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## **EDUCATION**

#### M.F.A. in Design | Graduated May 2022

University of Wisconsin Stout, Menomonie, WI

- Emphasis: Illustration, Teaching and Management
- Notable Independent Study courses:
  - Producing and Teaching for Game Design & Development
  - Graphic Novel Production
- Thesis focused on interactive story telling, design research and illustration

#### Professional Development Certificate in Design for Sustainability | May 2021

University of Wisconsin Stout, Menomonie, WI

- Relevant Coursework:
  - Traveling Trading Post: Skill & Recycled Goods Community Barter Event
  - Indigenous History Hunt: Museum Interactive Table Exhibit Concept

#### B.F.A. in Game Design | Graduated May 2019

University of Wisconsin Stout, Menomonie, WI

- Graduated Cum Laude with a G.P.A. over 3.6
- Emphasis: 2D Conceptual and Asset Art
- Minored in Art History
- Project Experience:
  - *Unproven*: Senior Capstone, roles included: Character Concept Design Artist and UX artist
  - *coping\_device*: Senior Capstone, roles included: Style Director, UX Artist, Set Dresser, 2D Generalist
  - Coffee Cram!: Card game, roles included: Project Manager and Lead Character Artist
  - *Quested*: 2D computer game, roles included: Art Director, Character Artist, Sprite Animator and Environmental Artist

## **TEACHING STATEMENT**

I believe that while teaching undergraduate students, I am not just teaching them course content, but their process of learning new skills. I do this by asking students questions about their thought processes, keeping a running dialogue with them, and offering solutions for pain points they may encounter in learning that are specific to their needs. My experience as a student and Graduate Assistant showed me how students react to a variety of teaching styles, and led me to understand a student's comfort level in simply talking to an instructor is a major deciding factor in a student's success. As such I strive to be approachable, clear and equitable in my interactions with my students while also pushing them to move outside of their skill-levels to encourage their growth as professionals.

## **TEACHING & RELATED EXPERIENCE**

August 2022 - Present University of Wisconsin Stout, Menommonie WI Lecturer | Design Foundations

- Taught the following courses:
  - 2D Digital Imaging
  - Pixel and Vector Art
  - Intro to Game Design
  - Intro to Digital Narrative
  - Graduate Design Studio

#### June 2024

Private Client, Menomonie WI

#### Freelance Illustrator | Card Art

• Graphic Design and Illustrations for client's art-forward prototyped card game

#### May 2022

Forward Service Corporation, Menomonie, WI Workshop Facilitator | Game Design

• Taught a workshop for High School students on board game design

September 2021 - May 2022

University of Wisconsin Stout, Menomonie, WI

Graduate Assistant | Digital Imaging Lab & Classroom Support

- Held virtual tutoring hours weekly for students
- Assisted in classrooms by appointment

January 2021 - May 2021

University of Wisconsin Stout, Menomonie, WI

Life Drawing | Student Help

• Assisting in teaching and offered tutored in Life Drawing courses

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## **TEACHING & RELATED EXPERIENCE CONTINUED**

September 2020 - May 2021

University of Wisconsin Stout, Menomonie, WI

Graduate Assistant | Game Design Lab & Classroom Support

- Taught and tutored remotely for Game Design courses
- Provided classroom support for Senior Capstone courses via project critique and lessons

September 2019 - May 2020

University of Wisconsin Stout, Menomonie, WI

Graduate Assistant | Entertainment Design Lab & Classroom Support

- Taught and tutored in Comics and Digital Narrative courses
- Received positive feedback from students

November 2016 - May 2020

University of Wisconsin Stout, Menomonie, WI

Involvement Center | Student Help Intermediate

- Planned and facilitated educational events such as Social Justice Coffee Hours, Trivia Nights, and Pop-ups
- Designed and conceptualized activities for students centered on diversity and inclusion



## **PUBLICATIONS**

Cummings, J. (2022, September 2). *Playing With Heartbreak: Research & Development for a Game About Breaking Up*. MINDS@UW. http://digital. library.wisc.edu/1793/83553

Cummings, J. (2019, March 22). *The Face of the Game*. Coping Device. https://vanhill96.wixsite.com/solveforhats/post/the-face-of-the-game

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## **SKILLS**

#### **Design Software**

- Adobe Creative Cloud Suite with Expertise in:
  - Adobe Photoshop
  - Adobe Illustrator
  - Adobe InDesign
- Clip Studio Paint
- Storyboarder
- Affinity Publisher

#### **Game Development Software**

- Unity
- Tiled
- Maya
- Ren'py

#### **Office Software**

- Microsoft Office
- Google Suite



## **REFERENCES**

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