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WORK EXPERIENCE

Hocking College, Nelsonville, OH - *Film and Media Faculty / Enrollment Navigation Manager*

JANUARY 2025 - PRESENT

- Teach film and video production courses Editing I, Editing II, and Sound Design to first year students.
- Host FilmFreeway, Letterboxd, and IMDB training workshops with second year students
- Serve as the lead recruiter for the Natural Resource and Workforce Development programs

Mural ReMix, Columbus, OH - *Marketing Director*

JANUARY 2024 - PRESENT

- Record video documentation of events; create sizzle reels for YouTube, Vimeo, and TikTok
- Build animated projection mapping content for client and community events
- Write monthly newsletter emails and contract digital designers for call-for-artist showcases

The Ohio State University (Art and Technology | Department of Art), Columbus, OH - *Lecturer*

JULY 2023 - JANUARY 2025

- Instructed beginner and advanced tutorials within Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, and Premiere Pro
- Evaluated students' course projects that culminated into an end-of-semester exhibition
- Provided technical and conceptual feedback to students in critique sessions

Columbus College of Art & Design, Columbus, OH - *Teaching Assistant & Graduate Assistant of Beeler Gallery*

AUGUST 2021 - MAY 2023

- Designed Beeler Gallery's website exhibition archive within Squarespace
- Assisted with the installation and deinstallation of shows within Byers Gallery and the Canzani Center
- Taught advanced editing technique tutorials within Adobe Premiere Pro and After Effects

Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY - *Teaching Assistant and Cinematheque Projectionist*

JANUARY 2017 - APRIL 2020

- Created Microsoft PowerPoint presentations of film summaries and introduced visiting artists
 - Showcased films with applicable audio-visual setups; led student discussions; managed attendance
 - Supported students' needs by coordinating camera equipment and editing lab spaces
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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Mural ReMix - *Founding Officer/Board of Directors Member, Branding Committee*
 - Logan Theater and Community Arts Center - *Founding Member*
 - Niantic - *Certified Wayfarer*
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EDUCATION

Columbus College of Art and Design, Columbus, OH - *Master of Fine Arts in Visual Arts*

AUGUST 2021 - MAY 2023

- *summa cum laude*, 4 Consecutive Semesters on the President's List
- Served as a member of the Graduate Advisory Board
- Interned at Ohlinger Studios from May-August, 2022

Syracuse University, Syracuse NY - *Bachelor of Fine Arts in Film/Minor in Theatre*

AUGUST 2016 - MAY 2020

- *summa cum laude*, 8 Consecutive Semesters on the Dean's List
- Studied Abroad - *SU Abroad: Italian Film Studies and Filmmaking in Bologna.*
- Served as a VPA Peer Mentor from 2017-2020

FAMU International, Prague, Czech Republic - *Certificate in 35mm Film Production*

JANUARY 2019- MAY 2019

- Co-wrote/co-produced/co-edited 35mm Short Film
- Traveled abroad to Germany and France in addition to the Czech Republic

SKILLS/SOFTWARE

- Audio-visual + photo editing (Adobe Premiere Pro, Photoshop, Fresco, Audition, DaVinci Resolve)
- Stop-motion animation (Dragonframe)
- Storyboarding (Toon Boom Storyboard Pro, Procreate)
- Scriptwriting + prose writing (Final Draft, Fade In, Scrivener)

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS/GRANTS

- 2019 Logan Hocking School District Fine Arts Hall of Fame - Young Alumni Recognition Award
- 2019 Syracuse University College of Visual and Performing Arts - Bryan Buckley Film Production Grant
- 2023 Sean Christopher Gallery Ohio: Young Hearts Color(s) of Love - Best of Show award and cash prize
- 2023 KinoDrome International Motion Picture and Screenplay Festival - The Sallie Gardner Award
- 2023 Greater Columbus Arts Council - Funds for Artists grant

FILM AWARDS/NOMINATIONS

The Amber Thief (2021)

- 2021 Winner - Alt. Techniques (Ohio) - Kinodrome: Int. Motion Picture and Screenplay Festival
- 2022 Honorable Mention - Origins Film Festival
- 2022 Nominee - Ohio Film Award - Nightmares Film Festival

Ask the Super 8 Magic Ball (2022)

- 2022 Honorable Mention - One Minute Film - MISTER VORKY
- 2022 Best Animation - Ultra Short Category - AltFF Alternative Film Festival
- 2022 Nominee - Animation / State of Ohio - Kinodrome: Int. Motion Picture and Screenplay Festival

Unreached (2022)

- 2022 Finalist - Onyko Films Awards
- 2022 Winner - Alt. Techniques - Kinodrome: Int. Motion Picture and Screenplay Festival

PJJP CORN (2022)

- 2023 Honorable Mention - Bloody Horror International Film Festival
- 2023 Nomination - Best Experimental/Animation Short - GenreBlast Film Festival

Met(EYE)morphosis (2023)

- 2023 Early Invitation Official Selection (Oscar-Qualifying) - The American Documentary and Animation Film Festival and Film Fund (AmDocs)
- 2023 4th place micro experimental film - The International Horror Hotel Film Festival and Convention
- 2023 Winner - ANIMATION/STOP MOTION | Professional - DigiFest Temecula
- 2023 Best Editing - Akron Independent Horror Short Film Festival
- 2023 Nomination - Best Experimental/Animation Short - GenreBlast Film Festival

extrApolachian (2023)

- 2023 Best Vertical Video - F3: Queen City Film Festival, Film Curation, & Film Awards

Pride~In~Our~Steps (2024)

- 2024 Early Invitation Official Selection (Oscar-Qualifying) - The American Documentary and Animation Film Festival and Film Fund (AmDocs)
- 2024 Nomination - Best Student Short Film - CIndependent Film Festival
- 2025 Winner - Best Student Microfilm - The Indie Gathering Film Festival
- 2025 Nomination - Best Experimental/Animation Short - GenreBlast Film Festival

Self-Checkout [short screenplay] (2024)

- 2024 Finalist - Midwest Weirdfest
- 2024 Winner - Best Ohio Short Script; 2nd Place - Best Sci-Fi Short Script - The International Horror Hotel Film Festival
- 2024 Finalist - Best Short Screenplay - CIndependent Film Festival
- 2024 Winner - Audience Choice Award, Best Screenplay - Cordillera International Film Festival
- 2024 Screenplay Finalist - FilmQuest
- 2024 Nomination - Dynamic Writing Duo of the Year, Best US Short Script - Horror - Austin Revolution Film Festival

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- 2024 Early Invitation Official Selection (Oscar-Qualifying) - The American Documentary and Animation Film Festival and Film Fund (AmDocs)
 - 2025 Nomination - Best Experimental/Animation Short - GenreBlast Film Festival
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ART SHOWS

- 2018 Group Exhibition, *Hope Springs Eternal: LHS Alumni*, The Piano Works Gallery, Logan, OH
 - 2019 Group Exhibition, *Film Society at Syracuse: Fall Showcase*, Shaffer Art Building, Syracuse, NY
 - 2020 Group Exhibition, *14th Palettes of Keuka*, Hammondsport Village Square, Hammondsport, NY
 - 2021 Group Exhibition, *2020/2021 ALC Video Art Festival*, MACA Contemporary Art Museum of Spain
 - 2021 Group Exhibition, *15th Palettes of Keuka*, Vine City Supply, Hammondsport, NY
 - 2022 Site-Specific Exhibition, *GETAWAY*, Seventh Son Brewing Company, Columbus, OH
 - 2022 Group Exhibition, *Assembled Identities*, Beeler Gallery, Columbus, OH
 - 2022 Group Exhibition, *CHROMA 2022: The best of CCAD*, DSB Gallery, Columbus, OH
 - 2022 Group Exhibition, *16th Palettes of Keuka*, Urbana Town Hall, Urbana, NY
 - 2022 Group Exhibition, *Columbus Moving Image Art Review 51*, The Vanderelli Room, Columbus, OH
 - 2022 Site-Specific Exhibition, *Mural Remix Freestyle Event*, East Livingston Avenue, Columbus, OH
 - 2022 Site-Specific Exhibition, *934 Fest*, 934 Gallery, Columbus, OH
 - 2022 Group Exhibition, *Elements*, Acock Gallery, Columbus, OH
 - 2023 Group Exhibition, *Film Maudit 2.0*, Highways Performance Space and Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
 - 2023 Co-curator/Group Exhibition, *Transposition*, Byers Gallery, Columbus, OH
 - 2023 Site-Specific Exhibition, *934 Gallery x Seventh Son: TEN, a Pop-Up Experience*, Columbus, OH
 - 2023 Group Exhibition, *Young Hearts Color(s) of Love*, Sean Christopher Gallery Ohio, Columbus, OH
 - 2023 Group Exhibition, *MFA Thesis Exhibition*, Beeler Gallery, Columbus, OH
 - 2023 Site-Specific Exhibition, *Alley Islands 2023*, Blockfort, Columbus, OH
 - 2023 Group Exhibition, *CHROMA 2023: CCAD Film & Video Showcase*, Canzani Center, Columbus, OH
 - 2023 Co-curator/Group Exhibition, *Creative Practice in Community Context*, DSB Gallery, Columbus, OH
 - 2024 Co-organizer/Site-Specific Exhibition, *24/7*, Seventh Son Brewing Company, Columbus, OH
 - 2024 Co-organizer/Group Exhibition, *Liken Lichen*, OSU Biological Sciences Greenhouse, Columbus, OH
 - 2024 Group Exhibition, *Gravity Film Showcase*, Gravity Columbus Courtyard, OH
 - 2024 Site-Specific Exhibition, *Projection Mapping with Heidi Clifford* (Columbus Arts Festival), OH
 - 2024 Site-Specific Exhibition, *Energy and Grace* (Blink Cincinnati), Over the Rhine Sector, Cincinnati, OH
 - 2024 Co-organizer/Group Exhibition, *Ebullient Currents*, Westin Great Southern Columbus, OH
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ARTIST TALKS/PRESENTATIONS/INTERVIEWS

- 2021 Artist Talk: Animation and Video Art Portfolio | Syracuse University (Gail Hoffman)
 - 2021 TATVA 2021 Director's Speak (Instagram Live) | Rad Times Media (Deepak Sinha)
 - 2021 Talk/Screening of *The Amber Thief* | LHS Video Production & Aesthetics Class (Shelly Riggs)
 - 2022 Lunch & Learn Talk: The Exciting World of Geocaching | Ohlinger Studios | (Jennifer Jacobson)
 - 2022 Nightmares Film Fest Ohio Film's Block Interview | Ohio 24/7 Now (Alex Caperton)
 - 2022 RASA AUR Drama Times: TATVA 2022 Interview | Rad Times Media (Akshinta Das)
 - 2023 GenreBlast: Jonathan Riles Talks Experimental Art | Victims and Villains (Josh Burkey)
 - 2023 A Beginner's Guide to FilmFreeway | Columbus College of Art & Design | (Kelsey Gray)
 - 2023 The Fundamentals of 2D and Stop-Motion Animation | Vertifilms Mexico (Hamlet Rubio)
 - 2024 Artist Animation Talk | Ohio State University (Doo-Sung Yoo)
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INSTALLATIONS <https://www.shellusterstudios.com/ionathan-riles-installation-works/portfolio>

REEL <https://vimeo.com/741472400>
