

Education

- 2001 - 2003 **MFA Computer Art** - Savannah College of Art & Design - Savannah, GA
Three Dimensional Animation, Video Game Design
- 1996 - 1999 **BFA Computer Art** - Savannah College of Art & Design - Savannah, GA
Traditional Animation

Employment

- 03/07 – Current **Creative Director, Firebreather Studios – Raleigh NC, 27614**
- ▶ Conceptualize and design characters, storyboards and scripts for projects.
 - ▶ Divide project into deadline tasks then assign talent to tasks.
 - ▶ Interview potential student intern candidates per project need.
 - ▶ Meet with clients to discuss project parameters and direction.
- 01/06 – Current **Animation Professor, Living Arts College @ School of Communication Arts – Raleigh NC, 27614**
- ▶ Currently teach Animation classes in a variety of areas through the software Maya.
 - ▶ Tutor students one on one in their individual problem areas.
 - ▶ Write curriculum and assignments for each specific class I teach.
 - ▶ Designed classes and BA program Animation & Game Design
- 07/04 – 01/06 **Freelance Animator / Artist, Various Companies**
- ▶ 3D / 2D Animator & Artist on various television and commercial projects for companies such as Curious Pictures, Alpine Productions and Litigation Presentation.
- 12/03 – 06/04 **Freelance Animator / Artist, Radical Axis – Atlanta GA, 30318**
- ▶ Lead Modeler and Animator on 3D elements and animation for commercial use.
 - ▶ Tweened, inked, colored and composited 2D animation commercials for various Cartoon Network characters: “Kids Next Door, Power Puff Girls, Teen Titans”.
 - ▶ Conceived secondary character, inked, colored and composited animation for the Adult Swim cartoon “Aqua Teen Hunger Force”.
- 08/03 – 12/03 **Animation Art Director, X Factory Studios – Atlanta GA, 30308**
- ▶ Animated, modeled, textured video game characters within 3D Studio Max and Maya for unreleased X Box titles and lottery game demos.
 - ▶ Responsible for overseeing the quality and design of animation on various projects.
 - ▶ Distributed work to a team of ten animators based on each individual’s skill level and expertise.
- 09/02 – 11/02 **Graduate Teaching Internship, Savannah College of Art & Design**
- ▶ Graded student projects based on quality and completion of project parameters.
 - ▶ Taught lessons on various topics within the program Maya relative to each project.
 - ▶ Advised students on aspects of animation, timing and realistic motion.
- 09/99 – 01/01 **Supervisor of Web Design, CorrectNet - Hauppauge NY, 11788**
- ▶ Supervised a web design team of four, distributing work based on their skill level.
 - ▶ Trouble shot errors, software, hardware and client based errors.
 - ▶ Was involved in conference calls with clients, as the supervisor of the web design department.
 - ▶ Quality controlled aspects of specialized software, reported bugs to programmers.
- 11/00 – 09/03 **Freelance Concept Artist, Sovereign Studios**
- ▶ Conceptualized characters, weapons and environment for PC multiplayer game.

Computer Programs and Other Skills

Autodesk Maya	Adobe Photoshop	Adobe Illustrator	Adobe After Effects
Adobe Premiere Pro	Adobe Flash CS3	Adobe Encore	Painter IX
Camtasia 4	Vegas 8	DVD Architect 4.5	
Mudbox*	Unreal Engine*		
UV Mapping	Texture Making	3D Modeling	Mel Scripting
2D Animation	3DAnimation (Keyframing)	Character Setup	Project Management
Life Drawing	Character Design	Maquette Sculpting	Graphic Design
Conceptual Illustration	Story Boards	Character Boards	Animation Layout
Motion Capture*			

Worked within Windows, Mac, Linux, Unix operating systems

*Currently Learning.

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Feature Production Credits

2006 Barbie Diaries Curious Pictures: CG Feature Film (DVD) [CG Artist]

TV Production Credits

2005 Fresh Imports Alpine Productions: "Fresh Imports" Show Intro [2D Animator, 3D Animator, Broadcast Designer]
2004 Aqua Teen Hunger Force Radical Axis, Adult Swim: Episode 43 "Video Ouija" [Concept Artist, Colorist]
2004 Aqua Teen Hunger Force Radical Axis, Adult Swim: "Spacecataz" [3D Artist] credited as: Rich Pointe

Video Game Production Credits

2003 Time Cycle X Factory: Unreleased Theme Park title [Concept Artist, Storyboard Artist]
2003 Slap Slot X Factory, Scientific Games: Lottery Demo [Concept Artist, Storyboard Artist, Project Manager]
2003 Super Nova Escape X Factory, Scientific Games: Lottery Demo [Concept Artist, Storyboard Artist, Project Manager]
2003 Nascar Masters X Factory, Scientific Games: Lottery Demo [Concept Artist, 3D Animator, Project Manager]
2003 Kris Kros 3D Puzzle X Factory, Kiosk Game Demo [Concept Artist, 3D Animator, 3D Modeler, Project Manager]
2003 Rooftop Golf X-Factory: X Box Unreleased title [3D Animator, 3D Modeler, Texture Artist]
2003 Event Alpha Sovereign Studios: PC Unreleased title [Concept Artist] 2000-2003

Commercial Production Credits

2005 Lavazza Episodes Curious Pictures: Lavazza Commercials [3D Previs Animator, 3D Camera Animator]
2004 Sharing Radical Axis, Cartoon Network [2D Animator, Colorist, Composer]
2004 Juicy Drop Pop Radical Axis, Cartoon Network, Topps [3D Animator, 3D Modeler, 2D Animator, Colorist]
2004 Phone It In Radical Axis, Cartoon Network [2D Tweener, Colorist, Composer]
2003 Kids Day Radical Axis, Cartoon Network South America [2D Tweener, Colorist, Composer]
2003 Soar with the ATL Hawks X-Factory, Atlanta Hawks [3D Animator, Texture Artist]
2003 Makos X-Factory, Makos Southeast Inc. [3D Modeler, 3D Animator]
2003 Frequency X-Factory, Club Frequency [3D Modeler, Project Manager]

Short Film Production Credits

2010 Always Greener SCA: Animated Short [Director, Art Director]
2009 Quiet Please SCA: Animated Short [Director, Art Director]
2009 Tales of Absurdia SCA: Animated Short [Director, Art Director]
2008 One Night SCA: Animated Short [Director, Art Director]
2008 Dust Bin 10 Firebreather Studios: Animated Short [Creative Director/Art Director]
2007 Lucky Foot Farm SCA: Animated Short [Director, Art Director]
2007 Raven SCA: Animated Short [Director, Art Director]
Shown at: Design Expo Raleigh 2007
2007 Rain Protectors SCA: Animated Short [Director, Art Director]
Shown at: Design Expo Raleigh 2007
2006 2 If By Crook SCA: Animated Short [Director, Art Director]
Shown at: Design Expo Raleigh 2007
Shown at: MAGA Film & Video Festival 2007 – Honorable Mention Animation
2006 Brand New Board SCA: Animated Short [Director, Art Director]
Shown at: Design Expo Raleigh 2007
Shown at: Carrboro Film Festival 2006
2006 Crease SCA: Animated Short [Director, Art Director]
Shown at: Design Expo Raleigh 2007
Shown at: Carrboro Film Festival 2006
2006 Granny's Walker SCA: Animated Short [Director]
2006 Desserted SCA: Animated Short [Director]

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Teaching

Affiliation	Teaching activity	FT/PT	Dates
School of Communication Arts	Animation Professor	FT	01/06 – Current
Art Institute Online	Facilitator / Instructor	PT	11/05 – 06/07
Savannah College of Art & Design	Graduate Teaching Intern	PT	09/02 – 11/02

Service

Location	Activity	Dates
Living Arts College	Winter Gallery Show	Winter 2010
School of Communication Arts	Fall Gallery Show	Fall 2009
School of Communication Arts	Summer Gallery Show	Summer 2009
School of Communication Arts	Spring Gallery Show	Spring 2009
School of Communication Arts	Winter Gallery Show	Winter 2009
School of Communication Arts	Fall Gallery Show	Fall 2008
Virtual Heroes	Studio Tour / Discussion	08/18/08
School of Communication Arts	Summer Gallery Show	Summer 2008
School of Communication Arts	Spring Gallery Show	Spring 2008
Wake Tech	Carolina Game Summit	01/26/08
Lincoln Theater	IGDA Meeting	
School of Communication Arts	Holiday Open House	12/06/07
School of Communication Arts	Fall Gallery Show	Fall 2007
School of Communication Arts	Winter Gallery Show	Winter 2008
School of Communication Arts	Summer Gallery Show	Summer 2007
School of Communication Arts	Spring Gallery Show	Spring 2007
Goldsboro, North Carolina	Goldsboro Gaming Expo	01/27/07
School of Communication Arts	Discovery Day	Winter 2007
School of Communication Arts	Winter Gallery Show	Winter 2007
School of Communication Arts	Fall Gallery Show	Fall 2006
School of Communication Arts	Summer Gallery Show	Summer 2006
Hiberian Pub	IGDA Meeting	August 2006
School of Communication Arts	Discovery Day	Spring 2006
School of Communication Arts	Spring Gallery Show	Spring 2006
High School Visit	Presentation	Spring 2006
School of Communication Arts	Discovery Day	Winter 2006
School of Communication Arts	Winter Gallery Show	Winter 2006

Research

Title of Work	Date	Location	Colleague
Dustbin 10		School of Communication Arts	Ben Forman
Raven	10/07 – 11/07	Design Expo Raleigh 2007	Production Team
Rain Protectors	10/07 – 11/07	Design Expo Raleigh 2007	Production Team
2 If By Crook	10/07 – 11/07	Design Expo Raleigh 2007	Production Team
Brand New Board	10/07 – 11/07	Design Expo Raleigh 2007	Production Team
Crease	10/07 – 11/07	Design Expo Raleigh 2007	Production Team
2 If By Crook	02/07	Design Expo Raleigh 2007	Production Team
Brand New Board	11/06	Carrboro Film Festival 2006	Production Team
Crease	11/06	Carrboro Film Festival 2006	Production Team
Graduate Thesis	2003	Savannah College of Art & Design	None

Education

Degree	University/College	Major	Dates
MFA	Savannah College of Art & Design	Computer Art	01-03
BFA	Savannah College of Art & Design	Computer Art	96-99

Is your highest degree a terminal degree in your field ? YES

Memberships

IGDA Member
Animation Army Member

Professional Work / Activity

Activity	Client / Location(s)	Date/Duration	For Profit?
Maya Tutor	Doctor, Raleigh, NC	Current	Yes
Corporate Branding	Client Name Withheld	05/08 – Current	Yes
Character Modeler	Client Name Withheld	05/08 – 08/08	Yes
Web Designer	Client Name Withheld	03/08 – 05/08	Yes
Creative Director	Firebreather Studios	03/07 – Current	Yes
Concept Artist	Client Name Withheld	10/05 – 11/05	Yes
CG Artist	Curious Pictures	08/05 – 10/05	Yes
2D Animator	Alpine Productions	03/05 – 05/05	Yes
Flash Animator	Litigation Presentation	06/04 – 07/04	Yes
Animator / Artist	Radical Axis	12/03 – 06/04	Yes
Web Designer	Client Name Withheld	2003	Yes
Animation Art Director	X Factory Studios	08/03 – 12/03	Yes
Animator	Client Name Withheld	01/03 – 03/03	No
Package Designer	City Light Productions	2001	Yes
Web Designer	Triple Check	2001	Yes
Graphic Designer	Killbox	2001	Yes
Web / Graphic Designer	Maestro	2001	Yes
Web Designer	Cliffhanger Games	03/01 – 04/01	Yes
Supervisor of Web Design	CorrectNet	09/99 – 01/01	Yes
Concept Artist	Sovereign Studios	11/00 – 09/03	Yes
Comic Book Artist	Independent	2000	Yes
Web / Graphic Designer	Suffolk County	08/99 – 10/99	Yes

Classes Taught

Class	Class Name
<u>Living Arts College Bachelors Program</u>	
AF113	Human & Animal Form
AM101	Digital Animation
AM203	CG Modeling I
AM404	Animation Production Studio
BU415	Portfolio Studio I
<u>School of Communication Arts Associates Program</u>	
MG001	FX Motion Graphics I
MG002	FX Motion Graphics II
AD102	Color Construction
AF114	Character Development
AM101	Digital Animation I
AM106	Digital Animation II
AM107	Advanced Digital Animation III
AM175	Story Development
AM191	Animation Production Studio II
AM192	Animation Production Studio III
AM200	Animation Portfolio
AM202	Production Portfolio
<u>Art Institute Online Animation Program</u>	
GAD333	Advanced Character Animation

Associations

Committee/Board	Dates of association	Appointed or Volunteered
Faculty Retention Committee	Currently	Appointed
Library Resources Committee	Currently	Volunteered