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EDUCATION

- 2021 **M.F.A. Studio Art**, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
- 2011 **B.A. *cum laude*, Digital Art**, Stetson University, DeLand, FL

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2023-present **Instructor of Digital Media Design**, Florida Gulf Coast University, Fort Myers, FL
Courses Taught: Digital Media Design, Graphic Design
- 2022-2023 **Assistant Professor of Digital Art**, The College of Idaho, Caldwell, ID
Courses Taught: Digital Video, Graphic Design, Intro to Digital Media, Web Design
- 2022 **Adjunct Professor**, Stetson University, DeLand, FL
Course Taught: Graphic Design
- 2019-2021 **Graduate Instructor of Record**, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
Courses Taught: Beginning Video, Animation, and Digital Art
- 2021 **Teaching Assistant**, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
Course Assisted: Critical Perspectives on Contemporary Art (Graduate Level Course)
Graded student essays on topics including psychoanalysis, marxist critique, semiotics, and feminist, queer, race, and post-colonial theory. Contributed to class discussions, and prepped reading materials.
- 2018-2019 **Teaching Assistant**, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
Courses Assisted: 3D Animation, Digital Sculpture, Advanced Animation
Created supplemental print and video learning materials, provided occasional instructional demos, graded student work, and assisted students during class with After Effects, Maya, and ZBrush.

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2014-2017 **Graphic Designer**, Hearst Television, Winter Park, FL
Regularly communicated with producers at Hearst's 28 local stations to design 2D/3D still & motion graphics for daily live news broadcasts, graphics packages, and special events, while maintaining consistent branding.
- 2013-2014 **iNet Coordinator**, Commonvision, University of Maryland - Baltimore County, Baltimore, MD
Produced complex 2D/3D motion graphics and video for campus clients. Supervised and assisted the iNet team of student animators. Delegated projects, scheduled shifts, and mediated communication between employees and clients.
- 2011-2012 **Research Assistant** - Imaging Research Center, University of Maryland - Baltimore County, Baltimore, MD
Research and develop various creative projects working with the Associate Director of and other colleagues, such as a 3D motion-capture sketching device. Performed video production and editing duties.
- 2010 **Visual Arts Marketing Intern** - Stetson University, DeLand, FL
Designed promotional print materials and magazine layouts. Developed and designed a guide for student life around campus.
- 2008 **Web Intern** - WKMG Local 6, Orlando, FL
Uploaded stories and designed graphics for WKMG's youth directed website, OTownStyle.com. Updated the OTownStyle social media accounts.

SELECTED FREELANCE EXPERIENCE

- 2022 **Illustrator/Logo Designer** - Apocalypse Duds Podcast, Baltimore, MD
Created illustrated materials and logo for the podcast and its promotion.
- 2015 **Volunteer Animator** - Bernie Sanders For President, Revolution Messaging, Washington, D.C.
Provided animation/motion graphics for promotional campaign videos.
- 2011 **Composer/Performer/Recording & Mixing Engineer**
Wrote and recorded music for journalist and author Lisa Habermehl's educational children's songs. Recorded additional spoken word poetry.
- 2010-2011 **Graphic & Web Designer** - Touchstone Literary Magazine, Stetson University, DeLand, FL
Designed Touchstone's 2010 and 2011 magazine layout and DVD. Designed, coded, and maintained Touchstone's website.
- 2010 **Recording/Mixing Engineer**
Conducted recording sessions and mixed songs for the Gnarly Whales/Tragwag split EP.

2010 **Technical Assistant**
Implemented digital graphics and formatting for professor and poet Terri Witek's book, *Exit Island*, which incorporates unique graphical poetry.

2010 **Layout Designer**
Provided layout assistance for Florida gubernatorial candidate Michael E. Arth's book, *Democracy and the Common Wealth*.

EXHIBITIONS/PERFORMANCES/SCREENINGS *denotes solo

2023 *Treefort Festival*, Artfort, Boise, ID (upcoming)

2023 *EARTH*, Hellavision Television, Minneapolis, MN (upcoming)

2021 **Virtual Showcase*, Centre Gallery, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

2021 *ArtFields*, Lake City, SC

2021 *Out to Pasture: 2021 MFA Graduation Exhibition*. Contemporary Art Museum, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

2021 *GENESIS*. CoCurate 422, St. Petersburg College Downtown Center, St. Petersburg, FL

2020 *Total Insanity: Frostburg Puddles*, Roper Gallery, Frostburg University, Frostburg, MD

2020 *We Are All Contagious*, University Art Gallery, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, Dartmouth, MA

2019 *Desperate Losers*, Adult Swim Streams: Canal Street, New York, NY

2019 *Fang Bang III*, Parallelogram Gallery, Tampa, FL

2019 *Bloodfeast*, Adult Swim Streams, Williams Street, Atlanta, GA

2019 **Despite All My Rage, I Am Still Just A Leo In A Boxo*, The Box, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

2019 *Discount Crickets*, Carolyn M. Wilson Gallery, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

2018 *VADA Annual Juried Exhibition*, Fine Arts Building, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

2018 *Centre Gallery's Film Fest*, Centre Gallery, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

- 2016 *Places*, Carlton Union Building, Stetson University, DeLand, FL
- 2014 *Ten Second Motion Challenge*, University of Maryland - Baltimore County, Baltimore, MD
- 2013 **King of the City*, Flat Tuesdays, University of Maryland - Baltimore County, Baltimore, MD
- 2011 *Festival of the Moving Image*, Athens Theatre, DeLand, FL
- 2010 *Brouhaha*, Enzian Theater, Maitland, FL
- 2010 *Collective Sites*, (with Mobile Performance Group), Intermedia Festival, Indianapolis Central Library, Indianapolis, IN

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2023 Community Engagement Committee
- 2022 2D Art Faculty Search
Art Scholarship Coordinator

HONORS/AWARDS

- 2018-2021 Teaching Assistantship. University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
- 2020 Second Place Award. Annual Art History Research Paper Competition. University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
- 2018-2019 Academic Fellowship. University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
- 2011 Outstanding Senior in Digital Art. Stetson University, DeLand, FL
- 2007-2011 Academic Scholarship. Stetson University, DeLand, FL
- 2009 Second Place Award. Festival of the Moving Image, DeLand, FL