

UWG Department of Art Student Success

Yes you can do something with an art degree-The world needs more creative thinkers and problem solvers and that is exactly what art majors do! The information below lists some of our most recent student achievements in art.

Art History

2006-2013 Student achievements in Art History:

Participation in the annual Art History Forum:

- 5th Annual Georgia Undergraduate Art History Forum, 2 UWG students participated. 2006
- 6th Annual Georgia Undergraduate Art History Forum, 2 UWG students participated. 2007
- 7th Annual Georgia Undergraduate Art History Forum, 3 UWG students participated. 2008
- 8th Annual Georgia Undergraduate Art History Forum, 3 UWG students participated. 2009

Papers presented/written by Art History students:

- Amy Davison, "The Historic Oakland Cemetery Atlanta Georgia's Stunning Rural Garden Cemetery"
- Kristin Thompson "Union of Three"
- Kaitlin Costley assisted with the catalogue entries for the "Carrollton Collects: Prints from the WPA" catalogue

Acceptance to Graduate School by Art History students:

- Cassie Vaughan – accepted to Kansas State University, Attending Ohio State University
- Carla Ledgerwood – UWG Public History and Education
- Laura Moody – Florida State – Art History
- Keri Parham – UWG Public History
- Jessica Denman – UWG Public History
- Lauren Browning – Florida State University

Internships for Art History students:

- Internship Carrollton Cultural Arts Center UWG student show advisor Jessica Denman, Cassie Vaughan
- Internship Elizabeth Weatherby. Michael C. Carlos Museum, Emory University.
- Internship Emily Hobson. Michael C. Carlos Museum, Emory University.

Art Education

Many of our graduates have found employment in local school systems like the Carrollton City Schools, Carroll County Schools, Coweta County Schools, Floyd County Schools, Paulding County Schools, Douglas County Schools, in addition to some in the metro Atlanta region. All 2007 and 2008 graduating candidates in Art Education obtained K-12 art-teaching positions in the Georgia or Tennessee school systems. Just this year, 2011 graduate Hannah Lucas was selected "Teacher of the Year" at Coosa High School. This was quite an honor considering that Hannah was only in her second year of teaching. Graduate Kyler Hembree was awarded with New Teacher of the Year at South Paulding Middle School. In addition to teaching, she opened Local Color, an art studio in downtown Villa Rica, Georgia and it is still in operation providing summer art camps and night classes for the community.

Ceramics

2006-2013 Student achievements in Ceramics:

- 2009 - Ceramics Majors Dawn Dyer and Chelsea Wagner—100 Miles of Clay Student Exhibition, Alabama Clay Conference, Hunstville, AL (Chelsea Wagner Attended the Conference)
- 2010 - Ceramics Major Dawn Dyer's artwork submittal accepted for 500 Raku, Lark Books, Sterling Publishing Co., Incorporated, NY, NY
- Ceramics Major Charine Dowdell's piece Macabre Reverie accepted into the 19th San Angelo National Ceramic Competition
- Ceramics Major Donna Hoyle's work accepted into Earth: A juried Ceramic Exhibition at Henry M. Kashiwa Eco Gallery, View Arts Center, Old Forge NY
- Ceramics Major Donna Hoyle's work Ever-changing accepted into the 2012 Art Kudos international exhibition
- Jeff Abney – NCECA Juried Student Regional
- Katie Hale - 1st Place Sculpture (ceramic piece), Georgia National Fair Art Competition, Perry, GA
- Kristen Alvarez- 1st Place Ceramics, North Georgia Fair, Marietta, GA

Graduate School acceptance for Ceramics students:

- Ceramics Major Britney Watkins receives offers for Graduate Study from both Florida State University and Tyler School of Art at Temple University. She chose FSU.
- Chelsea Wagner accepts offer from LSU for Graduate Study

To date, all ceramic majors who have applied for graduate study have been accepted into graduate programs.

Graphic Design

2006-2013 Student achievements in Graphic Design:

Work published or shown by Graphic Design students:

- Posterior (sic) 2013 Competition, Students in Design - AIGA chapter at Columbia College Chicago
- Typeface: Classic Typography for Contemporary Design, Tamyé Riggs, editor, Rotovision UK.
- Type Rules, Ilene Strivzer, editor, Wiley Publishers.
- The Complete Typographer, Will Hill, author, Prentice Hall Publisher.
- TypeCon, Atlanta, GA, 2009. (work shown)

Employment obtained by Graphic Design students:

- Warner Communications, New York
- Krate, New York, New York
- Fly Communications, New York, New York
- Spudnik Press, Chicago, Illinois
- Denyse Signs, Inc., Douglasville, Georgia
- Corrugated Replacements Inc., Blairsville, Georgia
- Connect/Wise, Tampa, Florida
- Tombras Group, Knoxville, Tennessee
- International Speedway Corporation, Daytona, Florida
- Network Communications, Lawrenceville, Georgia
- Tanner Medical Center, Carrollton, Georgia
- Southwire Corporation, Carrollton, Georgia
- Superior Industries, Carrollton, Georgia
- Mac Papers, Lithia Springs, Georgia
- UWG e-Core, Carrollton, Georgia

Internships for Graphic Design students have included:

- Roenigk Digital Craft, regular offering of internships
- Denyse Signs, Inc., Douglasville, Georgia
- The Little White House Georgia State Park, Warm Springs, Georgia
- Little Pink Book, Atlanta, Georgia
- Maybe.For.You internship
- Two Internships per semester with the UWG University Communications and Marketing on an ongoing basis, UWG
- Atlanta Printmakers Studio, Atlanta, Georgia
- Charleston Magazine, Charleston, South Carolina
- Fritz Miller Studios, Inc., Sandy Springs, Georgia
- Berry Design, Crabapple, Georgia
- The West Georgian student newspaper website

- City of Newnan, Georgia
- Paste Magazine

Graphic Design students have also pursued postgraduate work at Georgia State University, Portfolio Center, Creative Circus and Savannah College of Art and Design - Atlanta.

Painting

2006-2013 Student achievements in Painting:

- Subaltern Speaks, Oct 2006, Carrollton Cultural Arts Center; Ten painting students.
- UWG/CAC Student Art Exhibition-Carrollton Cultural Arts Center - 15-20 students participated
- "College Juried Exhibit 2007;" Mountain View Arts Alliance, Marietta acceptances:
 - Beth Weatherby
 - Rachael Guest
 - Amber Lamp
 - Lauren Browning
- Eclectic acceptances:
 - Leah Hayes
 - Hope Mullins
 - Courtney Smith
 - Brandy Joiner
 - Katie Wright
 - Brittany Garber
 - Haley Stuart
- Georgia National Fair, Perry, Georgia acceptances:
 - Josuha Canady
 - Buffy Head
 - Katie Hale
 - Marcee Henson accepted and purchase award
 - Virginia Gramling
 - Clara Gonzalez
- Buffalo Creek Community Garden Drawing Project Exhibition and Art Auction -- Although it is in part class work, this project further extends the service of UWG into the local community through cooperation with the Sustainable Growers School, the Local Sheriff's Office, and the Carroll County Department of Agriculture.
- Execution of Centennial Mural, Ingram Library, UWG: Completed August 2008
- Research Day Presentations:
 - Jessica Craig -- 2nd place Research Day Audition for Big Night
 - Virginia Gramling – Big Night presentation for the School of the Arts
 - Rhea Zerr -- Research Day Runner up for Big Night

- Rachel Guest:
 - 2009 MOCA GA Pin-Up Show- Gold Star
 - 2009 UWG Juried Student Exhibition- 1st Prize 2D
 - 2009 UWG Juried Student Exhibition- Purchase Award
 - 2009 Eclectic- Cover Art
 - 2009 College Juried Exhibition @ The Art Place- Marietta, GA
 - 2009 Collage @ Agnes Scott College- Decatur, GA
- Alex Ingle and Heather Bryant exhibited at Kibbee Gallery in Atlanta in The Nick of Time in December
- SIU-Carbondale Visiting student Exhibition: Students' work accepted: Virginia Gramling, Lauren Browning, Janice Sandberg; Alumni accepted: Rhea Zerr and Lauren Weingartner
- Janice Sandberg – Best in Juried Exhibition – Department of Art
- Alumni Chris Giesler – Solo art exhibit, Atlanta, alternative space
- Tom Butler- Solo Art Exhibit, Douglasville Cultural Arts Center 2014

Internships for Painting students:

- Heather Bryant, Gallery Assistant, MOCA GA, Atlanta, Georgia
- Lauren Browning, Internship at Dogwood Gallery, Tallapoosa, Georgia
- Laura Leigh McCrary, Internship at LaGrange Art Museum, LaGrange, Georgia
- Rhea Zerr, Assistant Archivist, Intern, Fox Theatre, Atlanta, Georgia
- Chris Geisler, Studio Assistant to George Long of Marcia Wood Gallery, Atlanta, Georgia
- Katie Kulscar, Gallery Assistant, Soho Myriad, Atlanta, Georgia

Positions Obtained by Painting students:

- Alumni Kati Kulscar working full time at Soho Myriad, Atlanta, Georgia

Graduate School Acceptance for Painting students:

- Colleen Beyer, MFA candidate, Georgia Southern University
- Lauren Browning, accepted to MFA program Memphis School of Art and Florida State Art History Masters Program, is now candidate at Georgia State University Art History MA Program
- April Carlson, candidate for MA in University of West Georgia Public History Program
- Rhea Zerr Wojcik, earned Master's in Professional Counseling and Supervision at UWG

Graduate School Acceptance for Painting students:

- Colleen Beyer, MFA candidate, Georgia Southern University

Publications for Painting students:

- “Feeding the Hungry” Advanced Drawing class project cited: Carroll Weekly News, by Heather L. Finley Oct 29, 2009

Photography

2006-2013 student achievements in Photography:

- Work from summer photography courses, Gallery Row Coffee House
- Acceptance to Graduate School: Monica Peace, SCAD Atlanta
- Positions Obtained:
 - Elizabeth Smith, portrait studio, Dunwoody, GA
 - Laura Barnes, Classical Photography, Carrollton, GA
- William Hogan –
 - Anna Skillman Selects – Atlanta Photography Group, Nov 2008
 - Crossroads Exhibition, SPESE Conference member exhibition, 2009
 - Photographers Choice - Atlanta Photography Group, March 2009
 - Immerging Visions – Atlanta Photography Group, May 2009
- Numerous photography students attended events during Atlanta Celebrates Photography, a month long festival of photography exhibits and event in Atlanta, GA
- Group Senior exhibition at MOCA-GA annex gallery, April 18-24, 2010, nine photography majors graduated in one calendar year.
- Cristhian Molina – 1st place in 2010 student exhibition
- Multiple photography students from both Art 3703 and 4707 had work used by local publications including UWG’s newspaper and Carrollton paper
- Student (Stephanie Urbas) from Advanced Photo generated successful photo work for use by Carrollton Parks and Recreation department
- Advanced Photo students worked alongside the UWG Center for Public History to photograph the Georgia Governor’s Mansion in Atlanta during the fall 2012 semester. Students attended state sponsored events, photographed Olympians, and met with the First Lady of Georgia, Sandra Deal.
- Photo II students collaborated with visiting Italian artists Stefano Vagnini and Giorgia Ragni from the UWG music department during the Silent Movie Festival. Students’ work was screened publicly at the festival at the First Baptist Church in Carrollton, GA.
- A number of students to entered work in national competitions, including “Best of College Photography 2012.”
- 3 photography students attended the SPE South Central Regional conference in Starkville, MS.
- Caitlyn Weathers had 1 image accepted into the 2012 “Best of College Photography” annual.
- Students from the fall 2012 Documentary Photo class held an exhibition of their work at the Carrollton Cultural Arts Center, Carrollton, GA in April 2013

- Rachel Opolka had 1 image accepted into the “Best of College Photography” 2013 annual.

Positions Obtained by Photography students:

- Emma Dobbs – Images by Rainy, Fayetteville, GA
- Laura Barnes – Classical Photography, Carrollton, GA
- Kristin Nelson and Emma Dobbs - Photography for Waring Laboratory, book project with Suzanne Durham Ingram Library, preparation for SPESE conference, Photography area maintenance and upgrade

Internships for Photography students:

- Emma Dobbs – Images by Rainy – Fayetteville, GA – Fall 2009
- Hayley Warner – Images by Rainy – Fayetteville, GA – Fall 2009
- William Hogan – UWG Communications Office – Fall 2009
- Kristin Nelson – American Fast Photo, Carrollton, GA - Fall 2009
- Kim Stevenson – Times Georgian, Carrollton - 2010
- Hayley Warner – UWG Communications and Marketing – 2010
- Caitlyn Weathers – Two Lights Photography - 2012

Printmaking

2006-2013 Student achievements in Printmaking:

- Morgan Wenderoth: 2 prints & 2 paintings accepted into the State Fair, Perry, GA
- Nareisa Pauley, woodcut diptych: Douglas National Juried Exhibition, Douglas Cultural Arts Center, Douglasville, Ga.
- Brandy Joiner, Kristin Alvarez : Elementals, An Exhibition of Works on Paper, BlueTower Gallery, Atlanta, GA
- G.P.S. (Georgia Printmaking Student Invitational) 11 Georgia colleges (including UWG), SCAD-Atlanta. UWG students participating: Brittany Garber, Jessica Craig, Michelle Anthony
- Rachel Guest had work created during an independent study in the Museum of Contemporary Art of GA (MOCA-GA) Pin Up show and was selected by judges as a “Favorites Pick”
- Print exchange portfolio with UWG students & Georgia Southern students
- Southern Graphics Conference, Chicago, Illinois- students Emily Jessica Smith, Alicia Prentice, Alumni Brandy Joiner and Caleb attended
- Students from Advanced Printmaking and Intaglio entered two international print exchanges; 10th Annual Postcard Print Exchange, Iowa State University, Ames, IA; 3rd Annual Oregon Ink Spot, Eastern Oregon University
- For the second year in a row work from Art 4301 Screenprint was selected for cover of eclectic art and literary magazine (Kyler Gamble 2011, Max Narten 2010)

- Printmaking student Max Narten was hired for a position at Advanced Impressions in Doraville, GA. He was hired based on his screen printing experience and is now printing and doing graphic design/pre-press work
- Meredith Bertschin awarded \$300 travel grant from Office of Vice President for Academic Affairs
- Art 4805 students exhibited work at in "Printellectual" a juried student printmaking exhibit at Kennesaw State University
- Southern Graphics International Conference, Philadelphia- students Emily Jessica Smith, Meredith Bertschin attended
- 4 students carved woodblocks and printed them at the 2012 Print Big Decatur Book Festival in Decatur, GA (Daniel, Alex, Michael, Amanda)
- Max Narten, Lauren Browning & Andrea Stewart participated in the annual, National Undergraduate Print exchange & exhibition, Central Michigan University
- All printmaking students participated in the annual University of Iowa International postcard print exchange and University of Oregon, Oregon Ink spot exchange
- Four students attended the 2012 Mid America Print Council conference in Missouri.

Positions obtained by Printmaking students:

- Alumni Brandy (Joiner) Barker is working as studio assistant at Spudnik Press, Chicago and recently accepted as an Artist in Residence in Hamburg, Germany
- Alumni Claire Hyde is operating Hyde & Seek letterpress design business

Internships for Printmaking students:

- Erica McCullough- worked as intern and freelance employee at Dogwood City Art Gallery, Tallapoosa, Georgia
- Brandy Joiner selected to intern at Atlanta Printmakers Studio, Atlanta, Georgia
- Kaitlyn Costley (former gallery assistant)- working with Public Art Program, intern at Little White House, and now with the Georgia Governor's Mansion

Sculpture

2006-2013 Student achievements in Sculpture:

- Marcella Kuykendall awarded The Jurors Choice Award in the College Juried Exhibit 2009, at The Mountain View Arts Alliance.
- Student Built Cupola Contest, at The National Conference on Cast Iron Arts 2009, Fastest Cupola and Hottest Metal.
- Donna Hoyle – National Paperworks Exhibition, Huntington NY
- Allison Garrett - Valdosta National Exhibition, All –Media Juried Competition, Fine Arts Gallery Valdosta State University, Valdosta, Ga, 2nd Place
- Michael LeBlanc won the national award for mold master at the 2013 National Iron Conference.
- Donna Hoyle- Graduate studies at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

- Allison Garrett - graduate studies at Kansas State, Set designer in NYC,
- Casey Westbrook- Graduate studies at Kansas State, visiting professor Bowling Green State University, Sculptor in Residence at State University of New York, Binghamton, (Coordinator and supervisor large scale casting performance to Matthew Barney's for KHU film)
- Emily Fisher- Director of production at Living walls Concepts, Restoration Project coordinator and Restoration Administrative Assistant Fox Theater, Atlanta
- James Rhea- Graduate studies at University of Massachusetts Amherst, Sculpture Technician and Adjunct Professor at the Hartford Art School, University of Hartford, CT, Foundry Artisan Inferno Foundry
- Souki Povixay- graduate studies at Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville
- Brian Rasmussen- Operations Manager, John Henry Sculptor, Inc
- Joey Ford- Foundry Artisan Rome, Ga
- Aubre Shoemaker-Inferno Foundry
- Jeb Smith- Artisan Inferno Foundry, Coordinator Montessori Academy of Colorado