

# Shonnie Jackson

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## EDUCATION

### ***Candidate for Masters of Fine Arts, TV/Film Production***

University of Southern California (USC) Los Angeles, CA

Expected Graduation Dec 2018

Cumulative GPA: 3.8

### ***Bachelor of Science, Broadcast Journalism***

Florida International University (FIU), Miami, FL

May 2015

Cumulative GPA: 3.5

## RELEVANT COURSEWORK

Production I, Production II, Writing the Short Story, Intermediate Screenwriting, Writing the Feature Screenplay, Writing the Hour-Long Dramatic Series, Writing the Half-Hour Comedy Series, Writing the Original Drama Series Pilot, Intermediate Directing, Advanced Motion Picture Script Analysis, Advanced Multi-Camera TV Workshop, Single-Camera TV Dramatic Series, African American Cinema, African American Television and The World of Television.

## AWARDS/ HONORS

- *Best Director, Web Series* – Hollywood, FL Film Festival 2017
- *Best New Media* for *The Put Down Web Series* — Houston Black Film Festival 2017
- *Dean's List*, Spring 2013–Spring 2015

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Paramount Pictures, Los Angeles, CA

February– May 2018

### ***TV Development Intern***

- Read scripts and wrote coverage and detailed notes on what re-writes should include.
- Read book proposals and novels to adapt into television.
- Assisted Development Coordinators with clerical tasks.
- Arranged lists via Microsoft Excel for development and production related tasks.

MACRO Ventures, Los Angeles, CA

January– May 2017

### ***Development Intern***

- Read several screenplays a week and wrote thorough coverage within a reasonable turn around time.
- Collaborated with other interns to write and pitch an original treatment for an un-adapted body of creative work.
- Performed administrative duties such as answering phones and running errands for Assistants and Executives.

The Put Down Web Series, Miami, FL

November 2015 – Present

### ***Writer/Director/Producer***

- Wrote, directed and independently produced *The Put Down Web Series (Season 1)*, released on YouTube that has generated over 20K views. Currently Writing/filming Season 2.
- Managed casting, auditions, gaining sponsorships, securing locations, budgets, directing actors, supervising editors and music, submitted into festivals, etc.
- Promoted the show via social media, word of mouth and on the ground. Organized a campus tour and planned a premier party.

## LEADERSHIP/ACTIVITIES

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. | Sigma Pi Chapter, ***Ivy Leaf Reporter***

January– May 2015

Black Female Development Circle, ***Historian***

August 2013 – May 2015

Black Student Union, ***Community Service Coordinator***

August 2013 – December 2014

Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, ***Advisory Board***

September 2013 – December 2015

## SKILLS

Advanced proficiency in Microsoft Office (Word, PowerPoint, Publisher, Excel and Outlook); Adobe Photoshop and Adobe Premier, Final Cut Pro and Avid Media Composer. YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, SnapChat, IndieGoGo, and GoFundMe. Web Design: Wix and Wordpress.