



**CASSANDRA M. HANKS**  
www.cassandrahanks.com  
[cassandramhanks@gmail.com](mailto:cassandramhanks@gmail.com)  
979-229-9347

---

## EDUCATION

- 2014 Masters of Fine Arts in Visualization  
Texas A&M University
- 2011 Bachelors of Science in Telecommunication Media Studies, Minor: Film Studies  
Texas A&M University

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

Maya	Renderman/Slim	Arnold	Nuke	Houdini	Mental Ray
Linux/Unix	Adobe Production Suite	C++	OpenGL	Python/MEL Scripting	

## PROJECTS

- 2015 "St. Louis Cathedral Candles" Lighter, Shader & Compositor
- Created photorealistic CG scene from personal photograph
  - Used Arnold & Nuke
- "Stage Fright" - student group short Lighting, Compositing & Layout Lead
- Created environment and character lighting rigs
  - Lit shots with global illumination & volumetric lights
  - Developed compositing network and render layers for entire short
  - Did entire layout for short
  - Troubleshoot render errors & developed render workflow
- 2014 "Wake" - student group short Lighter & Compositor
- Lit and composited shots to have a toon shaded look with global illumination
  - Troubleshoot render & pipeline errors
- 2013 "Night at the Museum" – independent project Lighter & Shader
- Created bone texture
  - Lit scene based on a stormy night using no global illumination
- 2012 "Dark Light" - student group short with DreamWorks Layout Lead, Lighter, Compositor
- Did entire layout for short, used camera script to simulate unchained camera
  - Created environment light rig and lit shots
  - Developed compositing network and render layers for entire short

## AWARDS & SCREENINGS

- 2013 *Texas Independent Film Festival*, College Station, TX  
Texas A&M Academic Excellence Award Scholarship
- 2012 *Siggraph Dailies*, Siggraph, Los Angeles, CA  
DreamWorks Screening, DreamWorks Animation Studios, Los Angeles, CA  
*Viz-A-GoGo 19*, Texas A&M University, Bryan, TX
- 2011 Lechner Scholarship, Department of Visualization
- 2010 Kurrus Film Scholarship, Department of Film Studies

## RELEVANT COURSEWORK

Digital Lighting	Image Synthesis	Summer Industry Course with DreamWorks
Digital Image	Life Drawing	3D Modeling & Animation