

# Alanna Stapleton

## Curriculum Vitae

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### EDUCATION

**Certificate** - Teaching Art and Design Online, Minneapolis College of Art and Design, 2020

**MFA** - Visual Studies, Minneapolis College of Art and Design, 2018

**BFA** - Illustration, Northern Michigan University, Magna Cum Laude, 2015

**Semester Abroad** - Florence University of the Arts, 2013

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**2022 Creative Residency Educational Liaison**

Light Grey Art Lab

**2021-Present Graduate Admissions Counselor**

Minneapolis College of Art and Design

**2020-2021 Arts Programming Specialist**

Wheelhouse Studios, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**2019 Assistant Professor of Illustration**

Northern Michigan University

**2019 Program Assistant, Travel Programs**

Light Grey Art Lab

**2018-Present Teaching Artist**

Textile Center

**2018 Graduate Teaching Assistant**

Minneapolis College of Art and Design

### RESIDENCIES

**2022** *Light Grey Art Lab Creative Residency, Educational Liaison, Ólafsvík, Iceland*

**2021** *Light Grey Art Lab Art Camp, Program Assistant, Bryce Canyon National Park*

**2020** *The Bubbler at Madison Public Library, Artist in Residence, Madison, WI*

**2019** *Light Grey Art Lab Art Camp, Program Assistant, Yellowstone/Grand Teton National Parks  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Twin Cities, Teaching Artist Resident, Saint Paul, MN*

**2018** *Light Grey Art Lab Creative Residency, Artist in Residence, Ólafsvík, Iceland*

### SOLO EXHIBITIONS

**2019** - *Outlooks* - Textile Center, Minneapolis, MN

**2017** - *Store Bought Is Fine* - MCAD Library Gallery, Minneapolis College of Art and Design, Minneapolis, MN

**2016** - *Embroidered Illustration* - Suitcase Gallery, Minneapolis College of Art and Design, Minneapolis, MN

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2022** - *A Common Thread* - Textile Center, Minneapolis, MN
- 2021** - *Put it in the Chat* - Soo Visual Arts Center, Minneapolis, MN
- 2020** - *Threads Laid Bare* - Anderson Gallery, Drake University, Des Moines, IA  
*The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show* - Virtual Exhibition, WI
- 2019** - *2018 Iceland + Norway Residency Exhibition* - Light Grey Art Lab, Minneapolis, MN
- 2018** - *Foodways* - MCAD Main Gallery, Minneapolis College of Art and Design, Minneapolis, MN  
*2018 MCAD MFA Thesis Exhibition* - MCAD MFA Gallery, Minneapolis College of Art and Design, Minneapolis, MN  
*Artists in the Kitchen* - Textile Center, Minneapolis, MN  
*SooVAC + MCAD MFA* - Soo Visual Arts Center, Minneapolis, MN  
*Winterland: Celebrating Makers and Their Craft* - Light Grey Art Lab, Minneapolis, MN
- 2017** - *De/Coding: MCAD MFA 2017 Fall Exhibition* - MCAD MFA Gallery, Minneapolis College of Art and Design, Minneapolis, MN  
*5th Anniversary Exhibition Local Artist Feature* - Light Grey Art Lab, Minneapolis, MN
- 2016** - *Apoptosis 2016: MCAD MFA Fall Exhibition* - MCAD MFA Gallery, Minneapolis College of Art and Design, Minneapolis, MN  
*Short Form and Digital Media, Comic and Cartoon Art Annual 2016 Exhibit* - Society of Illustrators, New York, NY  
*Never Odd or Even* - Light Grey Art Lab, Minneapolis, MN  
*Art That Blooms* - Portage Center for the Arts, Portage, WI
- 2015** - *Festive Wisconsin* - Cedarburg Art Museum, Cedarburg, WI  
*Abandoned Spaces, Forgotten Places* - Gowanus Print Lab, Brooklyn, NY  
*Patches + Stitches* - Light Grey Art Lab, Minneapolis, MN  
*North of the 45th* - DeVos Art Museum, Northern Michigan University, Marquette, MI
- 2014** - *From the Heart* - Wisconsin Museum of Quilts and Fiber Arts, Cedarburg, WI
- 2013** - *Florence: A City of Many Appetites* - Florence University of the Arts, Florence, Italy

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2020** - Dane Arts Need Grant - Dane Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission, Madison, WI
- 2017** - MFA Opportunity Grant - Minneapolis College of Art and Design, Minneapolis, MN
- 2016** - MFA Opportunity Grant - Minneapolis College of Art and Design, Minneapolis, MN  
Comic and Cartoon Art Annual, Society of Illustrators, New York, NY

## SELECTED EXHIBITION CATALOGS & PUBLICATIONS

- 2020** - *Threads Laid Bare*, Catalog
- 2018** - *N Studio*, Magazine, Fall 2018 issue, cover artist  
*The Growler*, Magazine, Issue #58 Aug 2018, cover artist
- 2015** - *Women's Work Zine: 18 Illustrators Celebrate Women in Stem*, Curated by Celine Loup and Shannon May in collaboration with ravishly.com, contributing artist

## SELECTED PRESS/INTERVIEWS

- 2020** - "We Are All Experts" - with Brian Standing for WORT FM 8 O'Clock Buzz, Feb 2020  
**2019** - "Biz Crush: Alanna Stapleton" - Crave blog by Carli Rae Vergamini, Feb 2019  
**2018** - "Artist Profile: The expressive needlework of Alanna Stapleton" - with Kate Murphy for *The Growler*, Aug 2018  
"Alanna Stapleton: MFA Thesis Candidate" - mcad-mfa.com, May 2018

## SELECTED SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS & LECTURES

- 2022** - Light Grey Art Lab Creative Residency - Artist talk on travel drawing and making viewfinders  
**2021** - The Selling Power of Social Media with Alanna Stapleton and Guest Canaan Mattson - Professional development workshop for Minneapolis College of Art and Design Alumni Relations  
Building Your Website with Alanna Stapleton, Roshan Ganu, and Yao Jian - Professional development panel discussion for Minneapolis College of Art and Design MFA Program  
**2020** - Threads Laid Bare Artist Talk with Sophia Ruppert and Alanna Stapleton - Artist talk on textiles  
Virtual Connections with Soo Visual Arts Center - Artist talk on meditative quilting  
**2018** - Light Grey Art Lab Creative Residency - Artist talk on embroidered illustration  
Minneapolis College of Art and Design - Artist talk on visual journalism for Advanced Illustration Seminar  
Minneapolis College of Art and Design - Graduate studies thesis presentation

## SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2022** - "Illustrating Bodies: Depicting Fatness with Care." SECAC 2022  
**2020** - "How-to Zines: Sharing Everyday Knowledge and Building Community," SECAC  
"Empowerment & Joy Through Self Publication - Zine Making & Zine Culture with The Bubbler," Wisconsin Arts Integration Symposium, Madison, WI  
"Share Your Story With Zines," Overture International Fest, Madison, WI

## COURSES TAUGHT

- 2019 - Northern Michigan University**  
Illustration: Foundations - 1 section  
Illustration: Digital Media - 1 section  
Foundational Drawing - 1 section

## WORKSHOPS CONDUCTED

- 2022** - **How to Bind a Quilt**, Textile Center, Minneapolis, MN  
**Instruction Art Quilting**, Textile Center, Minneapolis, MN

- 2021 - Graphic Embroidery**, Textile Center, Minneapolis, MN
- 2020 - Self-Care Zines**, Wellness With Wheelhouse Webinar Series, UW-Madison, Madison, WI  
**Artful Mindfulness & Local Botanicals** (presented with Taylor Franklin and Allen Centennial Garden), Wellness With Wheelhouse Webinar Series, UW-Madison, Madison, WI  
**Take A Creative Brain Break** (presented with Taylor Franklin and Greater University Tutoring Services), Wellness With Wheelhouse Webinar Series, UW-Madison, Madison, WI  
**Meditative Drawing in Challenging Times** (presented with Taylor Franklin), Connect Learn Grow Virtual Webinar Series, UW-Madison, Madison, WI  
**Step by Step: Animated GIFs**, The Bubbler at Madison Public Library, Madison, WI  
**Illustrating the Everyday: How-To Comics**, The Bubbler at Madison Public Library, Madison, WI  
**The Sketchbook: Philosophy, Practice, and Creative Play**, The Bubbler at Madison Public Library, Madison, WI  
**Hand Lettering**, The Bubbler at Madison Public Library, Madison, WI  
**Embroidered Illustration**, The Bubbler at Madison Public Library, Madison, WI
- 2019 - Embroidery Workshop**, Light Grey Art Lab Art Camp, Yellowstone National Park  
**Graphic Embroidery**, Textile Center, Minneapolis, MN  
**Embroidered Lettering**, Textile Center, Minneapolis, MN
- 2017 - Zines: A Crash Course** (presented with Zoe Cinel), Soo Visual Arts Center, Minneapolis, MN

#### **SELECTED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT / CONTINUING EDUCATION**

- 2020 - Teaching Art and Design Online: Online Critique**, Minneapolis College of Art and Design Continuing Education  
**Teaching Art and Design Online: Facilitating the Creative Process**, Minneapolis College of Art and Design Continuing Education  
**Teaching Art and Design Online: Essentials of Online Course Design**, Minneapolis College of Art and Design Continuing Education  
**What Happens at the Intersection of Conceptual Art and Teaching? A Marathon Zoomposium**, University of Illinois  
**Teaching Place Conference**, Minneapolis College of Art and Design  
**Protest Sign Making as an Empowerment Tool with Kelsi Sharp**, University of St. Thomas and Creativity Studio  
**Creating Engaging Virtual Spaces with Dr. Amy Climer**, UW-Madison
- 2019 - Writing the Unthinkable with Lynda Barry**, Evansville, WI
- 2017 - AIGA Eye on Design Conference**, Minneapolis, MN

#### **SELECTED REGIONAL SERVICE / COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

- 2020 - Print and Resist Zine Fest**, Member of planning committee in Madison, WI (event postponed until 2021)

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

- Textile Center, April 2022 – Present
- SECAC, July 2020 – Present
- Northeast Minneapolis Arts Association, 2018 – 2019
- AIGA Minnesota, 2017 – 2018

## **PUBLIC COLLECTIONS**

AAPLI Library Zine Project, Minneapolis, MN  
The Bubbler Room Collection & Zine Library, Madison Public Library, Madison, WI