

Curriculum Vitae 2025

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Education:

2024 MFA in Design Illustration and Book Arts, Certificate of Sustainable Design, University of WI – Stout, Menomonie, WI
1999 BFA in Sculpture, Minneapolis College of Art and Design, Minneapolis, MN
1995-97 Attended Glasgow School of Art, Glasgow, Scotland, UK
1994-95 Attended UW Stout, Menomonie, WI
1994 Graduated Regis High School, Eau Claire, WI

Employment:

2022, '23, and '24 Fall semesters, Lecturer: 2D Design and Drawing I, U.W. Stout, Menomonie, WI
2022-25 Rush Creek Growers, Spring Valley, WI – greenhouse staff, seasonal
2015-23 Helios Chiropractic, Menomonie, WI – receptionist, master gardener
2008-2018 Aquarian Gardens, Downsville, WI – landscape designer, garden crew, master gardener
2001-04 The Creamery Restaurant and Inn, Downsville, WI – garden crew
1995-2014 Copper Burning, Minnesota Renaissance Festival, Shakopee, MN – jeweler's apprentice, retail
1993-2022 DJ Signs and Arts, Menomonie, WI – sign painter, general labor, as needed

Professional experience:

Children's Picture Book Illustration

2020 Tanker is Gone, by Jaqueline Zenk
2016 Hush, by Lori Michael
2015 Peridot, the Secret Portal, by Debra Tracy
2012 Meet the Tanners, by Debra Tracy

Album Cover Illustration

2016 Drive til you Die, by Hymn for Her
2011 Lucy and Wayne's Smokin' Flames, by Hymn for Her
2010 Pioneer the Light, by Blue Soul Caravan
2008 Beneath the Below is a River, by Wendy Rule
2006 Rodeo de Gaia, by Magic mama

Commercial illustration

2022 New logo for EB Ranch Goat Milk Soap, Menomonie, WI.
2021 Label for fresh pressed juice, Wonders of Nature Hemp, Eau Claire, WI.

2020 Set of three seltzer labels for Lucette Brewing, Menomonie, WI.
2019-20 Set of five coffee labels for Scatterbrain coffee roasters, Downsville WI.
2019-20 Set of five hemp posters for Wonders of Nature hemp shop, Eau Claire, WI.
2017 Cheese label and logo for Bifrost Farm, Menomonie, WI
2005 Logo for Just Local Food, Eau Claire, WI

Illustration for Event Posters

2008-11 Eau Claire Community Earth Day, Eau Claire, WI
2007 Log Jam Festival, Menomonie, WI
2007 Open Air Festival of the Arts, Eau Claire, WI
2007 The New Earth Festival, Fall Creek, WI
2002-06 The Campout, Black River Falls, WI
2002-04 Hempfest, Eau Claire, WI

Events, Art installations

2024 “Vital Energos” giant art puppet installation, Flaming Cheese Festival, La Farge, WI
2019 and 2023 “Vital Energos” giant art puppet installation, Unscruz regional Burning Man event, Santa Cruz, CA
2019 “Vital Energos” giant art puppet installation, Best Night festival, Eau Claire, WI
2019 “Temple of Balance” art installation, TTATC regional Burning Man event, Le Seur, MN
2014-19 “Hippocampus” art installation, Burning Man Project, Black Rock City, NV
2016-18 “Hippocampus” art installation, Eaux Claires Festival, Eau Claire, WI
2007 The Open Air Festival of the Arts co-organizer, Eau Claire, WI
2003-04 The Art Makers Market co-owner, gallery curator, installation artist, teacher, Menomonie, WI

Sales, Art Fairs

2022-24 Tangled up in Hue, Eau Claire, WI
2016-19 Chicago Avenue Fire Arts Center Hot House, Minneapolis, MN.
2017-19 Simply Dunn Holiday Open House, Downsville, WI
2009-19 The Land School Holiday Fair, Connorsville, WI
2011-13 The Ren in the Glen, Renaissance Festival, Glenwood City, WI
2002-15 The Stockholm Art Fair, Stockholm, WI

Gallery Shows:

2024 “Inside Out” Eau Claire, WI – juried group show.
2023 - ‘24 “Gods and Monsters”, Minneapolis, MN - juried group show.
2023 “Food for Thought”, Eau Claire, WI – juried group show
2022-23 ArtsWest, Eau Claire, WI – juried group show
2022-23 The Otherworldly Artists Collective – multiple juried group shows
2021 Shift Coffeehouse, Eau Claire, WI – solo show
2019 Modus Locus, Minneapolis, MN – group show
2017-19 Kingman Studios, Minneapolis, MN – group show
2016-19 Chicago Avenue Fire Arts Center, Minneapolis, MN – juried group show
2012 Volume One Gallery, Eau Claire, WI – duo show
2010-19 Menomonie Market Food Co-op, Menomonie, WI – solo shows

2009 Minnesota Center for Book Arts, Minneapolis, MN – juried group show
2009 The Raw Deal, Menomonie, WI – duo show
2003 The Art Makers Market, Menomonie, WI – group shows
2001 MCAD Alumni Gallery, Minneapolis, MN – juried group shows
2001-20 Helios Chiropractic, Menomonie, WI- solo show
2000 The Art Tree, Excelsior, MN – duo show
1996 ArtsWest, Eau Claire, WI – juried group show
1995-2001 The Creamery, Downsville, WI – group and solo shows
1995-98 The Accola Gallery, Durand, WI- group and solo shows

Teaching:

2023 Drawing 100, U.W Stout, Menomonie, WI
2022 and '24 2D Design foundations, U.W Stout, Menomonie, WI
2022 Youth Make-and-Take Workshops, handmade books at the L.E. Phillips Library for the Chippewa Valley Book Festival, Eau Claire, WI
2022 “Quitting the Plastic Habit” sustainability workshop, Hay River Green Skills Event, Prairie Farm, WI
2013 to 2019- Drawing, journaling and illustration for teens, Menomonie Home School group, Menomonie, WI
2005- Life Drawing, Arts Coming Together, Menomonie, WI
2003- Life drawing, The Art Makers Market, Menomonie, WI

Awards, Grants:

2024 UW Stout Outstanding Graduate Research Award
2023 Student Research Grant, U.W. Stout, Menomonie, WI
2022 Honorable Mention for “Sweetgrass Woman” print, Arts West juried show, Eau Claire, WI
2019-2020 Art grant for giant puppet sculpture collaboration “Vital Energos”, Unscruz regional Burning Man event, Santa Cruz, CA
2019 Art grant for “Temple of Balance”, TTATC regional Burning Man event, Le Seur, MN
2018 Art grant for giant puppet sculpture collaboration “Vital Energos”, TTATC regional Burning Man event, Le Seur, MN
2017 Art grant, for seahorse sculpture “Hippocampus”, Burning Man project, Black Rock City, NV
2009 1st Place in category, Painting and drawing, Minnesota Center for Book Arts juried show, Minneapolis, MN

Continuing Education

2021 Graphic Novel Workshop, Society for Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI), virtual event hosted by California Chapter SCBWI
2016 Chicago Avenue Fire Arts Center, Oxyacetylene welding workshop, Minneapolis, MN
2010 and 2019 Society for Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators, winter conference, Manhattan, NY
2001-02 Life drawing co-op, UW Stout, Menomonie, WI

Summary of teaching qualifications:

- Perspective drawing
- Balance
- Composition
- Contrast
- Mark making with ink, charcoal, graphite
- Reductive drawing
- Generalizing
- Observational techniques/measuring
- Gesture drawing

- Process and ideation
- Sequential art
- Pacing
- Page turn
- Neutral space
- Paper folding and cutting
- Sewing and binding

- Color mixing
- Designing and cutting stencils
- Painting and printing monotype prints
- Printing with wood engravings

Professional Goals

I intend to continue my career writing and illustrating children's books, comics, and graphic novels. I enjoy teaching and will pursue teaching opportunities at universities and in my community.

I have also been working in collaboration with others in my community to create a Chippewa Valley Center for Book Arts, where there will be events, workshops and exhibits of everything relating to the art of making books. These activities will include writing, illustration, typography, design, printmaking, paper making, book binding and more.