

TFT: Where World-Class Talent Shapes the Future of Storytelling



Dean Celine Parreñas Shimizu: Dean & Distinguished Professor; award-winning scholar, filmmaker, and author.

- **Expertise:** Race, sexuality, and representation.
- **Books:** Five acclaimed titles, including *The Hypersexuality of Race* (Best Book in Cultural Studies).
- **Films:** *80 Years Later* (50+ festivals, 20 awards); *The Celine Archive* (10 awards).
- **Recognition:** Stanford Multicultural Alumni Hall of Fame; Association for Asian American Studies 2022 Mentorship Award and 2026 Outstanding Contribution award in Media, Performance, and Visual Studies.
- **Education:** Ph.D. Stanford; M.F.A. UCLA TFT; B.A. UC Berkeley

From Coppola to Prince-Bythewood, from Broadway to Hollywood, UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television is one of the world's most selective creative communities—uniting artistry, scholarship, and innovation to lead the next era of entertainment.

Distinguished Alumni: Francis Ford Coppola, Dustin Lance Black, Carol Burnett, Charles Burnett, Julie Dash, Mariska Hargitay, Justin Lin, Alexander Payne, Gina Prince-Bythewood, Tim Robbins **Rising Stars:** Grace Lee (*BTS Army*), Steven Canals (*Pose*), Emily Yoshida (*Shōgun*)

Renowned Faculty: Jeff Burke, Juan Pablo González, Kristy Guevara-Flanagan, George Huang, Suk-Young Kim, Deborah Landis, Chon Noriega, Amy Villarejo, Dominic Taylor, and many more

Faculty and students regularly earn top honors—from Guggenheim Fellowships, MacArthur Fellowships, ACLS, NEH, and NSF Fellowships to awards at major festivals—solidifying TFT as a global leader in entertainment education.

DEAN'S STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

TFT Engagement & Empowerment (TFTEE): Strengthening school culture through Lights Up (Quarterly Open Forums), Intermission (Monthly Newsletter), Curtain Call (Dean's Seasonal/Monthly Greetings), and Professional Development (Snacks & Scripts gatherings; TFT Studio Digital Hub networking; Take, Focus & Thrive development day) - *Yearly cost to support the initiative: \$50,000*

Crew Call: Student ambassadors' program to help them navigate our institutions to build their own whether their own studios or new programs in existing fields with the advice and collaboration of our Executive Board - *Yearly cost to support the initiative: \$100,000*

Student Success Mentorship: Intensive weekends for board-alumni-student mentorship events; year-round micro-mentorship connections to career pathways; mobilizing alumni and board advocacy for TFT's future - *Yearly cost to support the initiative: \$25,000*

Next Generation Speaker Series: Featuring distinguished alumni and leaders presenting on their paths to create the future of communities and industries. Hosting cutting-edge storytellers, scholars, and technologists to connect with the next generation - *Yearly cost to support the initiative: \$10,000*

Ripples of the LA Rebellion: A monthly alumni screening and performance series highlighting the inheritance of the LA Rebellion and its impact, with original alumni from the program and those who take up and converse with their legacy - *Yearly cost to support the initiative: \$10,000*

Picture Start: A school-wide extracurricular opportunity that offers 3-day intensive content creation in verticals, trailers, commercials, training videos and music videos; alumni mentorship and industry/community partnership amplifying service learning, independent voices, and social impact - *Yearly cost to support the initiative: \$100,000*

Student Success as Wellness and Health: A program that nourishes students through care and community towards belonging as the basis for academic and artistic success including yoga and tai chi, gatherings, and other structural supports to help alleviate personal obstacles towards professional readiness and career opportunities - *Yearly cost to support the initiative: \$200,000 (Staff person plus expenses)*

Independence, Innovation & Impact: Dean's Discretionary Fund supports Auteur School student projects and their completion and dissemination; harnessing new technologies to expand storytelling and deepen human connection, innovating research and creative dissemination beyond traditional boundaries - *Yearly cost to support the initiative: \$250,000*

Capital Projects: The renovation of the Experimental Design Classroom and the New Media Lab; Updating the Sound Stages for the exploration of new technologies such as AI, VR, and what is next in our student and faculty creativity and inquiry

- *Cost to renovate the Experimental Design Classroom and the New Media Lab - \$200,000*
- *Renovations, signage, posters project - \$2,000,000*

New Equipment: From lighting and cameras to sound recording and mixing, and the latest hardware and software, our students need the latest and greatest tools to innovate theater, film, and television to new heights of immersion and multi-sensory experiences and dissemination

Full Scholarships for Four Years: Our students are essentially Olympians, accepted to our most selective production/research school, and they need financial support from convocation to commencement to unleash their creativity without barriers, to actualize the infinity of their dreams and possibilities. Endowment income dedicated to undergraduate student support provides exceptional learning opportunities for talented and deserving students. Scholarships in the UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television may be awarded based on financial need, academic merit, or a combination of both - *Cost to create an endowed scholarship/fellowship: \$1M (generating approximately \$40,000 a year)*