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Education

- 2020 - 2023** **Bachelor of Fine Art** - Emphasis in Printmedia, Minor in Writing
Graduated *summa cum laude* - GPA 3.9/4.0
Frostic School of Art
Western Michigan University • Kalamazoo, MI
- 2017 - 2020** Associate in Art - Business with Honors
Southwestern Michigan College • Dowagiac, MI

Work History & Experience

- 2023 - PRESENT** Podcast Co-Host & Radio Personality *89.1 WiDR FM • Kalamazoo, MI*
- 2019 - PRESENT** Social Media Manager - 230k Followers *Self • Remote*
- 2023** Cartoonist *Western Herald • Kalamazoo, MI*
- 2022** Intern *Kalamazoo Book Arts Center • Kalamazoo, MI*
- 2022** Printmedia Laboratory Assistant & Monitor *WMU • Kalamazoo, MI*
- 2020 - 2021** Character Designer *JK Productions LLC • Las Vegas, NV*

Skills

HARDWARE • PC, Mac, iPhone, iPad, Drawing Tablet, Exposure Units, Acid Baths, Letterpress Beds, Camera (Video & Still), Lighting, Product Photography Booths, Litho & Etching Press Beds, Xerox Printers, Commercial Label Printers, Commercial Label Applicators.

SOFTWARE • Adobe Suite (Photoshop, Illustrator, Audition, Premiere Pro, InDesign), Google Suite (Docs, Sheets, Slides, Gmail, Forms, Drive), Microsoft Suite (Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Outlook, Teams), Facebook & Instagram Meta Business Suite, Meta Ads Manager, Google Ads, Google Keyword Planner, iMovie, General Digital Video Editing, TouchDesigner, AI Programs (chatGPT, RunwayML, MidJourney, DALL-E, Stable Diffusion), Gimp, Canva, HubSpot, QuickBooks, Shopify.

OTHER • Teaching, Interviewing, Public Speaking, Printmaking (Intaglio Etching & Dry Point with Copper & Plexiglass, Solarplate, Woodcut & Linocut Relief, Photolithography & Stone Lithography, Aluminum Foil Lithography, Paper Plate Lithography, Gum Bichromate, Xerox Transfer, Inkjet Transfer, Screenprint/Silkscreen, CMYK 4-color Separation, Embossment, Letterpress), Collage, Painting (Acrylic & Oil), Spray Painting, Watercolor, Drawing (Graphite, Ink/Pen, Charcoal, Marker), Watercolor, Collage, Ceramic (Pottery & Sculptural), MIG Welding, General Sculpture Making, Bookmaking.

Exhibitions & Shows

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| 2024
<i>Jan 8-19</i> | Print/Work
<i>DeVries Student Art Gallery, Richmond Center for Visual Arts, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI</i> |
| 2023
<i>Dec 1-30</i> | The Right Time and Place
<i>Concrete Gallery, Center for Applied Arts. Center for Innovation, the Eugeniusz Geppert Academy of Art and Design, Wrocław, Poland</i> |
| 2023
<i>Dec 5-8</i> | PLEASE DO NOT TAP THE GLASS
BFA Thesis Exhibition
<i>DeVries Student Art Gallery, Richmond Center for Visual Arts, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI</i> |
| 2023 | Annual Frostic School of Art Student Exhibition
<i>Juried by Naomi van Niekerk</i>
<i>Albertine Monroe-Brown Gallery, Richmond Center for Visual Arts, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI</i> |
| 2023 | Up and Coming
<i>DeVries Student Art Gallery, Richmond Center for Visual Arts, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI</i> |
| 2023 | Print/Works
<i>DeVries Student Art Gallery, Richmond Center for Visual Arts, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI</i> |
| 2022 | College of Fine Arts 50th Anniversary Celebration Exhibition
<i>Gwen Frostic School of Art, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI</i> |
| 2022 | WMU First-Generation Celebration Art + Stories Exhibition
Juried, 1st place
Heritage Hall, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI |
| 2022 | Phase 1
<i>Gwen Frostic School of Art, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI</i> |
| 2022 | Print/Works
<i>DeVries Student Art Gallery, Richmond Center for Visual Arts, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI</i> |
| 2021 | Annual Frostic School of Art Student Exhibition
<i>Juried by Tyanna Buie</i>
<i>Albertine Monroe-Brown Gallery, Richmond Center for Visual Arts, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI</i> |
| 2019 | Community Student Art Exhibition 2019
<i>Box Factory for the Arts, St. Joseph, MI</i> |

Awards & Certifications

- 2023
- Digital Marketing Certification
 - Digital Ads Specialist
 - Intercultural Skills
 - Ecommerce Specialist
- Western Michigan University • Remote*

Workshops & Conferences

- 2023
- The Global Tech Experience Marketing Track
with Rita Cidre, Rupali Monga, & Das Rios
Western Michigan University • Remote
- 2023
- Bronco Lead Professional Development Workshop
Western Michigan University • Kalamazoo, MI
- 2022
- TouchDesigner Workshop *with Paul Catanese*
Western Michigan University • Kalamazoo, MI
- 2022
- Ceramic Intensive Workshop *with Lars Voltz & Jamie Bates Slone*
Western Michigan University • Kalamazoo, MI

Memberships & Organizations

- 2023 - 2024
- President** • Printmedia Society at Western Michigan University
- 2022 - 2023
- Member • Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo
- 2022 - 2023
- Member • Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society