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Education

University of Mississippi, University, MS
Master of Fine Arts, May 2014
Major: Studio Arts, Printmaking

Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, MS
Bachelor of Fine Arts, December 2007
Major: Art, Drawing

East Central Community College, Decatur, MS
Certificate, May 2004
Major: Welding and Cutting Processes

East Central Community College, Decatur, MS
Associate of Arts, December 2003
Major: Art

Relevant Skills

Strong familiarity with the Adobe Cloud software package, Wacom/Cintiq drawing tablets, vinyl cutters, laser cutters, 3D printing, ability to print using modern and classical printing techniques ranging from large format Epson printers to screen printing and lithographic presses, a basic understanding of wood working/carpentry techniques, basic metal fabrication and cutting processes, photographic documentation, videography and lighting knowledge, an understanding of a variety of drawing/painting mediums, extensive knowledge of popular culture relevant to the creation of movie/game concept art and illustration and the historical context that inspires such mediums, development of a special topics digital drawing class with ideas for others if given the opportunity to implement, as well as workshops based around Adobe Cloud software.

Professional Experience (Teaching/Academic Appointments/Related Work Experience)

Teaching Experience:

Lecturer, part-time, Mississippi State University (January 2016-present)
Digital Drawing, Drawing I, Drawing II, Introduction to Computer Arts, Design I, Student Thesis Committees

Information Technology Coordinator, part-time, Mississippi State University (January 2015-present)
In charge of running a lab, printers, student workers, laser cutter, 3D printer, vinyl cutter,

Graduate Instructor and Lead Print Shop Monitor, Gallery Assistant, University of Mississippi, University, MS (August 2011-May 2014) (Courses taught include Printmaking I Fall 2013, Drawing I Spring 2014)

Exhibitions and Film Festivals

Hinds County Community College, One Artist Show, Raymond, MS - 2016

Thesis Exhibition, University of Mississippi - Gallery 130 University of Mississippi
(2014)

Crossroads Film Festival, Madison, MS - 2014

Oxford Film Festival, Oxford, MS - 2014

Wizard World New Orleans Comic Convention, Film Festival Shorts, New Orleans, LA, 2013

Mad Monster Party Horror Convention and Film Festival, Charlotte, NC - 2013

Mississippi Pulpccon, Jackson, MS - 2013

University of Mississippi Faculty Art Exhibition Meridian Museum of Art, Meridian, MS (2013)

University of MS Summer Student Exhibition Gallery 130 (2013)

Round Table Graduate Exhibition, Oxford, MS (2011)

Emerging Artist Exhibition Meridian Museum of Art, Meridian, MS (2010)

Mississippi State University Senior Thesis Exhibition (Fall Semester) College of Art, Architecture, and Design; Mississippi State, MS (2007)

Mississippi State University Open Studio Exhibition (Spring Semester) College of Art, Architecture, and Design; Mississippi State, MS (2007)

People's Choice Art Competition Meridian Museum of Art; Meridian, MS - 2007

People's Choice Art Competition Meridian Museum of Art; Meridian, MS - 2006

Mississippi State University Art Department Faculty Invitational Show - College of Art, Architecture, and Design; Mississippi State, MS (2005)

Mississippi Junior/ Community College Art Competition North East Community College; Booneville, MS (2002)

East Central Community College Art Competition Decatur, MS (2002)

Mississippi Junior/ Community College Art Competition Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College (Gautier Campus); Gulf Shores, MS (2001)

East Central Community College Art Competition Decatur, MS (2001)

Professional Service

Thesis Committee Member for graduating seniors 2015-2018 (5 committee appointments)

Mississippi School of the Arts Portfolio Day Review, Belhaven, MS 2017

Documentation of faculty members and student work, MSU Art Department 2015-present

Technology Committee, member, MSU Art Department 2015-2016

Neshoba County Artist Guild, member, Philadelphia, MS 2010-2014

Newton County Sheriff's Department, active shooter response training volunteer, Decatur, MS, 2010

Consultancies

2015 to Present Consultant, AVC Conventions, regarding print and design for print media and production design

2014 Consultant, Tacular Threads, Philadelphia, MS, provided instruction and setup of a silkscreen printing studio, as well as instruction and design utilizing Adobe Cloud software

2010 to Present Consultant, 4M Productions, regarding photographic processes and lighting, videography services

Travel/Foreign Languages Spoken

Panama

Saipan

Guam

Kyoto, Japan

Tokyo, Japan

References

Alexander Bostic – Mississippi State University – Professor
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Jeffery Haupt - Mississippi State University - Professor
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