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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

- 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
Courses Assisted: Critical Perspectives on Contemporary Art (Graduate Level Course)
Graded student essays on critical theory, 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.
- 2012 **Teaching Assistant**, University of Maryland - Baltimore County, Baltimore, MD
Courses Assisted: Time-Based Media
Provided occasional lectures, graded student work, and assisted students during class with Premiere Pro.
- 2009-2010 **Teaching Apprentice**, Stetson University, DeLand, FL
Courses Assisted: Intro to Digital Arts, Interactivity and Art
Assisted students during class with Photoshop, ProTools, Final Cut Pro, Logic, Max/MSP/Jitter, and the Arduino.

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 **Animation 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.
- 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

- 2015 **Volunteer Animator** - Bernie Sanders For President, Revolution Messaging, Washington, D.C.
Provided animation/motion graphics for promotional campaign videos.
- 2011 **Composer/Performer/Recording Engineer**
Wrote music and recorded audio for journalist and author Lisa Habermehl's educational children's songs. Recorded additional spoken word poetry.
- 2010-2011 **Web & Graphic 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 **Technical Assistant**
Helped to realize professor and poet Terri Witek vision for her book, *Exit Island*, which incorporates unconventional 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

- 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
- 2020 *Cursed/Blessed*, Hellavision Television, Minneapolis, MN
- 2019 *Fang Bang III*, Parallelogram Gallery, Tampa, FL
- 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 *Deep Into The Blue*, Athens Theatre, DeLand, FL
- 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, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis, IN
- 2010 *Festival of the Moving Image*, Stetson University, DeLand, FL

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
- 2011-2013 Teaching Assistantship. University of Maryland - Baltimore County, Baltimore, MD
- 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