 | Drift (short film) - Director, Writer, Editor, Producer
2017 | Under the Covers (short film) - Director, Writer, Editor, Producer
2017 | Pentecost (short film directed by Katherine Propper) - Director of Photography
2016 | A Gold Coin on the Street (short documentary) - Director, Editor, Director of Photography

SCREENINGS AND AWARDS

The Falcons (2024) -- https://www.shortoftheweek.com/2025/09/16/the-falcons/

Sound Unseen Film and Music Festival 2024
Arpa International Film Festival 2024
Pomegranate International Film Festival 2024 | Best Short Documentary
Big Sky Documentary Film Festival 2025
Melbourne Documentary Film Festival 2025
Short of the Week 09/16

C'est La Vie (2019) -- https://vimeo.com/1134789259 (PW: Lemonde)

SXSW RTF Longhorn Denius Showcase
Soho International Film Festival
Rhode Island International Film Festival | Semi-Finalist
Blow-Up International Arthouse Filmfest | Finalist
Lebanese Independent Film Festival
Lone Star Film Festival
Tokyo International Short Film Festival | Honorable Mention
Australia Independent Film Festival | Semi-Finalist
Independent Short Awards | Platinum Award for Best Student Director, Silver Award for Best Dark Comedy Film, Silver Award for Best Actor
IndieX Film Festival | Outstanding Achievement Award for Student Director, Best Student Crime Short
New York Independent Cinema Awards
Montreal Independent Film Festival
Venice Shorts Film Festival
Underground Cinema Film Awards
Silicon Beach Film Festival
Long Story Shorts International Film Festival | Best Short Film
JellyFEST Season 6 | Finalist

Drift (2018) -- https://vimeo.com/287837057

Literally Short Film Festival
Lone Star Film Festival
Chain NYC Film Festival

Under the Covers (2017)

SXSW RTF Longhorn Denius Showcase
Portland Comedy Film Festival
Atlanta Comedy Film Festival
Chicago Comedy Film Festival
Deep in the Heart Film Festival
Fastnet Film Festival
Austin Micro Short Film Festival
Fort Worth Indie Film Festival | Finalist
Houston Comedy Film Festival | Best Texas Film
Austin Spotlight Film Festival | Best Cinematography

A Gold Coin on the Street (2016)

Literally Short Film Festival | Best of Local & Fresh
Rockport Film Festival | Best Short Documentary
Pomegranate International Film Festival