

Mengqi Xu

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Visual Artist and Educator
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EDUCATION

2022 MFA in Sculpture

Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA, USA

2019 BFA in Industrial Design

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, IL, USA

ART & DESIGN SKILLS

Software	Building + Rendering	Design Knowledge			
Adobe Photoshop Adobe Indesign Adobe Illustrator Adobe Premier Corel video studio Procreate	Sketchbook Solidwork (3D modeling) Blender (3D modeling) Keyshot (3D rendering) Microsoft Office Suite	Marker/digital rendering Flexible mold making Rapid prototyping Virtual mock-up Foam and wood making	Metalsmith Foundry Hot enameling Fabric and wool felting Image&video editing	Design research Branding Grid & Layout Typography Color theory	Human-center design Sustainable design User experience design User interface design

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2021 Aug. - 2022 May **Instructor** In-Person
Pennsylvania State University School of Visual Art

ART30 - Introduction to Sculpture

- Taught the introduction sculpture class to a diverse population across the university that meets the General Education (ART) requirement
- Developed a multi-tiered syllabus that leads students to craft idea that place artmaking as a communication tool in relation to their cultural background and major strengths
- Designed lesson plans that prioritizes accessibility and creative agency for multiple majors
- Combined design thinking with technical art skill as a way to help students visualize ideas
- Introduced a design based, five-senses experience in student's ideation process

2020 Jan. - 2021 May **Instructor** Remote due to COVID
Pennsylvania State University School of Visual Art

ART30 - Introduction to Sculpture

- Taught the introduction sculpture class to a diverse population across the university that meets the General Education (ART) requirement
- Developed an equitable and engaging syllabus suitable for students to create art from home using accessible materials within limited space
- Designed lesson plans that prioritizes accessibility and creative agency for multiple majors
- Combined design thinking practice with technical art skills as a way to help students visualize ideas

2019 Aug. - Dec. **Teaching Assistant** online
Pennsylvania State University School of Visual Art

ART30 - Introduction to Sculpture

- Provided attentive instruction, support, and suggestions for students at the online college-level sculpture class
- Administered one-on-one feedback to every student's art proposal, sketches, and finished works
- Privately tutored students with struggles and questions on materiality, fabrication, installation, and documentation
- Assessed student works and graded the assignment

2017 - 2019 **Public Art Teacher** In-Person
The I.D.E.A. Store Eco-Edu Art Creative Reuse Marketplace
Public Art Event & Workshop

- Created and lead sustainable public art projects with recycled materials for families and kids

RELATED EXPERIENCE

2019 - now **Freelance Documentary Photographer**
Nikon D810 / 18-200mm / 50mm
Offer immersive documentary photo service for families. Capture the real precious moment, refuse staged photos

2021 **Research Material illustration Design**
Designed the illustration cards used in the research "*Promotion and teaching suggestions of pictophonetic Chinese characters on primary school students' attributive reasoning*"

2020 **Visual Branding Design for "GO GO 5" Company**
Created a memorable visual branding design including logo, theme color, typography, posters, and design guidelines

2018 - 2019 **Event Photographer**
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Leadership Center
Event recording; Profile Photo; Videography and editing

2018 **Branding for Zhi Chuang Education Company**
Developed the brand identity, brand image and brand culture. Composed a design guideline

2017 **Logo and water bottle text design for Wo Isotope Co., Ltd**
Created logo, water bottle label, and package design

- 2016
May - Aug. **Research Assistant**
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Computer Music Lab
Participated in the research at the Computer Music Projects that share, educate, and patronize the field of sound synthesis and composition for students across all majors through the software DISSCO
- 2015 - 2016 **Graphic Designer**
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Chinese Engineering Science Association CESA
Designed posters, logo, and publications. Wrote posts and designed layout for social media
- 2016 **Logo design for Xing Yu Rehabilitation center for Special Children**
Kunming University, School of Pre-School and Special Education Kunming, China
- 2016
Dec. - Jan. **Research Internship**
East China Normal University, School for handicapped-education
Assisted the education team on the project focusing on children with hearing disability

HONORS & AWARDS

- 2022 The Harold F. Martin Graduate Assistant Outstanding Teaching Award (nominated)
2022 Dedalus Foundation MFA Fellowship in Painting & Sculpture (nominated, pending)
2021 - 2022 Graduate Teaching Assistantship, Penn State University School of Visual Art
2020 - 2021 Graduate Teaching Assistantship, Penn State University School of Visual Art
2019 - 2020 Graduate Teaching Assistantship, Penn State University School of Visual Art
2016 Competition honored design group, SOFA-The Sculpture Objects Functional Art and Design fair, Connect Competition
2016 Industrial Design Society of America Sophomore Industrial Design show award
2013 MAYDAY (music band) World Concert Tour Logo Design Competition, Design selected as official logo for the Tour
2013 SWAROVSKI Baggage Tag Design Competition, Honorable Mention

SELECTED EXHIBITION

- 2022 Penn State University Zoller gallery "The food eats you back when you eat" solo exhibition
2021-2022 Hub-Robeson Center "Inside the Frames"
2021 Small works 2021 - A national juried exhibition of artworks 12" or less
2021 Penn State University Zoller gallery "Unprecedented" group show
2021 The Night Voyage - The Glasgow School of Art
2021 The 5th Crazy Art Commute International Contemporary Art Exhibition 疯狂交流会-第五届国际新当代艺术作品展
2021 The MPI media online exhibition 陌异
2020 Penn State University Palmer Museum "Through" group exhibition
2019 Penn State University Palmer Museum "Kitchen Sink" group exhibition
2019 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Krannert Art Museum BFA exhibition
2016 SOFA (sculpture objects functional art and design), Chicago Navy Pier Booth C300-OASIS

PAPER / WEB PUBLICATIONS

- 2022 Penn State Hub-Robeson Gallery Web Page
<https://studentaffairs.psu.edu/hub/art-galleries/current-exhibitions>
- 2022 International Sculpture Center Gallery
<https://sculpture.org/gallery/ViewAlbum.aspx?id=64575538&album=>
- 2021 NewContemporary Art Exhibition Publication, page 82
- 2021 International Sculpture Center Featured University Web Page
<https://sculpture.org/page/sculpture-universities>
- 2019 University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign BFA Catalog, page 46