

# ALANNA STAPLETON

## Teaching 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 APPOINTMENTS

**2021 - Graduate Admissions Counselor**

**Present** Minneapolis College of Art and Design  
Minneapolis, MN

**2020 - Arts Programming Specialist**

**2021** Wheelhouse Studios, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Madison, WI

**2019 Assistant Professor of Illustration**

Northern Michigan University  
Marquette, MI

**2015 - Educational Programs Staff Assistant**

**2016** National 4-H Youth Conference Center  
Washington D.C. Metro Area

### RESIDENCIES

**2022** Educational Liaison, Light Grey Art Lab Creative Residency, Snæfellsnes Peninsula and Southern Iceland

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

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

**2019** Program Assistant, Light Grey Art Lab Art Camp, Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks

Teaching Artist Resident, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Twin Cities, Saint Paul, MN

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

## 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

## EXHIBITIONS

- 2024** - (upcoming) **Group Exhibition**, *The Drawing Board*, MCAD Main Gallery, Minneapolis College of Art and Design, Minneapolis, MN (in conjunction with ICON12)
- 2023** - **Juried Group Exhibition**, Open Door 18, Rosalux Gallery, Minneapolis, MN (curated by Ellen Mueller)  
**Group Exhibition**, *A Common Thread*, Textile Center, Minneapolis, MN  
**Two-Person Exhibition**, *Shapeshift: A Quilt Library of Respite*, MCAD Library Gallery, Minneapolis, MN (with Meghann Ziler)
- 2022** - **Group Exhibition**, *A Common Thread*, Textile Center, Minneapolis, MN
- 2021** - **Group Exhibition**, *Put it in the Chat*, Soo Visual Arts Center, Minneapolis, MN
- 2020** - **Group Exhibition**, *Threads Laid Bare*, Anderson Gallery, Drake University, Des Moines, IA (curated by Asst. Professor Emily Newman)  
**Juried Group Exhibition**, *The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show*, Virtual Exhibition, WI
- 2019** - **Group Exhibition**, *Curio: Iceland + Norway Residency Exhibition*, Light Grey Art Lab, Minneapolis, MN  
**Solo Exhibition**, *Outlooks*, Textile Center, Minneapolis, MN
- 2018** - **Group Exhibition**, *Foodways*, MCAD Main Gallery, Minneapolis College of Art and Design, Minneapolis, MN (curated by Zoe Cinel)  
**Group Exhibition**, *2018 MCAD MFA Thesis Exhibition* - MCAD MFA Gallery, Minneapolis College of Art and Design, Minneapolis, MN  
**Group Exhibition**, *Artists in the Kitchen* - Textile Center, Minneapolis, MN (curated by Tracy Krumm)  
**Juried Group Exhibition**, *SooVAC + MCAD MFA* - Soo Visual Arts Center, Minneapolis, MN  
**Group Exhibition**, *Winterland: Celebrating Makers and Their Craft* - Light Grey Art Lab, Minneapolis, MN
- 2017** - **Group Exhibition**, *De/Coding: MCAD MFA 2017 Fall Exhibition* - MCAD MFA Gallery, Minneapolis College of Art and Design, Minneapolis, MN  
**Solo Exhibition**, *Store Bought Is Fine* - MCAD Library Gallery, Minneapolis College of Art and Design, Minneapolis, MN  
**Group Exhibition**, *5th Anniversary Exhibition Local Artist Feature* - Light Grey Art Lab, Minneapolis, MN

- 2016 - Solo Exhibition, *Embroidered Illustration*** - Suitcase Gallery, Minneapolis College of Art and Design, Minneapolis, MN
- Group Exhibition, *Apoptosis 2016: MCAD MFA Fall Exhibition*** - MCAD MFA Gallery, Minneapolis College of Art and Design, Minneapolis, MN
- Juried Group Exhibition, *Short Form and Digital Media, Comic and Cartoon Art Annual 2016 Exhibit*** - Society of Illustrators, New York, NY
- Juried Group Exhibition, *Never Odd or Even*** - Light Grey Art Lab, Minneapolis, MN
- Juried Group Exhibition, *Art That Blooms*** - Portage Center for the Arts, Portage, WI
- 2015 - Juried Group Exhibition, *Festive Wisconsin*** - Cedarburg Art Museum, Cedarburg, WI
- Juried Group Exhibition, *Abandoned Spaces, Forgotten Places*** - Gowanus Print Lab, Brooklyn, NY
- Juried Group Exhibition, *Patches + Stitches*** - Light Grey Art Lab, Minneapolis, MN
- Juried Group Exhibition, *North of the 45th*** - DeVos Art Museum, Northern Michigan University, Marquette, MI
- 2014 - Juried Group Exhibition, *From the Heart*** - Wisconsin Museum of Quilts and Fiber Arts, Cedarburg, WI
- 2013 - Juried Group Exhibition, *Florence: A City of Many Appetites*** - Florence University of the Arts, Florence, Italy

## SELECTED EXHIBITION CATALOGS & PUBLICATIONS

- 2020 - *Threads Laid Bare***, Exhibition Catalog
- 2018 - *N Studio***, Magazine, Fall 2018 issue, cover artist
- The Growler*, Magazine, Issue #58 Aug 2018, cover artist
- NEXT: The Magazine of the Minneapolis College of Art and Design*, Volume 4, Issue 1, Spring 2018
- 2015 - *Women's Work Zine: 18 Illustrators Celebrate Women in Stem***, Curated by Celine Loup and Shannon May in collaboration with [ravishly.com](http://ravishly.com), contributing artist

## SELECTED PRESS/INTERVIEWS

- 2023 - "Stapleton and Ziler Launch Quilting Community"** - [mcad.edu](http://mcad.edu), June 2023
- 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](http://mcad-mfa.com), May 2018

## **SELECTED SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS & LECTURES**

- 2024** - Artist Talk - Fresh Eye Arts Artist Studios, St Paul, MN, April 2024  
Virtual Visiting Artist Lecture, Considering Graduate Studies - Senior professional practices class at Northern Michigan University, Marquette, MI, March 2024
- 2023** - Virtual Event, Considering Graduate Studies - Educational event for MCAD Graduate Admissions, September and November 2023  
Virtual Event, Building a Strong Graduate Portfolio - Educational event for MCAD Graduate Admissions, October and December 2023  
Instagram Live Interview/Discussion - Textile Center, February 2023
- 2022** - Artist Talk on travel drawing and making viewfinders - Light Grey Art Lab Creative Residency, Snæfellsnes Peninsula and Southern Iceland
- 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

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **2019 - Northern Michigan University**

- Illustration: Foundations - 1 section, instructor  
Illustration: Digital Media - 1 section, instructor

Foundational Drawing - 1 section, instructor

**2017 - Minneapolis College of Art and Design**

Introduction to Illustration - 1 section, graduate teaching assistant for Tom Garrett

**WORKSHOPS CONDUCTED**

**2024** - (upcoming) **Drawing Textiles: Quilting for Illustrators**, ICON12, Minneapolis, MN

**How to Bind a Quilt**, Textile Center, Minneapolis, MN

**Textile Art Zines**, Textile Center, Minneapolis, MN

**2023** - **Craft Night Pride Patches + Pockets** (presented with Sophia Munic), Textile Center, Minneapolis, MN

**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**

- 2023 - Teaching As a Practice with Cody Cook Parrott**, online workshop  
**Playful Creatures with Sophia Munic**, Curiosity Studios
- 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

## **SERVICE AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

- 2023 - Creative Individuals Grant Program Review Panel**, Minnesota State Arts Board, December 2023
- 2020 - Print and Resist Zine Fest**, Planning Committee, Madison, WI (event postponed until 2021)

## **TECHNICAL ABILITIES**

**Equipment** - drawing tablet (Wacom Intuos, Wacom Cintiq, iPad), DSLR and mirrorless camera, sewing machine, button maker, scanner

### **Computer Skills -**

Platforms:

- Macintosh OS9 - OS Catalina; Canvas; Blackboard Collaborate; Moodle; WebX; Zoom; Google Meet

Applications:

- Microsoft Office; Google Apps; Adobe Suite: Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, After Effects, Premier Rush; iPad drawing apps: Adobe Fresco, Procreate; Squarespace; WordPress; Adobe Acrobat; iMovie

**Processes** - observational drawing, perspective drawing, figure drawing, meditative drawing, hand-lettering, color theory, pattern making, digital drawing and painting, digital file set-up, gif animation, zine-making and self-publishing, hand-embroidery, machine and hand-quilting, screen and block printing

## **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