

GONZALO ALVAREZ

ILLUSTRATOR, GAME DESIGNER, CHARACTER ARTIST

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PERSONAL OBJECTIVE

I want to continue my mission to animate the stories of my Mexican culture and become a role model for Latinx creatives.

EDUCATION HISTORY

Graduation December 2017 Lamar University, Beaumont, Texas
Bachelors of Arts
Emphasis in Drawing
GPA: 3.5/ 4.00

RELATED COURSWORK

- Jul '17 **Independent Research Trip Mexico and Yucatan (2 weeks)**
- Jul '16 **Study Abroad Japan, Independent Study Studio Course (1 month)**

WORK EXPERIENCE

GAME PRODUCTION

2018 **Animator and Artist**, Macua Studios/Emmanuel Valterria - Port Arthur/San Antonio, TX

Codex:Mictlan

Led a 3 man team to collaborate with freelance illustrator Emmanuel Valterria. Responsible for producing animation, character designs, and aiding in art direction.

2016-17 **Lead Artist, Game Designer**, Macua Studios, Port Arthur, TX /New York City, NY

Borders

Led 3-person team to create an art game that went on to exhibit internationally at Sheffield Doc/Fest 2017 and Indiecade Showcase @ E3 2017. Created all the marketing graphics, game design, animation, pixel art, and art direction.

Art Director, Game Designer, Macua Studios, Port arthur, TX

Paleo Hunter

Led a 4 person team to create a game prototype. Responsible for art direction, animation, UI elements, backgrounds, game design, character designs sheets.

ILLUSTRATION

- 2018 **Illustrator**, Texas Latino Comic Con, Dallas, TX
Created official event poster for the 2nd annual Texas Latino Comic Convention.
- 2017 **Illustrator, Writer**, Gonzzink, Port Arthur, TX
The Legend of Polloman
Created storyboards, art direction, graphic elements, concept art, website and character designs for comic book series and produced a 32-paged prologue.
- 2015-17 **Work Study**, Department of Art, Lamar University, Beaumont TX

SELECTED MEDIA APPEARANCES/INTERVIEWS

- 2018 **Creative Coach**, Youtube Web series, William D. Caballero, WORLD Channel
Storybored USA: IMMIGRANTS- WE GET THE JOB DONE
- 2017 **Interview for Borders**, NOW THIS, Web interview
- Interview for Borders**, Despierta America, Univision, Live Television Interview
- Interview for Borders**, Telemundo, Al Rojo Vivo Television Interview
- Interview for Borders**, Washington Post, Article Interview
- Interview for Borders**, Huffington Post, Article Interview
- Interview for Borders**, BBC, Article Interview
- Interview for Borders**, Mitu, Article Interview

SELECTED TALKS, PRESENTATIONS, AND LEADERSHIP

- Oct '17 **Artist Talk** Spanish Heritage Month, Lamar University, Beaumont, TX
Paid speaking event for University cultural presentations.
- Oct '17 **Panelist**, Latinx Matrix Artist Panel, Full Court Press Print Symposium, Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi, TX
Paid speaking event for University artist talk.
- Nov '16 **Presenter**, Pixel, Paints, and Pixels? How Indie Game Art Style Affects Interactive Experience, Seventeenth Annual Mcnair Scholars Research Symposium Lamar University, Beaumont, TX

- Nov '16 **Presenter**, Japan Study Abroad Experience , Dishman Auditorium, Lamar University
Beaumont, TX
- July '16 **Panelist**, Student Exhibition Presentation, Beppu University Beppu City, Oita Prefecture,
Japan
- 2016-17 **Co-Founder, Vice President**, Animation and Entertainment Design, Lamar University
Student Organization, Beaumont, TX

SELECTED EXHIBITION HISTORY

- Feb '18 **Polloman CODEX** Lamar University graduating thesis Exhibition, San Jacinto University,
TX
- Dec '17 **Polloman CODEX**, Take This With You Thesis Exhibition, Dishman Art Museum, Lamar
University Beaumont, TX
- Dec '17 **Borders** Art Games Demos #4, Lyon, France
 - Borders Exhibition** Sheffield Doc/Alternate Realities Latin American Tour
 - July '17 As part of DocMontevideo, Montevideo, Uruguay
 - Oct '17 As part of DOCSP, Sao Paulo, Brazil
 - Nov '17 As Part of Noviembre Electronico Buenos Aires, Argentina
- June '17 **Borders Exhibition** Alternate Realities, Sheffield Doc/Fest, Sheffield, UK
- June '17 **Borders Booth** IndieCade Showcase E3, Los Angeles Convention Center, Los
Angeles, CA
- Mar '17 **Borders** Thinkery 21:TEXAS Event, Austin, TX
- Feb '17 **Borders Art Installation** Sol Gallery, Lamar University, Beaumont TX

AWARDS RECEIVED

- 2017 **Kappa Pi International Graduating Merit Scholarship** Lamar University, Beaumont TX
- 2015-16 **McNair Scholars Program**, Lamar University, Beaumont TX
- 2016 **Department of Art Grant** , Lamar University, Beaumont TX
Award based on a written proposal for borders video game gallery installation.

SKILLS

Art Direction, Illustration, Leadership, Game Design, Public Speaking, Branding, Clip paint studio, photoshop, Fluent in English, Spanish and learning Japanese and Nahuatl

REFERENCES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Available upon request