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I. Academic/Professional Background

A. Name and Title

Name: Bryan K. Poyser Title: Associate Professor of Practice

B. Educational Background

Degree	*Year*	*University*	*Major*	*Thesis/Dissertation*
BS	1996	University of Texas at Austin	Radio-Television-Film	

C. University Experience

Position	*University*	*Comments*	*Dates*
Lecturer, Department of Radio-TV-Film	University of Texas-Austin. Austin, TX, United States		2013 - 2016

D. Relevant Professional Experience

Position	*Entity*	*Comments*	*Dates*
Director	Artist Services, Austin Film Society, Austin, TX, United States		2006 - 2012
Conference Coordinator	SXSW Film Festival, Austin, TX, United States		1999 - 2001
Co-Founder/Festival Producer	Cinematexas Short Film Festival, Austin, TX, United States		1996 - 1999

II. TEACHING

B. Courses Taught:

Texas State University:

TH 1320 - FILMMAKERS HISTORY OF FILM

TH 1353 - FILM PRODUCTION PRACTICES

TH 2315 - FILM DIRECTORS ANALYSIS II

TH 3353 - FILM PRODUCTION PRACTICES

TH 3358 - SCREENWRITING

TH 3359 - ADV SCREENWRITING

TH 3359 - ADVANCED SCREENWRITING

TH 4301 - INTERNSHIP

TH 4341 - SHORT FILM DEVELOPMENT

TH 4341 - SHORT FILM DVLPMNT

TH 4360 - PROBLEMS IN THEATR

TH 4363 - DIRECTING FOR FILM

TH 4373 - ADV FILM DIRECTING

TH 4601 - INTERNSHIP

TH 5358 - SCREENWRITING

TH 5359 - ADV SCREENWRITING

TH 5363 - DIRECTING FOR FILM

TH 5373 - ADV FILM DIRECTING

University of Texas at Austin:

Advanced Screenwriting

Script to Screen II

University of Texas-Austin:

Advanced Screenwriting for Indies

Production Workshop for Writers

C. Directed Student Learning (i.e. theses, dissertations, exit committees, etc.):

Mentor, Project, "Brave Brandy", Status: Completed. (August 29, 2025 - December 11, 2025). School of Theatre, Dance & Film, Texas State.
Student(s): Amaya Russell, Undergraduate, BFA - Theatre with Film Concentration.
Sam Nieves, Undergraduate, BFA - Theatre with Film Concentration.
Additional Comments: Bryan served as mentor for Amaya & Sam's Capstone short film Brave Brandy, reviewing drafts of the script and giving notes on the edits.

Mentor, Project, "I Am Dirt", Status: Completed. (January 31, 2025 - May 9, 2025). School of Theatre, Dance & Film, Texas State.
Student(s): Jacob Marquez, Undergraduate, BFA Theatre - Film Concentration.
Sergio Luna, Undergraduate, BFA Theatre - Film Concentration.
Additional Comments: Bryan served as mentor for Jacob & Sergio's Capstone short film I Am Dirt, reviewing drafts of the script and giving notes on the edits.

D. Courses Prepared and Curriculum Development:

Filmmakers History of Film, First Time Course Preparation, Texas State University. Taught: August 2020 - December 2020.

Film Production Practices, First Time Course Preparation, Texas State University - San Marcos. Taught: August 2018 - Present.

Short Film Development, Revise Existing Course, Texas State University - San Marcos. Taught: August 2018 - December 2018.

Advanced Directing for Film, Revise Existing Course, Texas State University - San Marcos. Taught: August 2015 - December 2016.

Directing for Film, Revise Existing Course, Texas State University - San Marcos. Taught: August 2013 - May 2016.

Track Co-Coordinator for Screenwriting Track, Revise Existing Degree Program, School of Theatre, Dance & Film - Texas State. Proposed: March 2025 - Present.

Track Coordinator for Cinema Studies Track, Revise Existing Degree Program, School of Theatre, Dance & Film - Texas State. Proposed: March 2025 - Present.

F. Other:

Student Accomplishments:

Award:

Mentor, Best Texas Student Short. "Taking It to the Streets," 2025 Oak Cliff Film Festival, Dallas, TX. Status: Completed. (June 29, 2025). School of Theatre, Dance & Film, Texas State.

Student(s): Bryson Price, Undergraduate, BFA - Theatre, Film Concentration.

Mentor, Best Comedy. "Taking It to the Streets," 2025 Austin International Film Festival, Austin, TX. Status: Completed. (May 17, 2025). School of Theatre, Dance & Film, Texas State.
Student(s): Bryson Price, Undergraduate, BFA - Theatre, Film Concentration.

Mentor, Austin Film Society Grant - Harrison McClure Endowed Film Fund Award. "Halfway to Heaven," Austin Texas. Status: In Progress. (2023).
Student(s): Emery Jones, Undergraduate, BFA.

III. SCHOLARLY/CREATIVE

B. Works Not in Print:

6. Films/Videos (directed, performing, consulting, etc.):

Film

Writer, Director, Editor, *TO-GO*. September 14, 2025 - January 31, 2026.

Showings: Landshut Short Film Festival. Kinopolis, Landshut, GERMANY, March 14, 2026.
Florida Film Festival. Regal Winter Park Village, Winter Park, Florida, April 12, 2026 - April 16, 2026.
Dallas International Film Festival. Cinepolis Victory Park, Dallas, Texas, April 23, 2026 - April 30, 2026.
Independent Film Festival of Boston (IFFBoston). Somerville Theatre, Boston, MA, April 24, 2026 - April 25, 2026.
Indy Film Fest. Kan-Kan Theater, Indianapolis, IN, April 24, 2026 - April 25, 2026.
Waco Independent Film Festival. Waco Civic Theatre, Waco, TX, July 18, 2026.
Stony Brook Film Festival. Staller Center for the Arts, Stony Brook, NY, July 23, 2026.

Co-producer, editor, *WHOOPIN'*. May 20, 2025 - September 1, 2025.
https://www.worksbyjustinarnold.com/films
Showings: Carrboro Film Festival. Drakeford Library Complex, Carrboro, NC, January 25, 2026.
George Lindsey UNA Film Festival. Florence, AL, March 5, 2026.
Independent Film Festival of Boston (IFFBoston). Somerville Theatre, Boston, MA, April 23, 2026 - April 27, 2026.
Indy Film Fest. Kan-Kan Theater, Indianapolis, IN, April 24, 2026 - April 25, 2026.
ATX Short Film Showcase. 29th Street Ballroom, Austin, TX, July 13, 2026.

Writer, Director, Editor, *LEADS*. December 9, 2023 - January 15, 2025.
https://www.leadsthefilm.com/

Showings: AFS Works-in-Progress Screening. Austin Public/Austin Film Society, Austin, TX, August 7, 2024.
Texas State Film Club Work-in-Progress Screening. Theatre Center, San Marcos, TX, September 12, 2024.
Tribeca Festival - World Premiere. Village East Cinema, New York, NY, June 6, 2025 - June 9, 2025.
Film Festival at Hollywood Park. Cinepolis, Inglewood, CA, October 9, 2025.
Austin Film Festival. State Theatre, Austin, TX, October 26, 2025.
Lone Star Film Festival. Modern Art Museum of Forth Worth, Fort Worth, TX, November 1, 2025.
Centre Film Festival. Virtual Screenings, State College, PA, November 10, 2025 - November 16, 2025.
Fundraiser Screening for the Texas State Film Program. Patti Strickel Harrison Theatre, San Marcos, TX, December 9, 2025.
Carrboro Film Festival. Drakeford Library Complex, Carrboro, NC, January 23, 2026.
San Francisco Independent Film Festival. Roxie Theater, San Francisco, CA, February 9, 2026.
Sedona International Film Festival. Alice Gill-Sheldon Theater, Sedona, AZ, February 22, 2026 - February 24, 2026.
George Lindsey UNA Film Festival. Florence, AL, March 5, 2026.
Indy Film Festival. Kan-Kan Theatre, Indianapolis, IN, April 24, 2026 - May 3, 2026.

writer, director, editor, *DON'T YOU GO NOWHERE*. December 14, 2021 - August 25, 2024.

Showings: Hill Country Film Festival. Fredericksburg, TX, June 4, 2022.
LA Shorts International Film Festival. Laemmle North Hollywood, Los Angeles, CA, July 27, 2022.
Sidewalk Film Festival. Birmingham Museum of Art, Birmingham, AL, August 27, 2022.
Crested Butte Film Festival. Center for the Arts Crested Butte, Crested Butte, CO, September 22, 2022.
Woodstock Film Festival. Woodstock Community Center, Woodstock, NY, October 1, 2022.
Film Fest Tucson. AC Hotel Tucson Downtown, Tucson, AZ, October 15, 2022.
Newport Beach Film Festival. Newport Beach, CA, October 19, 2022.
Legacy Theatre Film Festival. Legacy Theatre, Stony Creek, CT, September 19, 2022 - September 21, 2022.
Dallas International Film Festival. Dallas. TX, October 14, 2022 - October 20, 2022.
Montclair Film Festival. Montclair, NJ, October 21, 2022 - October 30, 2022.

Santa Fe International Film Festival. Santa Fe, NM, October 19, 2022 - October 23, 2022.
Austin Film Festival. Austin, TX, October 27, 2022 - November 3, 2022.
Sound Unseen Film Festival. Austin, TX & Minneapolis, MN, November 9, 2022 - November 13, 2022.
Lone Star Film Festival. Fort Worth, TX, November 10, 2022 - November 12, 2022.
Carrboro Film Festival. Carrboro, NC, November 18, 2022 - November 20, 2022.
Denton Black Film Festival. Denton, TX, January 25, 2023 - January 29, 2023.
Deep in the Heart Film Festival. Waco, TX, July 20, 2023 - July 23, 2023.
Cine del Mar Film Festival. Punta del Este, Uruguay, July 12, 2023 - July 16, 2023.
Vero Beach International Film Festival. Vero Beach, FL, June 7, 2023 - June 11, 2023.
ATX Short Film Showcase. Austin, TX, September 11, 2023.
Centre Film Festival. State College, PA, October 30, 2023 - November 5, 2023.
Hell's Half-Mile Film Festival. Bay City, MI, September 21, 2023 - September 24, 2023.
Fairhope Film Festival. Fairhope, AL, November 9, 2023 - November 12, 2023.
Sedona International Film Festival. Sedona, AZ, February 18, 2023 - February 26, 2023.
Annapolis Film Festival. Annapolis, MD, March 23, 2023 - March 26, 2023.
Oxford Film Festival. Oxford, MS, March 1, 2023 - March 5, 2023.
Independent Film Festival of Boston. Boston, MA, April 26, 2023 - May 3, 2023.
Mendocino Film Festival. Mendocino, CA, June 1, 2023 - June 4, 2023.
ShorTS International Film Festival. Trieste, Italy, July 1, 2023 - July 8, 2023.
Revelation Perth Film Festival. Perth, Australia, July 12, 2023 - July 16, 2023.
Walla Walla Movie Crush. Walla Walla, WA, July 7, 2023 - July 9, 2023.
Music Imbizo Film Festival. Durban, South Africa, August 29, 2023 - September 2, 2023.
Bend Film Festival. Bend, OR, October 12, 2023 - October 15, 2023.
Texas State Film Program Faculty Screening. Performing Arts Center, San Marcos, TX, April 26, 2024 - Present.
ATX Short Film Showcase Awards Ceremony. The Ballroom, Austin, TX, August 25, 2024 - Present.

writer, director, editor, *GOPHERIT*. 2018 - 2019.

Showings: Dallas International Film Festival. Dallas, TX, April 2019.
Texas Filmmakers' Showcase. American Film Institute, Los Angeles, CA, June 2019.
Maryland Film Festival. Baltimore, MD, May 2019.
Victoria Independent Film Festival. Victoria, TX, May 2020.

writer, director, *MORE THAN FOUR HOURS*. 2015.

Showings: Fantastic Fest. Austin, TX, September 2015.
Dallas International Film Festival. Dallas, TX, April 2016.
Texas Filmmakers' Showcase. Directors Guild of America, Los Angeles, CA, June 2016.
Cucalorus Film Festival. Wilmington, NC, November 2015.
Film Fest Tucson. Tucson, AZ, October 2016.
Florida Film Festival. Orlando, FL, March 2016.

co-writer, director, co-editor, *LOVE & AIR SEX*. 2012 - 2013.

Showings: SXSW Film Festival. Austin, TX, March 2013.
Dallas International Film Festival. Dallas, TX, April 2013.
BFI London Film Festival. London, UK, September 2013.
Napa Valley Film Festival. Napa, CA, November 2013.

writer, director, *THE FICKLE*. 2011.

Showings: USA Character Project premiere. ArcLight Cinemas, Los Angeles, CA, May 9, 2011.

writer, director, editor, *LOVERS OF HATE*. 2009 - 2010.

Showings: Sundance Film Festival. Park City, UT, January 2010.
SXSW Film Festival. Austin, TX, March 2010.
Dallas International Film Festival. Dallas, TX, April 2010.
Independent Film Festival of Boston. Boston, MA, April 2010.
Rooftop Films Screening Series. New York, NY, June 2010.

writer, director, *DEAR PILLOW*. 2002 - 2004.

Showings: Slamdance Film Festival. Park City, UT, January 2004.
SXSW Film Festival. Austin, TX, March 2004.
Atlanta Film Festival. Atlanta, GA, June 2004.
Edinburgh Film Festival. Edinburgh, Scotland, UK, August 2004.
Athens International Film Festival. Athens, GREECE, September 2004.
Central Standard Film Festival. Minneapolis, MN, October 2004.
Cardiff Screen Festival. Cardiff, Wales, UK, November 2004.
Mannheim-Heidelberg Film Festival. Mannheim, GERMANY, November 2004.

Writer/Director, *PLEASURELAND*. October 1999 - February 2001.

Showings: Boston Underground Film Festival. Boston, Massachusetts, February 2001.
Big Muddy Film Festival. Carbondale, Illinois, February 2001.
New York Underground Film Festival. New York, New York, March 2001.
Ann Arbor Film Festival. Ann Arbor, Michigan, March 2001.

Video

Director/Editor, *"Deja Vu" by The Watters*. August 2020 - November 2020.

8. TV:

writer, *ROOM 104: "Foam Party"*. 2019 - 2020.

Showings: HBO Premiere. National, September 2020 - Present.

director, *OVERANALYZERS*. 2015.

Additional Comments: Pilot produced for Comedy Central but not selected for series production. No public showings or airings.

10. Published Photos and Reviews of Creative Works:

Austin Film Festival Movie Review: 'Leads'. Nerds That Geek. National. December 1, 2025.
Reviewed by: John Betancourt.
Reviewer Comments: "...a supremely human story that... reminds us how creativity offers salvation for viewers and creatives... masterful writing and direction from Bryan Poyser, and some amazing performances from Heather Kafka (Mags) and Justin Arnold."

'Leads' Review – When Ambition And Family Collide In A College Town [AFF 2025]. Geek Vibes Nation. National. November 3, 2025.
Reviewed by: Roberto Ortiz.
Reviewer Comments: "...a tender, funny, and occasionally bruising look at ambition, regret, and the complicated ties that bind siblings who never quite got where they thought they'd be... The two lead performances are the film's core strength... it feels like watching two real siblings who know each other inside and out..."

Leads Review: The Audition That Never Ends. Gazettely: Gazettely. National. July 1, 2025.
Reviewed by: Arash Nahandian.
Reviewer Comments: "The film's central pillar is the stunningly realized friction between the two siblings... Heather Kafka's performance is a masterwork of tension held in the shoulders and a resentment that flashes behind the eyes...

Justin Arnold plays Merritt with a boundless, almost manic energy... a compelling and subtly powerful piece of work."

The Trainer, Leads | Tribeca Festival 2025. Film Forward. National. June 18, 2025.
Reviewed by: Guillermo Lopez Meza.
Reviewer Comments: "...a bittersweet dramedy that makes you root for its characters even when you know things might go wrong. Kafka delivers a sublime performance, echoing her character's fictional career. This is a late breakthrough role for someone who should already be a star."

"Leads:" Tribeca's Film for the People Pleasers of the World. Cinemasters. National. June 11, 2025.
Reviewed by: Rua Fay, Editor-in-Chief.
Reviewer Comments: "A spirited film that will speak to your soul and force you to reflect on all you hold dear... The siblings are expertly played by Heather Kafka and Justin Arnold... Their on-screen dynamic is so natural and believable it's honestly kind of surprising that they're not real brother and sister."

Tribeca 2025 Film Festival Review - LEADS. The Movie Waffler. National. June 11, 2025.
Reviewed by: Eric Hillis.
Reviewer Comments: "...while we've seen this idea explored before, this is the best version of this narrative since Kenneth Lonergan laid down the template a quarter century ago with You Can Count on Me... it feels like we're watching Arnold and Kafka evolve from day players to movie stars in front of our eyes."

'Leads' Review: An Unadorned Love Letter to Acting, Perseverance, and Indie Film. Indiewire. New York, NY: Penske Media. International. June 11, 2025.
Reviewed by: Proma Khosla.
Reviewer Comments: "The duo's sibling dynamic drives the film, thanks to Poyser's credible script and character work... Poyser also demonstrates the power of independent cinema and the resourcefulness and passion that measure a project's success long before box office receipts."

"Leads" Review. Next Best Picture. National. June 9, 2025.
Reviewed by: Tom O'Brien.
Reviewer Comments: "Bryan Poyser smartly emphasizes character over plot in this indie drama which handsomely pays off with stars Heather Kafka and Justin Arnold able to dig deep into their rich, complex characters."

Tribeca 2025 Review: Heather Kafka Shines in Bryan Poyser's Class Act "Leads". Moveable Fest. National. June 6, 2025.
Reviewed by: Stephen Saito, Editor-in-Chief.
Reviewer Comments: ""Constantly surprising… Kafka and Arnold are both tremendous as the siblings,"

'Leads' Review: Austin-Set Indie Puts a Fresh Spin on Sibling Friction, Career Disappointment and Double Dealing in the Movie Biz. The Hollywood Reporter. Los Angeles, CA: Penske Media Corporation. International. June 6, 2025.
Reviewed by: Sheri Linden, Film Critic.
Reviewer Comments: "Built around two strong central performances, Bryan Poyser's well-observed feature captures emotional insights..."

"After a Bad Breakup, Anything Goes" - review of LOVE & AIR SEX. New York Times. National. February 6, 2014.
Reviewed by: Stephen Holden.
Reviewer Comments: "a spontaneity and cheeky attitude... with spirited naturalistic performances that infuse the standard rom-com formula with a zany vitality."
Additional Comments: NYT Critics Pick

LOVE & AIR SEX. Variety. March 17, 2013.
Reviewed by: Peter Debruge.
Reviewer Comments: "Untamed farce… daringly frank."

LOVERS OF HATE. Dallas Morning News. February 18, 2011.
Reviewed by: Peter Hartlaub.
Reviewer Comments: "If you were ever wondering what DIE HARD would have been like if Neil Labute directed as an art film, prepare to enjoy LOVERS OF HATE."

"Fraternal Rivalry and Failed Ambition" - review of LOVERS OF HATE. New York Times. February 10, 2011.
Reviewed by: Jeannette Catsoulis.
Reviewer Comments: "Smartly written and flawlessly acted... Flirting with several genres — romantic comedy, psychological thriller, stalker drama — while committing to none, LOVERS OF HATE accumulates tension in the smallest of ways."
Additional Comments: NYT Critics Pick

"In LOVERS OF HATE Bryan Poyser Explores Sibling Rivalry At Its Worst". Indiewire. International. February 10, 2011.
Reviewed by: Eric Kohn.
Reviewer Comments: "resoundingly funny and cringe-inducing at the same time... The abrupt, haunting finale manages to achieve a kind of surreal beauty."

LOVERS OF HATE: Thrillercore. LA Weekly. September 16, 2010.
Reviewed by: Karina Longworth.
Reviewer Comments: "hilarious, unexpectedly suspenseful... among the most unjustly underseen American indies of the year."

"Brothers Grim" - review of LOVERS OF HATE. Artforum. May 10, 2010.
Reviewed by: Amy Taubin.

Reviewer Comments: "the camera placement and editing... are brilliant. Ditto the script and the performances."

13. Other Works not in Print:

c. Other Works Not in Print:

Reading of Creative Works / Performances:

Poyser, B. K., 1st 3 Pages Live!, "Excerpt from feature film screenplay BANANAVERSARY," Austin Film Festival, Coldtowne Theatre, Austin, TX, United States. (January 26, 2023).

C. Scholarly / Creative Grants and Contracts:

1. Funded External Grants and Contracts:

Poyser, Bryan Kennedy. Grant for film festival travel, School of Theatre, Dance and Film, Texas State University, $1,000.00. (Funded: September 10, 2025 - August 31, 2026). Grant.

Poyser, Bryan Kennedy. Grant for film festival travel, Department of Theatre & Dance, Texas State University, $1,100.00. (Funded: September 17, 2024 - August 1, 2025). Grant.

Poyser, Bryan Kennedy. Austin Film Society Grant for feature film LEADS, Austin Film Society, Private / Foundation / Corporate, $7,000.00. (Funded: September 13, 2024). Grant.

Poyser, Bryan Kennedy. Grant for film festival travel, Texas State University, $1,500.00. (Submitted: August 2023, Funded: October 2023 - August 2024). Grant.

Poyser, Bryan Kennedy. Grant for film festival travel, Texas State Department of Theatre & Dance, Texas State University, $750.00. (Submitted: August 2022, Funded: October 2022 - August 2023). Grant.
Additional Comments: This travel grant will support my attendance at film festivals in 2023 to present my short film DON'T YOU GO NOWHERE.

Poyser, Bryan Kennedy (Principal), Percent Contribution: 100%. Texas Film and Video Grant, Texas Filmmakers, Private / Foundation / Corporate, $1,000.00. (Funded: 2008). Grant.

Poyser, Bryan Kennedy (Principal), Percent Contribution: 100%. Texas Filmmakers' Production Fund, Austin Film Society, Private / Foundation / Corporate, $7,000.00. (Funded: 2002 - 2003). Grant.
Additional Comments: Toward production of feature film DEAR PILLOW

Poyser, Bryan Kennedy (Principal), Percent Contribution: 100%. Texas Filmmakers' Production Fund, Austin Film Society, Private / Foundation / Corporate, $2,000.00. (Funded: 1997). Grant.
Additional Comments: For production of short film PLEASURELAND

D. Scholarly / Creative Fellowships, Awards, Honors:

Award / Honor Nominee: Best Texas Short Film for "TO-GO", 2026 Waco Independent Film Festival.
July 19, 2026

Award / Honor Recipient: Best American Feature for "LEADS", 2026 Indy Film Festival.
April 26, 2026

Award / Honor Recipient: Audience Choice Feature Award for "LEADS", 2025 Lone Star Film Festival.
October 30, 2025 - November 5, 2025

Award / Honor Recipient: Best Ensemble Cast Award for "LEADS", 2025 Film Festival at Hollywood Park.
October 6, 2025 - October 12, 2025

Award / Honor Nominee: Best Cinematography for "DON'T YOU GO NOWHERE", ATX Short Film Showcase (2023-2024 Season).
August 25, 2024

Award / Honor Nominee: Best Director for "DON'T YOU GO NOWHERE", ATX Short Film Showcase (2023-2024 Season).
August 25, 2024

Award / Honor Nominee: Best Dramatic Short for "DON'T YOU GO NOWHERE", ATX Short Film Showcase (2023-2024 Season).
August 25, 2024

Award / Honor Nominee: Best Lead Performance for "DON'T YOU GO NOWHERE", ATX Short Film Showcase (2023-2024 Season).
August 25, 2024

Award / Honor Recipient: Best Short Film in Texas for "DON'T YOU GO NOWHERE", ATX Short Film Showcase (2023-2024 Season).
August 25, 2024

Award / Honor Recipient: Audience Award Narrative Short for "DON'T YOU GO NOWHERE", 2023 Fairhope Film Festival.
November 9, 2023 - November 12, 2023

Award / Honor Recipient: Best Cinematography Fiction Short for "DON'T YOU GO NOWHERE", 2023 Centre Film Festival.

November 3, 2023 - November 5, 2023

Award / Honor Recipient: Juror’s Choice Fiction Short for "DON'T YOU GO NOWHERE", 2023 Centre Film Festival.
November 3, 2023 - November 5, 2023

Award / Honor Recipient: Best US Narrative Short for "DON'T YOU GO NOWHERE", 2023 San Francisco Indie Short Film Festival.
October 12, 2023 - October 22, 2023

Award / Honor Recipient: Best Soundtrack – Short Film for "DON'T YOU GO NOWHERE", 2023 Hell's Half-Mile Film Festival.
September 21, 2023 - September 23, 2023

Award / Honor Recipient: Audience Award for September 2023 for "DON'T YOU GO NOWHERE", ATX Short Film Showcase.
September 11, 2023

Award / Honor Recipient: Best Texas Short Award for "DON'T YOU GO NOWHERE", 2023 Deep in the Heart Film Festival.
July 20, 2023 - July 23, 2023

Award / Honor Recipient: "Jorge Jellinek" Prize for Best Short Film of the Festival for "DON'T YOU GO NOWHERE", 2023 Cine del Mar Film Festival.
July 12, 2023 - July 16, 2023

Award / Honor Recipient: Best Director - Short Film for "DON'T YOU GO NOWHERE", 2023 Cine del Mar Film Festival.
July 12, 2023 - July 16, 2023

Award / Honor Recipient: Best Script – Short Film for "DON'T YOU GO NOWHERE", 2023 Cine del Mar Film Festival.
July 12, 2023 - July 16, 2023

Award / Honor Recipient: Audience Award for Best Dramatic Short for "DON'T YOU GO NOWHERE", 2023 Vero Beach Film Festival.
June 7, 2023 - June 11, 2023

Award / Honor Recipient: Best Narrative Short for "DON'T YOU GO NOWHERE", 2023 Denton Black Film Festival.
January 27, 2023 - January 29, 2023

Award / Honor Recipient: Best Texas Narrative Short for "DON'T YOU GO NOWHERE", 2023 Denton Black Film Festival.
January 27, 2023 - January 29, 2023

Award / Honor Recipient: Best Narrative Short Award for "DON'T YOU GO NOWHERE", 2022 Lone Star Film Festival.
November 13, 2022

Award / Honor Recipient: Texas Short Filmmaker Award for "DON'T YOU GO NOWHERE", 2022 Austin Film Festival.
October 30, 2022

Award / Honor Recipient: Short Drama Award for "DON'T YOU GO NOWHERE", 2022 Legacy Theatre Film Festival.
September 21, 2022

Award / Honor Recipient: Best Texas Film Award for "DON'T YOU GO NOWHERE", 2022 Hill Country Film Festival.
June 5, 2022

Award / Honor Recipient: Sundance Collective Kitchen workshop selection for "DON'T YOU GO NOWHERE", Sundance Institute.
March 17, 2022

Award / Honor Recipient: "Best Ensemble" Cast Award for GOPHERIT, 2020 Victoria Independent Film Festival.
2020

Award / Honor Recipient: "Best Ensemble Cast" Award for LOVE & AIR SEX, Napa Valley Film Festival.
2013

Award / Honor Recipient: "Best Writing" Award for LOVE & AIR SEX, Gen Art Film Festival.
2013

Award / Honor Nominee: "John Cassavetes Award" for LOVERS OF HATE, Independent Spirit Awards.
2011

Award / Honor Nominee: "Someone to Watch" Award for DEAR PILLOW, Independent Spirit Awards.
2005

Award / Honor Recipient: Audience Award for Best Narrative Feature for "DEAR PILLOW", Central Standard Film Festival.
2004

Award / Honor Recipient: Best Feature for "DEAR PILLOW", Boston Underground Film Festival.
2004

Award / Honor Recipient: Best Narrative Feature for "DEAR PILLOW", Atlanta Film Festival.
2004

E. Scholarly / Creative Professional Development Activities Attended:

Conference Attendance, "Lone Star Film Festival," Lone Star Film Society, Fort Worth, TX, United States. (November 1, 2025 - November 2, 2025).

Additional Comments: Attended the Lone Star Film Festival to present a screening of my feature film LEADS. Spoke on a "Meet the Filmmaker" Panel.

Conference Attendance, "Austin Film Festival," Austin, United States. (October 23, 2025 - October 30, 2025).

Additional Comments: Attended the Austin Film Festival to present the Texas Premiere of my feature film LEADS as a Marquee Screening which included a red carpet press event with several Texas State students, alumni and faculty involved in the film. Attended networking events, panels and roundtables on current filmmaking topics.

Conference Attendance, "Film Festival at Hollywood Park," Inglewood, CA, United States. (October 8, 2025 - October 12, 2025).

Additional Comments: Attended the inaugural Film Festival at Hollywood Park to present the West Coast Premiere of my feature film LEADS. Attended networking events, panels on current filmmaking topics and press events.

Conference Attendance, "Tribeca Festival," New York, United States. (June 5, 2025 - June 13, 2025).

Additional Comments: Attended Tribeca Festival to present the World Premiere of my feature film LEADS, alongside over 30 Texas State students, alumni and faculty who worked as cast & crew on the film. Did Q & A's at 4 screenings, attended networking events and multiple press events.

Conference Attendance, "ATX Short Film Showcase Awards," Austin, TX, United States. (August 25, 2024).

Conference Attendance, "Centre Film Festival," State College, PA, United States. (November 3, 2023 - November 5, 2023).

Conference Attendance, "Bend Film Festival," Bend, OR, United States. (October 13, 2023 - October 15, 2023).

Conference Attendance, "Deep in the Heart Film Festival," Waco, TX, United States. (July 20, 2023 - July 23, 2023).

Conference Attendance, "Sedona International Film Festival," Sedona, AZ, United States. (February 23, 2023 - February 26, 2023).

Conference Attendance, "Denton Black Film Festival," Denton, TX, United States. (January 27, 2023 - January 29, 2023).

Conference Attendance, "Lone Star Film Festival," Lone Star Film Society, Fort Worth, TX, United States. (November 10, 2022 - November 12, 2022).

Conference Attendance, "Sound Unseen Film Festival," Sound Unseen, Austin, TX, United States. (November 3, 2022 - November 6, 2022).

Conference Attendance, "Austin Film Festival," Austin, TX, United States. (October 27, 2022 - November 2, 2022).

Conference Attendance, "Dallas International Film Festival," Dallas Film, Dallas, TX, United States. (October 15, 2022 - October 17, 2022).

Conference Attendance, "Crested Butte Film Festival," Crested Butte, CO, United States. (September 21, 2022 - September 25, 2022).

Conference Attendance, "LA Shorts International Film Festival," Los Angeles, CA, United States. (July 26, 2022 - July 30, 2022).

Conference Attendance, "Hill Country Film Festival," Hill Country Film Society, Fredericksburg, TX, United States. (June 2, 2022 - June 5, 2022).

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Conference Attendance, "ATX TV Festival," Austin, TX, United States. (June 11, 2021 - June 20, 2021).

Conference Attendance, "SXSW Film Festival & Conference," Austin, TX, United States. (March 16, 2021 - March 20, 2021).

Conference Attendance, "Sundance Film Festival," Park City, UT, United States. (February 1, 2021 - February 3, 2021).

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Internet, Making Movies is Hard Podcast Short Filmmakers Roundtable. (December 4, 2023).

Internet, The Casting Station's In the Room Podcast Interview. (August 15, 2023).

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Internet, "FUTURES: LOVERS OF HATE director Bryan Poyser" - Indiewire. (February 11, 2011).

Magazine, "SXSW 2013: Get to know Bryan Poyser" - Austin Monthly. (March 15, 2013).

Magazine, "Five Questions with LOVE & AIR SEX director Bryan Poyser" - Filmmaker Magazine. (March 8, 2013).

Magazine, "A Sundance Film Without a Star?" - GQ. (January 22, 2010).

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Additional Comments: https://calendar.austinchronicle.com/event/leads-fundraiser-13627517

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Additional Comments: https://www.sanmarcosrecord.com/article/31627,texas-state-film-program-shines-at-austin-film-festival

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Additional Comments: https://www.austinchronicle.com/daily/screens/2025-06-05/youth-and-experience-leads-talks-filmmaking-truths-at-tribeca/

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Additional Comments: https://www.austinchronicle.com/screens/austin-filmmakers-head-to-tribeca-13286810/

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Newspaper, "LOVE & AIR SEX, a 21-st Century Romance" - Chicago Tribune. (March 20, 2014).

Newspaper, "Director Bryan Poyser talks about LOVE & AIR SEX" - Westword. (March 6, 2014).

Newspaper, "Poyser changes gears and aims for laughs and a lighter mood in LOVE & AIR SEX" - Austin American-Statesman. (March 9, 2013).

Newspaper, "Filmmaker Bryan Poyser's up-and-down life" - LA Times. (January 24, 2010).

Radio, KLBJ Mornings with Matt & Bob: Bryan Poyser interview. (October 23, 2025).
Additional Comments: https://www.klbjfm.com/episode/matt-and-bob-10-23-25-gravy-bob-nap-filmmaker-bryan-poyser/

Radio, KUT Texas Standard: "Trains, teen pregnancy and tuna: Movies we're watching at the 2025 Austin Film Festival". (October 23, 2025).
Additional Comments: https://www.texasstandard.org/stories/trains-teen-pregnancy-in-texas-and-tuna-movies-were-watching-at-the-2025-austin-film-festival/

Radio, KOOP Radio - Lights Camera Austin: "Interview: Bryan Poyser, co-writer/director, "Leads". (October 22, 2025).
Additional Comments: http://www.lightscameraaustin.net/bryan-poyser-october-2025.html

Radio, Lights Camera Austin on KOOP. (November 14, 2019).

Radio, "A Celebration of Texas Short Films" on Arts Eclectic on KUT. (November 4, 2016).

IV. SERVICE

A. Institutional

2. College:

Organizer, Fundraiser Screening of feature film Leads for the Texas State Film Program. (December 9, 2025).
Additional Comments: Organized a screening of Leads with John Fleming, Dean of the College of Fine Arts & Communication, as a fundraiser for the Film Program. Hosted by acclaimed filmmaker Jeff Nichols.

3. Department/School:

Organizer, Collector of Film Program Faculty/Student/Alumni Accomplishments. (August 2025 - 2026).

Chair, Assistant Professor of Film Search Committee. (October 9, 2024 - March 5, 2025).

Member, Assistant Professor of Film Search Committee. (October 23, 2021 - March 1, 2022).

B. Professional:

Speaker, SXSW Film & TV Festival, Austin, TX, United States. (March 10, 2025 - March 11, 2025).

Additional Comments: Introduced 4 screenings and moderated question & answer sessions with directors at SXSW Film Festival.

Speaker, SXSW Film Festival, Austin, TX, United States. (March 16, 2021 - March 20, 2021).

Reviewer / Referee, ATX Television Festival, Austin, TX, United States. (February 10, 2021 - February 26, 2021).

Reviewer / Referee, Austin Film Society/Austin Community Foundation - Stand With Austin Grant Program, Austin, TX, United States. (May 2020).
Additional Comments: this grant program offered financial assistance to Texas filmmakers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic

Member, Independent Spirit Award "Someone to Watch Award" Nominating Committee, Los Angeles, CA, United States. (September 2007 - January 2010).

C. Community:

Speaker, Lone Star Film Festival, Fort Worth, TX. (November 1, 2025).
Additional Comments: Spoke at a Film Talk: "Meet the Filmmakers" panel during the 2025 Lone Star Film Festival, presented by the Texas Media Production Alliance.

Moderator, Austin Film Society Works-in-Progress Program, Austin, TX. (September 24, 2025).
Additional Comments: Moderated Works-in-Progress screening of Texas-shot independent feature film "Tiny, Texas" by David Lykes Keenan

Judge, Indie Meme South Asian Film Festival, Austin, TX. (March 21, 2025 - April 16, 2025).
Additional Comments: Served on the Jury for the Narrative Features for the 10th Indie Meme Film Festival

Speaker, Houston Community College, Houston, TX. (March 20, 2024).

Speaker, Austin Film Society Tribute Screening to Mark Reeb, Austin, TX. (January 27, 2024).

Mentor, Austin Film Society Artists Intensive Program, Austin, TX. (May 12, 2022 - May 14, 2022).

Judge, Indie Meme South Asian Film Festival, Austin, TX. (March 1, 2022 - April 3, 2022).

Speaker, SXSW Film Festival & Conference, Austin, TX. (March 14, 2022).
Additional Comments: Served as a mentor for the Film Conference, giving advice to half a dozen participants

Judge, Florida Film Festival, Orlando, FL. (April 16, 2019 - April 21, 2019).

D. Organization Memberships:

Austin Film Society Filmmaker Advisory Committee (AFS). (October 2023 - Present).

Austin Film Society Board of Directors (AFS). (2012 - 2018).

Directors Guild of America (DGA). (2015 - 2017).