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**Education: 2006**

University of New Mexico, Masters of Fine Art in Painting and Drawing (Graduated with Distinction)

**2003**

Kent State University, Bachelor of Fine Arts in Visual Design,

(5-year program) Illustration/ Painting concentration

(Graduated with Honors)

**2019 – current**

Completed the following coursework towards a BA in animation at

Point Park University: *Fundamentals of Animation,*

*Introduction to Digital Tools, Classical Animation,*

*Storyboarding and Digital Painting, Screenwriting, Cinema Production for Animation and Visual Effects, Visual Development and Concept Art*

*Visual Development for TV, Character Design for Animation, Digital Painting (Schoolism)*

Completed toy design course under mentor toy and game designer Riley Wilkinson.

**Design Experience: 2022- Current**

Illustrated Board game, including characters, background, box art and card deck for Skillmatics children’s toy and game company

**2021-**Designed alumni report cover for Lawrence school, Cleveland OH

**Software:** Adobe CS, Blender

**Teaching: 2024-** Point Park University: teach drawing (spring 2023) and Character Design for Illustration, Animation and Video Games (fall 2024)

**2018 - 2023**

Point Park University: teach courses including: *Art 100, American Art, Introduction to Drawing*

**2020**

Washington and Jefferson College: taught *Stop Motion Animation workshop* as guest artist

**2011 - 2019**

Art Institute of Pittsburgh Online Division: taught courses including:

*Foundation Design, Drawing, Perspective Drawing,*

*Art 1000 Intro to the Visual Arts, Intro to Digital Color Theory*

**Membership:** Women in Animation, Pittsburgh Society of Illustrators,

Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators