

EVENTS

CONVOCATION

August 24, 2012
12 noon
Harrison Auditorium
Giles Hall

SOUTH CENTRAL SPE CONFERENCE

October 25-28, 2012
Mississippi State University
Speakers: Susan Burnstine,
Kelli Connell and Todd Hido

WILL BRYANT ARTIST LECTURE

August 29, 2012
12 noon

MARY HARK ARTIST LECTURE

September 6, 2012
11 a.m.



Lecturer of Foundations, John Paul Remo, organized a summer study abroad to Florence, Italy. [See more photos.](#)

CONTACT

Please send awards, honors, job openings, internship opportunities, or other items of interest to

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WELCOME!

Welcome to the Department of Art's first edition of our newsletter!

I joined the Department in 2009 and have enjoyed providing my leadership. I am excited about working with the Department to continue to further our mission to ensure the success of our students.

The Photography program is the fastest growing concentration in the Department. This fall, Photography will team up with the MSU Department of Communications to host the South Central Society for Photographic Education (SPE) Conference on October 25-28. Attendees will have opportunities to see exhibitions, listen to artist lectures, and participate in workshops.

We recently opened the Visual Arts Center Gallery on University Drive. Since its opening, we have hosted up to six exhibitions per year and are now open during the summer. We have an exciting exhibition calendar this year, including Will Bryant, Graphic Design and Fine Art alumni; Bill Dunlap, nationally renowned Mississippian artist; and Mary Hark and Nnenna Okore, international textile artists.

We recently expanded and moved the Ceramics facilities from Briscoe Hall to Howell Hall. The Ceramics studio is located adjacent to the Sculpture studio, which enhances the cross pollination among students and our pedagogy.

We also acquired two additional studios in Howell Hall. One is used for drawing, watercolor, and illustration, and the other is dedicated to the Three-Dimensional Design Foundations course.

We've also made upgrades to the instructional Graphic Design labs and are proposing to upgrade the Photography labs with current software.

I am grateful to have an excellent staff, supportive administration, and wonderful faculty to excite and encourage students to follow their passions.

Please continue to stay in contact, and stop by anytime for a visit!

Lydia C. Thompson
Department Head

STUDENT NEWS

Fall 2011 Graduates

Phyllis Beck	Rhona Hurston
Samuel Brown	Katherine Killian
Avery Buffington	Gia Mei Li
Matthew Butler	Anne Lockwood
Meagan Cargile	Jennifer Matthews
Causey Cato	Jennifer McCaskill
Kirby Davis	Kathleen O'Hear
Michael Dedwylder	Kelly Quick
Jacqueline Ferguson	Haley Samms
Matthew Fisackerly	Mary Smith
Holly Gullett	Nicholas Smith
Peter Hammond	Tiffany Stewart
Leah Harrell	Mark Whitmire
Evelyn Head	Kristopher Wilson
Jennifer Hudson	Jerry Wolf

Our students have received over 70 national and regional awards for their cutting edge designs and conceptual fine art approaches to subject matter.

ADDY Awards

7th District American Advertising Federation Competition

Nashville, Tenn., April 13, 2012

Evan Veeder, Graphic Design student, won a student Gold ADDY for his poster campaign, "Helping Procrastinators Succeed."



Spring 2012 Graduates

Bryan Barham	Brooke Owens
Joseph Beussink	Alexander Pappas
Danielle Brown	Jaclyn Petty
Daniel Chandler	Amy Reel
Corey Childers	Mary Rhodes
Tristan Dillard	Paul Richey
Katherine Douglas	Heidi Robinson
Karen Ervin	Tyler Robinson
Ryan Filler	Gary Shettles
Cynthia Fisackerly	Bailey Shoemaker
Albert Hart	Jill Sowell
Ethan Head	Andrea Tate
Alyshia Hicks	Kareem Tate
John Hitt	Harold Teasler
Brittany Horne	Clara Thames
Bradley Keel	Alexa Werling
Shelana Kelly	Megan Whittington
Wesley McCollum	Wyatt Williamson
Alexis McGrigg	Gabrielle Windham
Molly Moon	Zackory Wolfe
David Newton	

Tuscaloosa American Advertising Federation Competition

Tuscaloosa, Ala., February 2012

Evan Veeder – student Gold ADDY, Silver ADDY, Student Judge's Award

Silver ADDYs – Matt Lanke, Jennifer Matthews, and Molly Moon

2012 National REAL Show

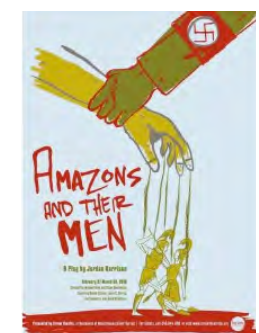
National student design competition
Sponsored by the Art Director's Club of Washington, D.C., and the DC Design Center

284 entries from 11 schools

26 pieces selected

Paige McDonnell, Graphic Design student, won Best-of-Show (top right)

Allison Keller, Graphic Design student, awarded Gold Medal (bottom)



Read about more student achievements at <http://caad.msstate.edu/wpmu/artnews/>

FACULTY NEWS

Our **faculty** have been hard at work and have participated in national and regional exhibitions, winning awards for the quality of their work. Faculty have participated in over 100 scholarly activities and received approximately \$80,000 in research, purchase/cash awards, and commissions. Congratulations to all of them.

Professor Peter Bain

Received the 2012 American Inhouse Design Award, New York, New York, for the design of the MSU Department of Art Visual Arts Center banners.

Professor Alex Bostic

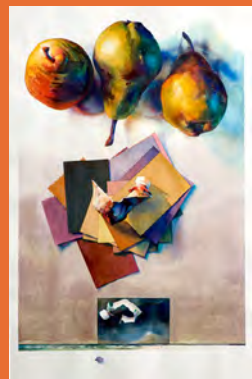
Bostic's work has been selected for the 2012 International Aerospace Art Exhibition held at the Kalamazoo Aviation History Museum.

Professor Angi Bourgeois

Co-organized and co-chaired a session at the Italian Society at the Renaissance Society of America in Montreal, Canada.

Professor Critz Campbell

Received a first place cash award for his work featured in the Wichita National All Media Craft Exhibition.



Funderburk: Perfect Storm

Professor Brent Funderburk

Was selected by Juror Dean Mitchell for the 8th Biennial National Art Exhibition at the Visual Arts Center in Punta Gorda, Florida.

Professor Marita Gootee

Presented work at the 2011 South-eastern Regional Conference for the Society for Photographic Education in San Antonio, Texas.

Professor Ben Harvey

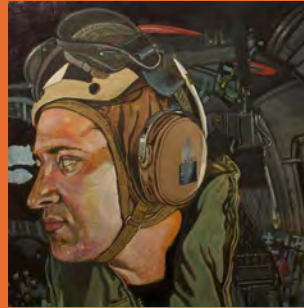
Delivered a paper at Savannah College of Art Conference, titled "Sermons on Humility: Thoughts on the Literary Content of Roger Fry's Formalism." He also continues his membership on the SECAC board.

Professor Jeffrey Haupt

Haupt's work has been included in the "XL-XS: Extra Large and Extra Small Formats" exhibition at the University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland.

Professor Jude Landry

Received a 2011 Award of Excellence from the National Communication Arts Journal.



Bostic: Wojo At Work

Professor Dominic Lippillo

Received "Best in Show" for his work included in the "Of Memory, Bone and Myth" exhibition at the Gallery at the Rourke Art Museum, in Moorhead, Minnesota.

Professor Robert Long

Received "Best in Show" at the Starkville Cotton District Art Festival Juried Exhibition.

Professor Tim McCourt

Received an honorable mention award for his work featured in the "28th Annual Juried National exhibition" at the Visual Arts Alliance in Houston, Texas.

Professor Jamie Burwell Mixon

Won Best-of-Show, a Gold Addy, and three Silver ADDYs in the Tuscaloosa AAF ADDY.

Professor Soon Ee Ngoh

Received an honorable mention for her work featured in the "Small Wonders Exhibition" at the Maryland Federation of Art Circle Gallery in Annapolis, Maryland.

Professor Suzanne Powney

Worked with her students to create interior and exterior signage for the Okitbbeh County Heritage Museum.

Professor Jamie Runnells

Received a Gold ADDY for the National Advertising Federation 2011 Awards.

Professor Linda Seckinger

Was accepted into several national art collections at the University of Colorado, Museum of Texas Tech University, and the University of Central Florida Special Collections Library.

Professor Lydia Thompson

Is an artist-in-residence at the Medalta Art Center in Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada, during the month of July. She was also elected to the National Council for Art Administrators fall 2011 for a three-year term.



Mixon: Taylor Swift Poster

NEW FACULTY/STAFF

Faculty:

Chad Anderson

Assistant Professor of Graphic Design

Dominic Lippillo

Assistant Professor of Photography

Suzanne Powney

Assistant Professor of Graphic Design

Patrice Anderson

Lecturer, Foundations and Graphic Design

Rowan Haug

Lecturer, Foundations

Adrienne Callander

Foundations

Neil Callander

Assistant Professor, Coordinator of Foundations

Gregory Martin

Assistant Professor of Foundations

Alex Bostic

Associate Professor of Foundations and Illustration

John Paul Remo

Lecturer, Foundations

Jonathan Cumberland

Lecturer, Foundations

Lori Neuenfeldt

Lecturer, Coordinator of the Visual Arts Center and Outreach Programs

Staff:

Caroline Cooper

Academic Records Assistant

Christina Vanderberg

Administrative Assistant

Patrick Trantum

Department of Art Shop Technician

2012-13 ART EXHIBITS

June 1-July 27, 2012

Pressed Wood, Pressed Words

August 28-October 3, 2012

Will Bryant's RETROSPECTACLE

Opening Reception: Aug. 28, 5:30-7 p.m.

August 31-October 6, 2012

Inside-Out, Outside In: African-Inspired Fiber Arts of Mary Hark & Nnenna Okore

Opening Reception: September 6, 5:30-7 p.m.

September 4-October 13, 2012

Betty Press: African Wisdom in Image and Proverb

Opening Reception: Sept. 27, 5:30-7 p.m.

October 16-November 2, 2012

SPE Member & Antiquarian Avant-Guarde Photography Works by the N. Texas Alter. Process Group

November 13-November 17, 2012

BFA Thesis

November 27-December 1, 2012

Graphic Design

January 22-February 23, 2013

Bill Dunlap: Artist in Residence

January 15-February 23, 2013

New Faculty Works: Adrienne Callander, Neil Callander, Gregory Martin & Suzanne Powney

March 5-March 30, 2013

MSU Student Show

March 12-March 30, 2013

Foundations Show

April 8-April 13, 2013

BFA Thesis

April 23-April 27, 2013

Graphic Design

Find more information about the exhibits at

<http://caad.msstate.edu/wpmu/artnews/department-galleries/>

Business has been ‘Ready, fire, aim’ for Art alumna Kate Thomas

Since graduating in December 2010 from the MSU Department of Art in Graphic Design, **Kate Thomas** has been quite busy, and her recent achievements show the hard work is paying off.

HOW Design magazine named Thomas one of just 16 “Young Creatives to Watch 2012” in their January issue.

Thomas’ website for her Little Things Studio business was chosen for HOW’s “Top 10 Websites for Designers” in November 2011, and she also made the list in December 2010 for her portfolio created while still at MSU.

However, Thomas made sure to give credit for her website designs to another MSU art alum and her boyfriend, **Dave Whitley**, a designer for Automattic. She said having a well-designed website in addition to an Etsy shop is a huge advantage.

Thomas said her Little Things Studio business really kicked off, though, when her work was mentioned on Design*Sponge, a “design blog run by Brooklyn-based writer, Grace Bonney.”

“It’s kind of a game changer for an Etsy shop to get on her blog,” Thomas said. “My shop exploded after that.”

She said she went from having maybe 10 orders a month to between 300 and 400 orders. Luckily, her mom, Cynthia, a retired elementary school teacher, was able to pitch in, and she has been filling orders ever since.

Kate said everything happened so fast that she just had to figure everything out.

“Ready, fire, aim is kind of how it’s been,” she laughed.

However, she seems to have things under control, and business keeps coming her way – maybe because of her personal touches.

Cynthia asks everyone to send pictures of where her daughter’s work hangs, and Kate said they have received pictures from Brazil, Google headquarters, and offices at broadway.com.

“I love the whole point of customers interacting with my mom and me. People do feel like they know me,” she said.

Kate said she is very humbled by how her work has been accepted, and people don’t believe that she is just a year and a half out of school.

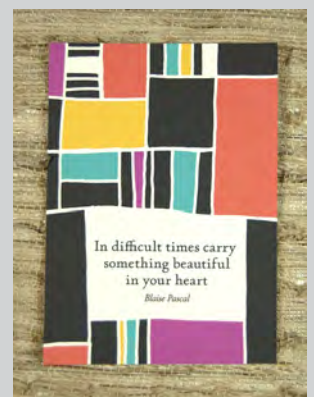


Recently, with funds from Little Things Studio, Thomas was able to fulfill a longtime dream. She attended Surtext, a marketplace in New York, with her mom. With the help of another Art alum and her roommate, **Kristen Ley**, Thomas came prepared with letterpressed business cards. She also handed out bookmarks and wrapping paper and showcased her revamped award-winning self-promo book with over 200 of her patterns. Thomas said she didn’t get any license agreements but has potentials and was very humbled by the experience. “It was wonderful, and I am very proud of what I did,” she said.



Thomas said a lot of her business comes from retailers that discover her work at Renegade Craft Fairs like this one she attended in Austin, Texas. “It’s a very high profile show,” said Kate.

Thomas has also had mentions in DailyCandy; Design Milk; HGTV Canada; babble; Print & Pattern; cmybacon; DesignWorkLife; Where the Lovely Things Are; French Sample Room; UnderConsideration; omgPosters; an Australian magazine; Mississippi Magazine; and Jackson’s The Clarion Ledger, Jackson Free Press and Metro Christian Living.



Katelyn Howard, a senior in the Art Department, is joining Thomas this summer for an internship. Find Kate online at littletingsstudio.com, patternsbykate.com, or visit her on Facebook.

McDaniel shares ‘personal passion project’ as featured TED speaker

On May 19, **Michael McDaniel**, a 1998 graphic design alumnus, was the featured speaker of the day on TED.com, a site that boasts “riveting talks by remarkable people, free to the world.”

McDaniel’s talk, “Cheap, effective shelter for disaster relief,” has been viewed by over 125,000 people to date.

The video focuses on the McDaniel’s idea behind the Exo Reaction Housing System.

TED’s website states:

Michael McDaniel is a graphic designer using his skills to help people in meaningful ways.

Why you should listen to him:

Michael McDaniel has worked on a wide range of projects for clients including MTV, Comcast, AT&T, American Airlines, Best Buy, HP, Sprint and Disney. His designs have been widely recognized; he’s received awards from the Society of Environmental Graphic Designers for work at the M. D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas, and from Cooper Union for a conceptual redesign of the interstate highway system.

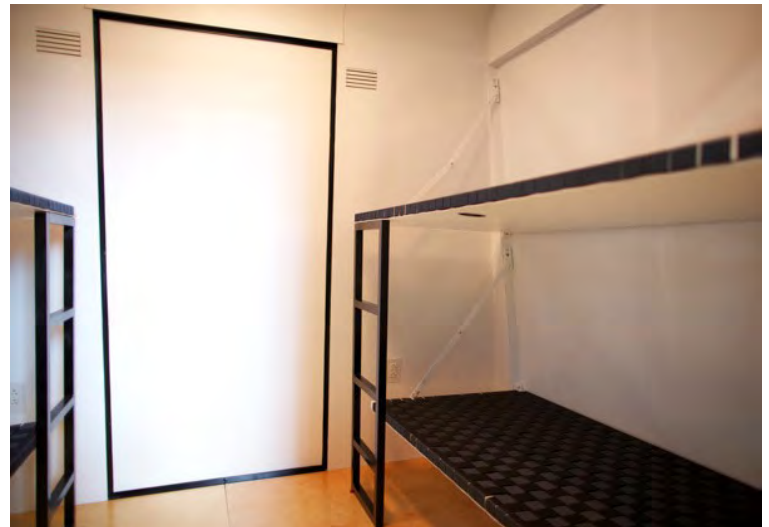
Prompted by the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina on the city of New Orleans, McDaniel began working in his spare time for five years straight on what would become the Exo Reaction Housing System – portable, cheap disaster relief shelters. He is a principal designer at frog and the founder and C.E.O. at Reaction Systems, Inc.

Check out the TED talk at ted.com
Read the Q&A on SmartPlanet.com



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MICHAEL MCDANIEL

One trailer can move over 20 Exo units in a single load – enough to house over 80 people, and the units can be set up in under two minutes each. They cost around \$5,000, compared to \$65,000 for a FEMA trailer.



Each Exo unit can comfortably sleep a family of four.

“His project is a nice reminder that better ways of doing things are out there.”
– GOOD magazine

We need your help and support!

Please visit our facilities (classes and galleries) during visits to Starkville, and stop by to say “hello.” Alumni, please contact Patrice Anderson, chair of the new MSU Art Alumni Association, at panderson@caad.msstate.edu, or find us on [Facebook](#).