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2D ANIMATION • MOTION GRAPHICS • 3D GENERALIST • ILLUSTRATION • CHARACTER DESIGN

Education

School of Visual Arts - MFA Computer Art
 Cleveland Institute of Art - BFA - Digital Arts

Software

Toonboom Harmony	Unreal	Substance
Animate CC	Mudbox	Maya
After Effects CC	Unity	3DS Max
Photoshop CC	VRay Rendering	Premiere CC
Illustrator CC	Nuke	Z Brush

Skills

3D Animation	3D Fabrication
2D Animation	Sculpture
Motion Graphics	Illustration
Stop Motion	Game Design
Preproduction	Character Design

Freelance Experience

Shurtech 2020 - 3D Modeling - hired to create several realistic 3D models of T-Rex tape and other products for their website
Safe2Choose 2019 - Illustration / Animation - hired to illustrate and animate several medical and informational pieces regarding women's reproductive health. The final pieces specifically targeting women in countries where this information is hard to come by.
OS Studios 2019 - Motion Graphics - animated a Milestones Explainer video for the International Champions Cup;
Can You Keep A Secret 2019 - Lead Animator - co-created assets for, and animated the title sequence for the film: Can You Keep A Secret, starring Alexandria Daddario and Tyler Hoechlin
Good Colony 2019 - Experimental Animator - co- animated an experimental animation titled "Pas De Deux" to promote the Colony's annual Design Week showcase
29 Things I Learned From David Carr Video - Motion Graphics - animated a trailer for Erin Carr's memoir: All That You Leave Behind featuring quotes from David Carr
Anchor Worldwide 2018 - Cross Stitch Pillow Creation - Crafted three cross stitch pillows for a One Main Financial's commercial campaign called "the Loandersons"; the pillows are props for a hip granny character who uses common Millennial slang;
Caposi Chari Malformation Release 2018 - Medical Animation - created a blended 3D Animation and Motion Graphics for a personal injury lawyer's court case; the video detailed a painful spinal surgery the accident victim had to undergo;
TBAC Productions, Inc. 2017 - 2018 - Motion Graphics Artist - animated the title sequence for "The Brits are Coming" starring Uma Thurman and Tim Roth
CBS Corporation 2017 - Motion Graphics Artist - animated a presentation for Avature software for a business-to-business convention
Kidclass 2017 - Motion Graphics Artist - created title/end bumpers + animated promotional videos for Carousel of Languages
Holy Apostles Soup Kitchen 2016 + 2017 - Motion Graphics + Video Editing - created promotional videos for charity events: Farm to Tray, Fastathon, and the Christmas Holiday
HBO 2016 - Illustrator - designed an alternative poster for "Mommy Dead and Dearest"
Hudson Media 2015 - 3D Animation + Motion Graphics Artist - designed / created TV filming location visualizations for a sizzle reel; created bumpers for Walgreens
Stranger 2015 - VFX Artist - created + composited VFX for a Red Bull project
Fidelio Films 2015 - 2D Animator - designed and animated whiteboard-style 2D character animation for Credit Suisse banking
BodeeO 2014 - 2015 - 2D Animator + Illustrator - created character designs, animations, promotional materials, and printables
Nurturing Press 2012 - 2015 - 2D Animator - animated preexisting book illustrations for eBook format for "I'm Going to be a Big Brother" and "I'm Going to be a Big Sister"
Messy the Cow 2014 - Illustrator - created illustrations for the children's book "Messy the Cow and the Elephant that Moos"
Party Animal, Inc. 2014 - 2D Animator - created a promotional animation for the Teeny Freaks toy franchise
Redwood Living 2014 - 2D Animator - created a promotional commercial that combined 2D animation and greenscreen footage
Keep Tree 2014 - 2D Animation + Motion Graphics Artist - conceptualized and animated a promotional animation describing Keep Tree's initiative and functionality
C2BSeen 2013-2014 - Illustrator + Motion Graphics Artist - designed brand identity for various start up clients, responsible for illustration, print media design, and animation
Rooster 2011 - 2012 - Motion Graphics Artist - animated titles, lower thirds and bumpers for Levis, Afrin, Nissan, Nivea, Fast Magazine, Behance, Buy.xxx, One Young World, and in house promotionals
Additional Freelance: iNomadics eBook animations + Peter Rabbit iPad game; Cleveland Museum of Natural History illustrations and sculpture; Lubrizol animations; ID Creative promotional animations; Monster Blocks 3D animations; Gift'Em 2D animation; Animorphus 3D modeling; Tea

Professorial Experience

William Paterson University 2015 - Present - **Assistant Professor of Animation and Game Design** - Professor of 3D modeling, 2D animation and advanced 2D animation; currently developing the Game Design curriculum;

Parsons: The New School - 2021 - Present - **Course Development** - Creating the Motion Design 2 online course for the continuing education certificate program;

School of Visual Arts 2019 - Present - **Adjunct Professor** - professor of 3D modeling and animation

Stevens Institute of Technology: Multimedia Immersions NSF Program 2017-Present - **Animation Instructor and Curriculum Specialist** - awarded an NSF grant NSF DRK-12 award to collaborate and create an animation and audio curriculum for New Jersey middle schools

New York Institute of Technology 2014 - Present - **Assistant Adjunct Professor** - professor of digital arts and animation; curated the 2016 NYIT Film Festival; Precollege animation instructor;

Rasmussen College 2011 - 2020 - **Online Adjunct Instructor and Course Developer** - created courses in 3D animation, 2D animation, 3D modeling, and print media design; instructor of animation, gaming, and digital media

Montclair State University 2011 -2018 - **Adjunct Professor** - professor of 3D modeling, 2D animation, and character design

Bloomfield College 2014 - 2018 - **Adjunct Professor** - professor of 3D modeling, character design, and 2D animation;

Cleveland Institute of Art - 2016 - **Precollege Professor** - co-taught a precollege course in 2D and stop motion animation;

Stevens Institute of Technology 2012 - 2016 - **Adjunct Professor** - professor of animation, 3D modeling, and motion graphics; Precollege Instructor in charge of the animation / audio immersive;

Additional Teaching Experience 2006-2012: Cleveland Institute of Art Precollege and Continuing Education; Cleveland Museum of Art stop motion animation courses; Progressive Arts Alliance stop motion courses;

Festivals

The Spirit Seam:

Chicago Southland International Film Festival Oct. 2020, Chicago IL

Mindfield Film Festival Aug. 2020, Albuquerque NM

Red Cedar Film Festival July 2020, Menomonie WI

Indie Film Wisconsin Film Festival June 2020, Racine WI

Standing Rock Film Festival Feb. 2020, Kent OH

Grove Film Festival, June 2020, Jersey City NJ

End of Days Film Festival, May 2020, Orlando FL

Animation Celebration Fest, April 2020, Racine WI

Cascadia International Womens Film Festival, April 2020, Bellingham WA

Azalea Film Festival, April 2020, Mobile AL

Wake Forest Film Festival, March 2020, Wake Forest NC

Oxford Film Festival, March 2020, Oxford MS

Sochi Film Festival, Feb. 2020, Sochi Russia

Moving Pictures Festival, Dec 2019, Belgium

AnimPix Miratec Arts, Dec. 2019, Azores

NEO International Film Festival, Dec. 2019, Canton Fulton OH

Tampa Underground Film Festival Dec 2019, Tampa FL

Directors Circle Festival of Shorts Nov – Dec 2019, Online

Mediterranean Film Festival Nov. 2019, Cannes, France

Mentone Film Festival Nov. 2019 Mentone CA

KinoDUEL International Film Festival Nov. 2019, Minsk Belarus

Animation Marathon Nov. 2019, Athens Greece

The Hague World Cinema Festival Nov 2019, Hague Netherlands

Film Maudit Nov 2019, Santa Montica CA

Feedback Animation Film Festival Nov. 2019, Toronto Canada

Kansas International Film Festival Nov. 2019, Kansas City Kansas

South Carolina Underground Film Festival Nov. 2019, Charleston SC

WRPN Women's International Film Festival Nov.2019, Nassau DE

PA Indie Shorts Film Festival Nov. 2019, East Stroudsburg PA

The Fatherhood Image Film Festival Nov. 2019, New York City, Manhattan Borough NY

The Yonkers Film Festival Nov. 2019, Yonkers NY

Paris Lift off Online Film Festival Oct-Nov. 2019, Online

Chania Film Festival Oct-Nov. 2019, Chania-Crete Greece

Rails to Reels Film Festival Oct. 2019, Meridian MS

ART FORUM Festival of the Moving Image Oct. 2019, New York City, Manhattan Borough NY

F3 Frankly Film Fest Oct 2019, Cincinnati OH

Sleepy Hollow International Film Festival Oct. 2019, Sleepy Hollow NY

Louisville International Festival of Films Oct. 2019, Louisville KY

Tulsa American Film Festival Oct 2019, Tulsa OK

Over-the-Rhine International Film Festival Oct. 2019, Cincinnati OH

Great Lakes Film Festival Sept. 2019, Erie PA

Enginuity Film Festival Sept. 2019, Shepherdstown WV

Coney Island Film Festival Sept 2019,

Brooklyn-Coney Island, NY

Directed by Women Turkey Film Festival Sept. 2019, Istanbul Turkey

Detroit Shetown International Film Festival Sept. 2019, Detroit MI

Skyline Indie Film Festival Sept 2019, Winchester VA

Lebanese Independent Film Festival Sept. 2019,

Ashrafieh-Beirut Lebanon

7th Indine Cine Film Festival Sept. 2019, Mumbai India

FICLAPAZ La Paz International Film Festival Sept. 2019, La Paz Bolivia

Sunrise Film Festival Sept 2019 River John – Nova Scotia Canada

Burbank International Film Festival Sept 2019, Burbank CA

Cindependent Film Festival Aug. 2019, Cincinnati OH

Shanghai Shorts Presents LASS: Ladies Animated Shorts Screening Aug. 2019, Shanghai China

Sunrise 45 Film Festival Aug. 2019, Alpena MI

Atlanta Underground Film Festival Aug. 2019, Atlanta GA

White Unicorn Film Festival Aug. 2019, Kolkata India

Highway Walkers Film Festival July 2019, Denali Park AK

Festivals (continued)

Open World Animation Festival July 2019, Allentown PA
Jersey Shore Film Festival June 2019, Asbury Park NJ
Smokey Mountain Film Festival June 2019, Gatlinburg TN
Pittsburgh International Film Festival June 2019, Pittsburgh PA
Snake Alley Film Festival June 2019 Burlington IA
Depth of Field International Film Festival June 2019, Nassau DE
Northeast Mountain Film Festival June 2019, Dillard GA
Lighthouse International Film Festival June 2019, Long Beach NJ
Move me Productions: Belguim June 2019, Antwerpen Belgium
CoSM Women's Visionary Film Symposium May 2019, Wappingers Falls NY
Tokyo Lift-Off Online Film Festival May – June 2019, Online
Flying Broom International Women's Film Festival May 2019, Ankara Turkey
2 Fest Cine Pedra Azul May 2019, Pedra Azul Brazil
Tampa Bay Film Society's Movie Showcase May 2019, Tampa FL
CARE Awards May 2019, Cairo WV
New Haven International Film Festival May 2019, New Haven CT
Philadelphia Independent Film Festival May 2019, Philadelphia PA
Festival de Cine Oro Negro May 2019, Veracruz – Nanchital Mexico
Sci-On! Film Festival May 2019, Reno NV
The West Virginia Mountaineer Short Film Festival April 2019, Morgantown, WV
Canton Film Fest April 2019, Canton OH
Ridgewood Guild International Film Festival April 2019, Ridgewood NJ
Monadnock International Film Festival April 2019, Keene NH
Ozark Foothills Film Festival April 2019, Batesville AR
Khem Animation Festival April 2019, Newark NJ
Mountain Tales Film Festival April 2019, Enterprise AL
KWC Film Festival April 2019, Owensboro KY
Highway 61 Film Festival April 2019, Pine City MN

UPIKE Film and Media Arts April 2019, Pikesville KY
Tupelo Film Festival April 2019, Tupelo MS
New York Short Film Tuesdays April 2019, Brooklyn NY
WIFM Short Film Showcase March 2019, Pittsburgh PA
Columbus International Film Festival March 2019, Columbus OH
Boston Underground Film Festival March 2019 Cambridge, MA
Hollywood Shorts Monthly Screenings March 2019, Hollywood CA
Mosaic Film Festival March 2019, Clarkston GA
Athens ANIMFEST March 2019, Athens Greece
James Bond III Web/New Media Film Festival March 2019, Springfield KY
The Colony Short Film Festival March 2019, Marietta OH
Cinema Sisters International Film Festival March 2019, Wilmington NC
Prison City Film Festival Feb. 2019, Huntsville TX
The Lost Sanity Film Festival Feb. 2019, Hoboken NJ
Berlin Lift Off Online Film Festival Feb. 2019, Online
Standing Rock Film Festival Jan 2019, Kent OH
South Film and Arts Academy Festival Jan 2019, Rancagua Chile
Independent Talents Festival Jan. 2019, Online
Cine Fern Online Jan. 2019, Online

The Cupcake Prince (2008):

Tucson Slow Food and Film Festival 2009 - Tucson, AZ
Dam Short Film Festival 2009 - Boulder City, CO
Crossroads Film Festival 2009 - Jackson, MS
New Filmmakers Film Festival 2008 - New York, NY
REEL 13 International Broadcast Film Festival 2008 - New York, NY
Ohio Independent Film Festival 2008 - Cleveland, OH

Articles

"Exploring the World of Fine Art Animation" 2017/2018 - Professional Artist Magazine Dec-Jan 18/17 Issue - features an interview and description of the film "The Spirit Seam"
"Fibers Arts Festival Fuses Traditional and Contemporary Art Techniques" - Daily Mississippian Jan. 2018 - featured the Misbits Gallery Solo Show and promoted my demonstration in the Fiber Arts Festival
"Oxford Art Community To Celebrate Local Talent at Day For Art Tonight" - Daily Mississippian Jan. 2018 - promoted Gerst's the Misbits Gallery Solo Show
"Gerst Exhibit: A Glimpse into the World of Meticulous Art of Animation" - Hot Toddy Jan. 2018 - featured an interview and the sets from the Spirit Seam animated film;
"9 Crazy, Creepy, and Creative Knit Projects" - Mental Floss January 2012 - featured my shrimp scampi knitted scarf and Etsy shop;
"DIY Shrimp Scampi Scarf: A Kosher Way to Stay Warm" -- LA Weekly December 2011 - An article on my food-based knit scarves and Etsy Shop;
"Film Night In Mississippi" - Jackson Free Press April 2009 - promoted the Crossroads Film Festival and the screening of "The Cupcake Prince";
"Heaven For Film Lovers" - Tuscon.com January 2009 - promoted the Tucson Slow Food and Film Festival and the screening of "The Cupcake Prince";

Podcasts:

2020 Oxford Film Festival's OFF To The Movies: Art of Animation

Professional Organizations

Co-Lead of Women in Animation NYC Chapter

Exhibitions

Being Pushed Down by Shadow (2022):

"Vertical" Exhibition 2020 - Misbits New Media Art Space at the Powerhouse - Oxford, MS

The Spirit Seam:

"The Spirit Seam" Sets and Clips (Solo Show) 2018 - Misbits Gallery, Oxford MS

Cat Tunnel:

"Cat Worship" Exhibition 2014 - Morgan Avenue Underground - Brooklyn, NY

MFA Computer Arts Thesis Exhibition 2011 - School of Visual Arts - New York, NY

MFA Computer Art Thesis Presentations 2011 - School of Visual Arts - New York, NY

1001 Sundays:

"Brooklyn Artists" Exhibition 2013 - Brooklyn Kolache Company - Brooklyn, NY

"House Broken" Comics Exhibition 2013 - Zygote Press - Cleveland, Oh

MOCCA Festival 2013 - Grand Armory Plaxa - New York, NY

Publications

"I'm Going to Be a Big Brother" 2015 - Independent Publishing Group - animator

"I'm Going to Be a Big Sister" 2015 - Independent Publishing Group - animator

"WTF Knits" 2014 - Random House Press - knitted art featured

"Messy the Cow and the Elephant that Moos" 2014 - Author House - Illustrator

Residencies

Arts, Letters, and Numbers 2015 - Averill Park, NY

Awards

Wake Forest Film Festival 2020, Wake Forest NC - Best Animation Award

NEO International Film Festival 2019, Canton Fulton OH - Best Animated Short

Anima Pix 2019, Azores - Audience Award

WRPN Women's International Film Festival 2019, Nassau DE - Best Animation Award

ART FORUM Festival of the Moving Image 2019, New York City, Manhattan Borough NY - Best Animation Award

Sleepy Hollow International Film Festival 2019, Sleepy Hollow NY - Best Short Film

Lebanese Independent Film Festival 2019, Ashrafieh-Beirut Lebanon - Best Animation Award

7th Indine Cine Film Festival 2019, Mumbai India - Best Animated Short Film Award

FICLAPAZ La Paz International Film Festival 2019, La Paz Bolivia - Best Animated Short Film Award

Cindependent Film Festival 2019, Cincinnati OH - Best Family Short Film Award

Sunrise 45 Film Festival 2019, Alpena MI - Best Sci-Fi/Fantasy Film Award

White Unicorn Film Festival 2019, Kolkata India - Best Animation Award

Highway Walkers Film Festival 2019, Denali Park AK - Best Animation Award

Pittsburgh International Film Festival 2019, Pittsburgh PA - Best Animation Award

Depth of Field International Film Festival 2019, Nassau DE - Best Animation Award

Northeast Mountain Film Festival 2019, Dillard GA - Best Animation Award

CARE Awards 2019, Cairo WV - Best Animation Award

Canton Film Fest 2019, Canton OH - Best Animation

WIFM Short Film Showcase 2019, Pittsburgh PA - Best Animation Award

Mosaic Film Festival 2019, Clarkston GA - Best Professional Division Animated Short Film Award

Standing Rock Film Festival 2019, Kent OH - 3rd Place Jury Award, 1st Place People's Choice Award

South Film and Arts Academy Festival 2019, Rancagua Chile - Best Animation for the January Competition

Independent Talents Festival 2019 Online - Best Animation for January Competition

Cine Fern Online 2019 - Best Animation for January Competition

Grants and Scholarships

NSF DRK-12 Award - 2017 - National Science Foundation

Paula Rhodes Memorial Award - 2015 - School of Visual Arts

Presidential Scholarship Award - 2012 - Cleveland Institute of Art

Demo reel and references available on request.