

# Sarah Koch Curriculum Vitae

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## Biography

I am a visual artist that is experienced in creating and teaching art in 2D & 3D disciplines. My education and art background are rooted in Illustration and Design. The visuals that I create combine illustrative story telling with a strong foundation in design principles.

## Born

Ann Arbor, MI

## Education

### **College for Creative Studies, Detroit, MI**

BFA in Illustration/Teaching Certification in Secondary Visual Arts Education (LQ) K-12  
September 2012-December 2016  
Cum Laude Graduate

## Awards

### **2014-2016**

- **President's List Achievement-College for Creative Studies**  
Award based on maintaining a cumulative GPA at or above 3.8

### **2012-2016**

- **Dean's List Achievement-College for Creative Studies**  
Award based on maintaining a cumulative GPA at or above 3.5
- **CCS Walter B. Ford II Award of Excellence-College for Creative Studies**  
Award based on academic merit
- **Dean's Award-College for Creative Studies**  
Award based on academic and personal merit

## Publications

### **2019**

- **3x3 Magazine International Illustrational Annual No. 16**  
Honorable Mention  
Gallery  
Professional Show

### **2016**

- **3x3 Magazine Illustration Annual: Number Six**  
Certificate of Merit  
Student Illustration  
College for Creative Studies

## Work Experience

### **Discraft Inc., Wixom, MI**

#### ***Graphic Artist, August 2022-Present***

- Establishing and building brand identity for an industry leader in disc golf sports manufacturing
- Designing advertisement and promotional materials for web and social media platforms such as YouTube and Instagram
- Creating engaging visuals across social media, advertisements, and product photos
- Developing ideas and collaborating with other members of the Marketing department

### **Sarah Koch Illustration, Livonia, MI**

#### ***Freelance Illustrator & Graphic Designer, January 2014-Present***

- Responsible for illustrating and designing product packaging for food & alcohol products
- Developing and designing brand identity for individuals & businesses
- Planning and creating custom art commissions for clients

### **Livonia Public Schools, Livonia, MI**

#### ***Secondary Visual Arts Instructor, March 2019-March 2023***

- Facilitate student artistic development by instruction of the elements & principles of Art through drawing, painting, & sculpture
- Help develop scaffolding in art curriculum for drawing, painting, and sculpture courses
- Participate in the art community at Franklin high school such as assisting the National Art Honors Society students, attending meetings, and overseeing student-led extracurricular projects
- Extensive one-on-one instruction, interaction, and hands-on demonstration with students

### **College for Creative Studies, PARC-Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex, Plymouth, MI**

#### ***Visual Arts Instructor, January 2019-March 2020***

- Taught students how to use digital software programs such as Adobe Photoshop and Adobe Illustrator
- Helped students learn digital tools for applications such as: editing, retouching, selecting, painting, drawing, and text.
- Facilitated teens artistic development by instruction of the Elements and Principles of Art through drawing and painting digitally and traditionally
- Extensive one-on-one instruction, interaction, and hands-on demonstration with students

### **Livonia Public Schools, Franklin High School, Livonia, MI**

#### ***Visual Arts Long-Term Substitute Teacher, November 2018-March 2019***

- Facilitate student artistic development by instruction of the elements & principles of Art through drawing, painting, & sculpture
- Help develop scaffolding in art curriculum for drawing, painting, and sculpture courses
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### **Chris Schanck Studios LLC, Hamtramck, MI**

#### ***Studio Assistant, August 2018-January 2019***

- Assist in decorating contemporary mixed media furniture and sculpture for artist Chris Schanck
- Use decorative foiling techniques to mixed media work with meticulous attention to detail
- Work as a team in the finishing production stages of furniture and sculpture

### **Whitmore Lake Public Schools, Whitmore Lake Secondary School, Whitmore Lake, MI**

#### ***Visual Arts Instructor, January 2017-August 2018***

- Sole ownership and responsibility for improving the visual arts education department & developing new visual arts curriculum at the secondary education level for grades 7-12
- Presented informative PowerPoint presentations to students regarding various artists, art styles, art careers, project examples, and instructional steps
- Facilitated children and teens artistic development by instruction of the fundamentals of art and design in the areas of drawing, painting, collage, ceramics, and sculpture
- Developed individualized accommodations and goals for students in the general education and special education population
- Extensive one-on-one instruction and demonstration with students

**Ann Arbor Art Center, 117 Gallery, Ann Arbor, MI**  
***Gallery Assistant, July 2015-May 2016***

- Engage and speak with customers regarding details of the artwork, artists, and artistic process
- Answer questions and give information about various events, classes, and departments within the Ann Arbor Art Center
- Maintenance of the gallery and artwork including display setup and cleaning

**College for Creative Studies, Detroit, MI**  
***Teaching Assistant, September 2015-December 2015***

- Presented informative PowerPoint presentations to students regarding the college, campus resources, and class assignments
- Assisted with classroom responsibilities such as attendance, grading, and class instruction

**Art 101, Livonia, MI**  
***Art Studio Instructor, May 2014-August 2015***

- Facilitated children and teens artistic development by instruction of the fundamentals of art and design
- Helped in setup and cleanup of art materials and supplies

**Exhibitions**

**2023**

- April 5-28, 2023  
Exposures: Photography '23  
Lawrence Street Gallery, Ferndale, MI
- March 9-April 30, 2023  
Three Cities Art Club-Nature's Splendor  
Village Arts Factory, Canton, MI

**2022**

- December 18, 2022  
Livonia Christmas Craft and Vendor Market  
Livonia Elks, Livonia, MI
- December 9, 2022-February 28, 2023  
Wasserman Projects-CCS Exhibition  
BasBlue, Detroit, MI
- December 2-23, 2022  
The Detroit Fine Arts Breakfast Club-The Holiday Art Show  
Gallery 46, Pontiac, MI
- December 1, 2022-February 28, 2023  
Holiday Open House  
River's Edge Gallery, Wyandotte, MI
- November 25-December 23, 2022  
Gift of Art Holiday Exhibition Show  
Irwin House Gallery, Detroit, MI
- November 1-January 6, 2022  
Rotating Art Program  
Crain Communications Inc., Detroit, MI

**2021**

- December 1-23, 2021  
Think Small 21' All Media Juried Exhibition  
Lawrence Street Gallery, Ferndale, MI
- November 12-December 18, 2021  
Small Works Juried All Media Exhibition  
Northville Art House, Northville, MI
- September 30-October 29, 2021  
Everything But the Kitchen Sink: The Fine Art of Assemblage/Collage  
Lawrence Street Gallery, Ferndale, MI
- September 1-25, 2021  
West of Center: Art that Pushes Boundaries Juried All-Media Exhibition  
Northville Art House, Northville, MI
- July 31-August 21, 2021  
Maybury State Park Juried Plein-Air Exhibition  
Northville Art House, Northville, MI
- May 29, 2021  
Pickin' on Pine Market  
The Front Porch, Muskegon, MI
- April 3-24, 2021  
Hatchback 15  
Hatch Art Gallery, Hamtramck, MI
- February 3-25, 2021  
February 2021 Group Art Show  
The Jones Gallery, Kansas City, MO
- January-February 2021  
INK  
FE Gallery, Sacramento, CA

## **2020**

- December 3-24, 2020  
Think Small Exhibition  
Lawrence Street Gallery, St. Ferndale, MI
- October 1-30, 2020  
Autumn Invitational '20  
Lawrence Street Gallery, St. Ferndale, MI
- August 29-November 14, 2020  
Plein Air Exhibition  
Scarab Club, Detroit, MI
- July 6-August 13, 2020  
Living in Color - Functional & Decorative Art for the Home  
Fine Line Creative Arts Center, St. Charles, IL
- June 18-July 10, 2020

Photography without a Lens  
Rhode Island Center for Photographic Arts, Providence, RI

- May 23 - June 26, 2020  
It's All About Color  
Rhode Island Watercolor Society, Pawtucket, RI
- April 2020  
Present: An Online Exhibit  
The Riverside Arts Center, Ypsilanti, MI
- April 4-19, 2020  
Go! Figure- Juried Figurative Art Competition and Group Exhibition  
ShockBoxx Gallery, Hermosa Beach, CA
- March 23-December 21, 2020  
Art in the Time of Corona | A global Art project  
Dab Art Co., Los Angeles, CA
- January 2-30, 2020  
Jones Group Art Show  
Jones Gallery, Kansas City, MO

## 2019

- December 15, 2019  
Holiday Artist Market 2019  
Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, Dearborn, MI
- December 7, 2019  
Noel Night: Alumni Student Art Sale  
College for Creative Studies, Detroit, MI
- November 26-December 31, 2019  
Holiday Sale  
Black Box Gallery, Dearborn, MI
- May 31-July 19, 2019  
Putting It Together 2: The Art of Assembling  
Foundry Art Centre, St. Charles, MO
- April 13, 2019  
Detroit Artist Bazaar 5  
Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, Dearborn, MI
- April 6-April 27, 2019  
Hatchback 13  
Hatch Art Gallery, Hamtramck, MI
- March 1-April 14, 2019  
Women's Works 2019  
Old Court House Arts, Woodstock, IL
- February 1-21, 2019  
A Contemporary Drawing Exhibition  
IU Kokomo Downtown Gallery, Kokomo, IN
- January 18-February 24, 2019

Arizona Aqueous XXXIII  
Tubac Center of the Arts, Tubac, AZ

## 2018

- December 9, 2018  
Tangent Gallery Holiday Art Market  
Tangent Gallery/Hastings Street Ballroom, Detroit, MI
- December 1, 2018  
Noel Night: Alumni Student Art Sale  
College for Creative Studies, Detroit, MI
- September 30-October 27, 2018  
21<sup>st</sup> Annual Exhibition of Fine Arts  
Livonia Civic Center Library, Livonia, MI
- August 3-September 9, 2018  
2018 Cultural Diversity Show Art at the Center  
Tomahawk Ridge Community Center, Overland Park, KS
- June 2-July 14, 2018  
LOCATION LOCATION LOCATION  
LowellArts Gallery, Lowell, MI
- May 10-27, 2018  
Core New Art Space: All That You Can Imagine (Mixed Media)  
Core New Art Space, Denver, CO
- April 28-June 30, 2018  
Inspired By: All Women Art Exhibition  
City Jen, Westland, MI
- April 14-June 9, 2018  
Texas National Competition & Exhibition 2018  
School of Art: Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, TX
- March 24, 2018  
The Detroit Artist Ball II  
Tangent Gallery/Hastings Street Ballroom, Detroit, MI
- March 1-April 14, 2018  
Womens Works 2018  
Old Court House Arts, Woodstock, IL

## 2017

- December 2, 2017  
Noel Night: Alumni Student Art Sale  
College for Creative Studies, Detroit, MI
- August 14-October 6, 2017  
Souvenirs of Summer  
Fabulon, Charleston, SC
- July 14-31, 2017  
Themeless  
Marygrove College, Detroit, MI
- June 24, 2017

Subreality  
Tangent Gallery/Hastings Street Ballroom, Detroit, MI

- May 2017  
Annual Student Exhibition  
College for Creative Studies, Detroit, MI
- March 1-23, 2017  
Media Collective: Solo Exhibition  
Wayne County Community College Brown and Juanita C. Ford Art Gallery, Taylor, MI
- February 16-18, 2017  
Nude Nite  
Central Florida Fairgrounds 4603 W. Colonial Dr. Orlando FL 32808
- January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Outsider Inside Art Show  
The Phoenix Café, Hazel Park, MI

## 2016

- December 16, 2016  
Touch Me: Art/Music Exhibition  
Tangent Gallery/Hastings Street Ballroom, Detroit, MI
- December 3, 2016  
Noel Night: Alumni & Student Art Sale  
College for Creative Studies, Detroit, MI
- October 22, 2016  
Layers  
Tangent Gallery/Hastings Street Ballroom, Detroit, MI
- October 1-27, 2016  
19<sup>th</sup> Annual Livonia Exhibition of Fine Arts  
Livonia Civic Center Library, Livonia, MI
- August 12-September 23, 2016  
Putting it Together: The Art of Assembling  
Foundry Art Centre, St. Charles, MO
- July 9, 2016  
Small Wonders 4: An Exhibition of Tiny Art and Tiny Films  
Atomic Café, Hamtramck, MI
- June 24-August 26, 2016  
34<sup>th</sup> Annual Michigan Fine Art Competition  
Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, Birmingham, MI
- May 2016  
Annual Student Exhibition  
College for Creative Studies, Detroit, MI
- April 1, 2016  
Rejected: A Second Chance Art Show  
Tangent Gallery/Hastings Street Ballroom, Detroit, MI

## 2015

- December 5, 2015  
Noel Night: Alumni & Student Art Sale  
College for Creative Studies, Detroit, MI
- November 2015  
Detroit Art Collective, Detroit, MI
- July 11, 2015  
Small Wonders 3: An Exhibition of Tiny Art and Tiny Films  
Atomic Café, Hamtramck, MI
- June 2015  
Group Exhibition  
Livonia City Hall, Livonia, MI
- May 2015  
Annual Student Exhibition  
College for Creative Studies, Detroit, MI

## **2014**

- May 2014  
Annual Student Exhibition  
College for Creative Studies, Detroit, MI
- September–December 2014  
Student Display  
Manoogian Visual Resource Center, Detroit, MI

## **2013**

- May 2013  
Annual Student Exhibition  
College for Creative Studies, Detroit, MI

## **2012**

- May 2012  
Annual Student Exhibition  
College for Creative Studies Detroit, MI