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Department of Art

CURRICULUM VITAE 2024





Casey McGarr

BIO

Casey is a Professor at Texas A&M University-Commerce, teaching in the Visual Communication Program in Dallas. He has taught undergraduate Typography, Design 1, Letterpress printing. He also teaches in the MFA Graduate Program, which includes Pedagogy and Design Education, Design Teaching Environment, Graduate letterpress and Thesis Exhibition.

Casey also served as a study abroad faculty co-director in April 2023 with faculty director Professor Veronica Vaughan, which led ten students to an Italy study abroad trip that was hugely successful and life-changing for the students. In May 2016, Casey was invited to lecture on “Brainstorming and Ideation” at The Tianjin University of Technology in Tianjin, China.

He received his MFA in Visual Communication at Texas A&M University-Commerce and previously taught graphic design at Arkansas State University, where he helped author and develop the current design curriculum. McGarr was the Dallas Society of Visual Communications president in 2000-2001, the largest local graphic design club.

Casey has been a professional designer for over 30 years, acting as a creative director, art director, and owner. He owns and operates a letterpress design and print shop, “Inky Lips Letterpress,” producing custom invitations and poster work for various local, national, and international clients and teaching educational workshops. His work has been recognized in national and international publications and gallery exhibitions — Casey designs and prints on two Vandercook proof presses. The shop has hundreds of metal fonts and 50 wood fonts that reside in ten type cabinets. He continues to hold workshops for local and regional attendees. Casey makes letterpress wood fonts with a CNC router, elevating the letterpress craft to a national venue.

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EDUCATION

Texas A&M University-Commerce
Major-Visual Communication
Master of Fine Arts 2010

Thesis Topic
Attention Deficit Disorder: On Time on Task

Texas Tech University
Major-Graphic Design
Bachelor of fine Arts 1984-1989

DESIGN PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

Inky lips Press
McKinney, Texas, 2001 to present
www.inkylipspress.com

Arthur Anderson, Southwest Regional Art Director
Irving, Texas, 2000 to 2001

Fossil, Creative Director
Richardson, Texas, 1991 to 2000

Kay Williams Graphis Consulting, Art Director
Dallas, Texas, 1989 to 1991

PARTIAL CLIENT LIST

American Way Magazine
Baskins
Color Dynamics
Dr. Richard Land
Drexel Heritage
DSVC
ERLC (Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission)
For Faith & Family
Fossil
Metropak
Russell Newman
Loca Luna
Oak Valley Properties
Pallet Logistics
Poshé
Reliant Energy
Texas Country Reporter

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TEACHING EXPERIENCE: COURSES TAUGHT 2016-2024

Creative Methodology , ARTS 540
Design Education and Theory, ARTS 541
Design Teaching Methods, ARTS 502
Thesis Exhibition, ARTS 552
Design Teaching Mentorship, Arts 589
Design Communications 1, ART 365
Typography, ART 300
Letterpress, ART 465

PROGRAM / COURSES DEVELOPED

Fall 2016-present: Collaborated with Assistant Professor Veronica Vaughan and worked with Virgil Scott on Typography 300 redeveloping class assignments.

Fall 2016-to present: Collaborated with Assistant Professor Veronica Vaughan and worked with Virgil Scott on MFA Graduate classes and assignments.

THESIS COMMITTEES

- 2023-2024 Thesis Committee for Christy Kaderly, Technology-Guided Education Solutions For Children Of Divorce
- 2022-2024 Thesis Committee for Rodolfo Sebastian Perez, An Online Voting System for Texas Counties
- 2022-2024 Thesis Committee for Antonina Shvets, Teaching Children the Value of Charitable Giving Through Toys
- 2023 Thesis Committee for Wayne Geyer, Designing Civic Discourse: Tools for an Informed, Engaged Citizenry
- 2023 Thesis Committee head for Brian Boyd, Re-Imagining Fire Emergency Apparatus
- 2022 Thesis Committee for Eric Venegas, Increasing BIPOC Student Interest in Visual Communication Through Graffiti and Street Art
- 2021 MFA committee, Jonathan Kimbrell, Texas Jukebox Project
- 2021 MFA committee, Yoona Kim Road Rage, Parents Role And Interactive Solutions For Young Driver
- 2020 MFA external review for our tenure and promotion process, Cole Closser, Missouri State University
- 2020 MFA external review for our tenure and promotion process, Jason Frazier, Colorado State University
- 2020 MFA committee member, Jill Honeycut, Think with Your Pencil
- 2020 MFA committee member, Jonathon Kimbrell, Texas Jukebox Project: Archiving And Preserving West Texas Country Music And Working-Class Culture On Phonograph Records
- 2019 MFA Major Professor, Miles Robinson, Rights Cognition Game: A Game That Teaches and Affirms the Rights of an American Citizen
- 2018 MFA Thesis Major Professor, Renee Morales: "Smart Homes to Aid Aging in Place"
- 2017 MFA Thesis, Nathan Lambert: "Graphic Design's Role in Creating A Loyal Following in Professional Sport, And Implications For Middle School Education"
- 2016 MFA Thesis, Justin Childress: "Riding The Margin: An Interactive, Bicycle-Specific Hazard Notification Application For Commuter Cyclists"
- 2016 MFA Thesis, Melissa Frenna: "Waste Not, Want Not: Using Visual Communication to Reduce Food Waste within Grocery Receiving Departments"

SERVICE TO UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE, AND DEPARTMENT OF ART

Department Of Art Website

From 2016-2022, my service to the Department of Art, College, and University has been designing and editing the Art website. The Department of Art website features the mission, faculty, program descriptions, events that market to our student audience. The continued effort by working with the Department Head, faculty, and staff has kept the website fresh and up to date.

Curriculum Committee, Department of Art, 2021 - 2023

We evaluated course offerings and general requirements for graduation, recommending additions, deletions, and modifications were

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deemed appropriate for the Fine Arts and VisCom programs.

Tenure and Promotion Committee, Department of Art, 2021 - 2024

The Promotion and Tenure Committee publishes general guidelines for promotion and tenure criteria and publishes procedures for the operation of promotion and tenure policies; these criteria and procedures are approved by the Department Head and Art faculty.

Art Day 2024

Letterpress Printing: Relief Printing, with Veronica Vaughan. Title: Get creative with wood type and images in this special workshop exploring various ways of using wood type. Participants will print a poster with found text and images to create a small poster.

Search Committee, 2021

Reviewed applications for the Department of Art, Visual Communication MFA Coordinator position. Interviewed two final candidates and determined one, Veronica Vaughan as the new coordinator for her extensive teaching, coordination of undergrads at UTA, and involvement as AIGA Student Advisor.

Curriculum Committee, VisCom Program, 2016-to Present

Worked with Lee Hackett, Veronica Vaughan, Virgil Scott, and Josh Ege, the VisCom faculty, in determining the new course rotation since the three emphases, New Media, Art Direction, and Design went from 3 sch to 4 sch. We looked at course offerings each semester for the 3 emphases, moved classes from fall to spring, and added classes.

Texas A&M University-commerce VisCom steamroller event, 2018

I coordinated a Steamroller event, which included TAMUC VisCom students and Dallas artists that participated in hand carving 24"x40" to be printed using a steamroller. The event was coordinated with Don Clampitt, the owner of Clampitt Paper. The images below are the ones that I carved by hand for the event.

Academic Advisor Search Committee member, 2018

Recruiting Students

Spring 2024, Teacher Ink Workshop

Spring 2024, Skyline Student Workshop

Spring 2023, Dallas Society of Visual Communication 54th Annual Dallas Show June 17, 2023 - recruiting letterpress demo

Spring 2023, Mixed Success: Fall 2022 DSVC Speaker Series September 23, 2022 - recruiting event

Spring 2023, Mixed Success: Winter 2022 DSVC Speaker Series December 2, 2022 - recruiting event

Spring 2023, Participated in a group sale event on December 2, 2022, as a part of the DSVC Speaker Series

Spring 2023, Recruiting event at 8750 North Central Expressway with Amanda Grant

Spring 2023, The Deck 2023 Kickoff Event June 22, 2023 - recruiting event

Spring 2023, Recruiting Letterpress Workshop - May 6, 2023

Spring 2023, Recruiting Letterpress Workshop - May 20, 2023

Spring 2023, Recruiting Letterpress Workshop - May 29, 2023

Art Day 2019

Letterpress Printing: Relief Printing/Jonathon Kimbrell and Casey McGarr, Get creative with wood type and images in this special workshop with Jonathon Kimbrell and Casey McGarr, who will explore various ways of using wood type. Participants will print a poster with found text and images to create a small poster.

Ink Workshop, 2017

This morning and afternoon workshop introduced students to the hands-on processes of letterpress and screen printing, two art forms staging a major revival in the field of design. Each participant produced a multi-colored letterpress poster and a silk screened print series. In the letterpress portion of the workshop, students will learn to lock up a form with an image by utilizing vintage metal

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and wood type. In the screen printing session, teachers will explore image and color layering through a “mash-up” style of silk screen printing. Outcomes will include screen preparation, emulsion coating, image burning, printing, and wash-out techniques.

Recruiting: AIGA National Leadership Retreat, 2017

Virgil Scott and I coordinated with the National AIGA coordinator, where the event was held in downtown Dallas. Virgil and I also designed and printed over 300 24 page small notebooks printed on a letterpress proof press to be given at all the tables for participants.

Letterpress Art Show In The Viscom Gallery Featuring, 2017

- Brad Vetter: graphic designer, letterpress printer, and occasional maker of great things Brad Vetter is a designer, artist, educator, and master printer in the field of letterpress printmaking.
- Jennifer Farrell, Principal Designer & Printer. Jen's been at the press since 1996; Starshaped Press was born in 1999.
- Dirk Fowler of f2 Design and Associate Professor, Texas Tech University Communication Design, School of Art, College of Visual and Performing Arts.

The Tianjin University of Technology, 2016

May of 2016, Virgil Scott and I were invited to lecture on “Brainstorming and Ideation” at The Tianjin University of Technology in Tianjin, China, with students in China and TAMUC design students. I served as a faculty co-director with faculty director Professor Virgil Scott. We led ten students to TUT in China for a May-mini study abroad trip that was hugely successful and life-changing.

RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

With over thirty years as a practicing graphic designer and twenty years of letterpress printing have directed my teaching by bringing in professional practice experience into the classroom. My passion for research is self-evident in teaching Master of Fine Arts graduates in the VisCom Program. I continue to produce letterpress invitations, business cards, posters for clients and self promotion. In the summer of 2012 with the purchase of a CNC Router with research funds, I have been able to produce over 30 fonts of type from a historical aspect and designing fonts by manipulating existing digital type. Workshops are held when time allows educating participants on the art of letterpress printing.

- 2024, Baylor University, Juried Student show and presented awards
- 2024, External Reviewer for Texas A&M Corpus Christi undergraduate Graphic Design program
- 2024 Participated in selecting the Golden Orchard (lifetime achievement in teaching) for the DSVC (Dallas Society of Visual Communications), Virgil Scott was awarded
- 2023 Letterpress workshop with Angela
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- 2023 Letterpress workshop with Bonita and Dennis
- 2023 Held a CNC Workshop for Ashlie Dance
- 2023 Held a CNC Workshop for Rachelle Chuang
- 2022 Letterpress printed titles pages for a photographer, Richard Sharum
- 2022 Held a letterpress workshop for Assistant Professor Scott Golem at Eastern New Mexico University
- 2022 Poster accepted in the F**KING IT exhibition at the Vestige Gallery in Pittsburgh, PA
- 2021 Exhibition in Houston, TX, for It Came From The Bayou
- 2021 Letterpress posters accepted in a juried exhibition in New Jersey at the Drawing Room for the Animal Activist Posters
- 2021 Invited to exhibit 12 letterpress posters at the Ink on Paper: A Letterpress Showcase to Exhibition in Orange County, CA, at the Great Park Gallery.
- 2021 Held a virtual Hamilton Hang which was viewed internationally through the Hamilton Wood Type Museum in Two Rivers, WI
- 2021 Hosted a letterpress workshop at the Dallas Society of Visual Communications National Student Show.
- 2020 held a letterpress workshop for Assistant Professor Scott Golem, at Eastern New Mexico University
- 2020 Four posters accepted in the Post Digital Letterpress Printing Exhibition in Portugal, Spain
- 2020 Held a mini CNC workshop for Kenneth Pybus, Associate Professor and Chair Journalism and Mass Communication, Abilene Christian University
- 2020 accepted to participate in the Print Austin Exhibition

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- 2019 held 4 letterpress workshops
- In the spring of 2019, I was apart of three exhibitions: UFO over Lubbock in Lubbock, TX
- 2019 accepted to participate Print Austin Exhibition in Austin, TX
- 2019 It Came From The Bayou Exhibition in Houston, TX.
- 2019 Selected to design and print HAM At 20, a poster for 20 years of Hamilton Wood Type and Printing Museum,
- 2018 Carved a wood type font for Virginia Green
- 2018 Designed and letterpress printed 200 small notebooks for The School of Visual Arts in NY
- 2017 Carved 4 fonts for A&M Commerce VisCom Letterpress class
- 2016 Held workshop for 8 designers from World Venture

Exhibitions

- 2023 Exhibition in Houston, TX, for It Came From The Bayou
- 2023 Fourth Annual Print Austin Print Expo
- 2023 Invitation only Charles Adams Gallery, Lubbock, Texas, UFO's Over Lubbock
- 2020 Right To Vote! Juried exhibition for a letterpress poster "Get Out and Vote", Hera Gallery, Hera Educational Foundation, Wakefield, RI
- Accepted in a juried exhibition in New Jersey at the Drawing Room for my Animal Activist Posters
- 2019 Invited to exhibit 12 letterpress posters at the Ink On Paper Exhibition, Great Park Gallery in Irvine, CA which will display in 2020
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- 2018 Fourth Annual Print Austin Print Expo
- 2018 Texas A&M University-Commerce, Department of Art Faculty Show
- 2018 Why Letterpress: Experimental Adventures National Exhibition, Presented by The Red Door Press, AIGA Iowa
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- 2017 National invitation only Charles Adams Gallery, Lubbock, Texas
- 2016 Slingshot Ink, Chartreuse Gallery, 1301 Grand Avenue, Phoenix, national juried exhibition
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Awards and Recognition

- 2024 Exhibitions Biafarin Online Humorous Exhibition, letterpress Trickster poster
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- 2019 Selected to design and print HAM At 20, a poster for 20 years of Hamilton Wood Type and Printing Museum
- 2018 Makeready: A letterpress Symposium For Educators, invitation to participate and speak about producing wood type on a CNC Router, letterpress printing and speak to the assignments given in the Letterpress 465 class.

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- 2018 Art of the Poster, two works accepted in the 5th Louisiana Biennial, a National juried Exhibition
- 2018 AIGA Tarot Card Deck, selected to be a designer to design one card which was printed and exhibited at the DFW AIGA Community Event Cartamundi USA headquarters, Dallas, Texas
- 2017 London International Creative Competition, awarded Shortlist, a juried competition
- 2016 Expression Tipográfica-Spain
- 2016 Print Magazine, Animal Activist poster series, December 2016

Juried Design Publications (National)

- 2016 Print Magazine, Animal Activist poster series, December 2016
- 2016 Work accepted into a juried publication in Spain, Book: Expression Tipográfica, published Type Man

Professional Presentations

- 2021 Held a virtual Hamilton Hang which was viewed internationally through the Hamilton Wood Type Museum in Two Rivers, WI
- 2021 Hosted a letterpress workshop at the Dallas Society of Visual Communications National Student Show.
- 2019 DSVC : Held a letterpress workshop at the DSVC National Student Show.

Conference Participation

- 2020 Virtual Wazygoose Hamilton Wood Type Museum, Two Rivers, WI
- 2019 Wazygoose Hamilton Wood Type Museum, Two Rivers, WI
- 2018 Makeready Educators Forum Hamilton Wood Type Museum, Two Rivers, WI
- 2017 Wazygoose Hamilton Wood Type Museum, Two Rivers, WI
- 2017 AIGA Conference, Minneapolis, MN
- 2016 AIGA Conference, Las Vegas
- 2016 Wazygoose Hamilton Wood Type Museum, Two Rivers, WI

Professional Recognition

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Professional Societies (Current And Past)

- AIGA Member and A&M Commerce Student Advisor
- Dallas Society of Visual Communication