

MOLLY YERGENS

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PROFILE

- An innovative master educator, fully committed to the Avenues mission.
- An ambitious and intellectually curious creative who is deeply passionate about learning, bringing great ideas to life, and connecting with others.
- A transfer pioneer possessing a unique and valuable global understanding of the Avenues experience.
- An observant and inquisitive creative problem solver who asks bold and important questions and notices serious and whimsical connections between things.
- An engaging storyteller on screen, in print, in the classroom, behind the podium, around the bonfire, at the dinner party, and through images.

EDUCATION

LESLEY UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN

BOSTON, MA | 2013
Master of Fine Arts

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA - TWIN CITIES

MINNEAPOLIS, MN | 2010
Master of Education

RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN

PROVIDENCE, RI | 2004
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Painting
RISD Scholarship Award

SKILLS

Collaboration	Communication
Empathy	Critical Thinking
Photoshop	Public Speaking
Research + Analysis	InDesign
Illustration	Storyboarding
Photography	Video Production
Graphic Design	Prototyping

EXPERIENCE

Jul 2018
Present

AVENUES: SÃO PAULO | SÃO PAULO, BRAZIL

Art Teacher, Upper Grades

- Teaches Introduction to Creative Process and Visual and Digital Arts Workshop, and Digital Media.
- Collaborates effectively with colleagues to plan and execute engaging, interdisciplinary projects.
- Plays a key leadership role within the art team and cohort.
- Works across campuses in support of *Agora*, a student led global media publication.
- Co-created a real world documentary filmmaking experience for students in Guatemala (Global Journeys).
- Develops engaging and effective art curriculum for both classroom and online environments.
- Leads faculty professional development sessions in video production.
- Integrates a *HIP Drawing* practice into the daily classroom routine, which structures regular opportunities for close observation, wondering, and thoughtful discussion.

Aug 2015
Jun 2018

AVENUES: NEW YORK | NEW YORK CITY, NY

Art Teacher, Upper Grades

- Taught Film Arts, Photography, Senior Studio Art, Visual Arts Workshop, The Sketchbook, Introduction to Creative Process, and The Politics, Science and Art of Color.
- Created an immersive, field trip-based course, which connected students with New York artists in their studio spaces and inspired creative production in the classroom.
- Co-advised *Penumbra*, a student-produced art and literary publication.
- Provided a safe, social and educational space for LGBTQ+ identifying students and their allies as QSA's faculty advisor.
- Engaged students with Artist in Residence programming, museum field trips and regular gallery visits.
- Co-led the first multi-campus Global Journeys program that brought NY and SP students together in Brazil's Pantanal.
- Participated in the Instructional Rounds Pilot Program.

Aug 2006
Jun 2015

SHATTUCK-ST. MARY'S SCHOOL | FARIBAULT, MN

Visual Arts Instructor, Grades 6-12

- Taught Digital Video, Animation, Art History, Painting, Drawing, Illustration, Printmaking, and Sculpture.
- Created marketing content and admissions videos for the school's communications department.
- Provided journalism, photography and graphic design instruction to students for the school's yearbook publication.
- Provided guidance and support for tenth grade advisees and their families.
- Curated student gallery exhibits and film festivals to showcase student achievements.
- Served as Co-Chair of WeCreate Design Committee alongside leadership team and the architect on new facility.

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DESIGN PROJECTS

- **Merchandise Design** for Yackez's GIVE IT TO YOU STAGE performance, New York Live Arts, 2017.
- Stop motion animation for *Man Made Woman* **music video** by Happy Otherwise. 2014.
- Midnattsol: A **Painting Expedition** in Arctic Norway. Successfully Funded Kickstarter Project. 2011.
- Halls of Excellence: A History of Shattuck-St. Mary's School. Directed and produced a feature length **documentary film**. Engaged over 100 students and faculty members in a large-scale creative collaboration. 2008.
- Brought innovative, **thematic design concepts** into the yearbook culture of Shattuck-St. Mary's School. 2007-2015.
- Design for *Kunstskaftet, The Art Cabinet: a small gallery building* for Concordia Language Villages, Bemidji, MN. 2002.

RESIDENCIES AND EVENTS

- Created and organised the *Varanda Gourmet Performance Series*. Casa Hortelã. São Paulo, Brazil. 2019.
- Participation in *Roteiro de Ateliês Open Studio Events*. São Paulo, Brazil. 2018-19.
- **Artist in Residence**. The Art Students League of New York Residency at Vyt. Sparkill, NY. 2016.
- **Visiting Artist**, Hamline University, Department of Art. St. Paul, MN 2013.
- **AFS year in Norway**. 1998-1999. Attended high school above the Arctic Circle. Became a fluent speaker of the Norwegian language.

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 2018 | **UNIVERSO COLAGEM**. New Works on Paper. Universidade do Papel. São Paulo, Brazil.
- 2016 | **INQUIRE WITHIN**: Paintings by Molly Yergens. Ecce Gallery. Fargo, ND.
- 2014 | **THE ATHENS OF THE WEST**: Paintings by Molly Yergens. Ecce Gallery. Fargo, ND.
- 2013 | **WANDERING AND WONDERING: PAINTING THE NATURE OF SPATIAL EXPERIENCE**: Recent Work by Molly Yergens. Rourke Art Museum, Moorhead, MN.
- 2013 | **MYTHICAL GEOGRAPHIES**: Referencing Landscape through Painting and Sculpture. Banfill-Locke Art Center, Fridley, MN.
- 2012 | **MFA IN VISUAL ARTS GRADUATE EXHIBITION**: Lesley University College of Art & Design. Boston, MA.
- 2011 | **BOSTON YOUNG CONTEMPORARIES EXHIBITION**. Boston University, Boston, MA.
- 2010 | **MALERIUTSTILLING**: Molly Yergens, Hamarøy Galleri, Oppeid, Norway.
- 2005 | **MINNEAPOLIS 55408**: Intermedia Arts. Minneapolis, MN.
- 2004 | **SENIOR GROUP EXHIBITION**, Woods-Gerry Gallery, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI.
- 2003 | **YOU JUST DON'T KNOW MY PARENTS**: Works by Shara Hughes, Molly Yergens, and Liz Maher. Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI.
- 1999 Present | **THE ANNUAL MIDWESTERN INVITATIONAL ART EXHIBITION**: Rourke Art Museum, Moorhead, MN.
- 2000 | **NORDLYS**: Photographs from Norway, Sorenson Gallery, Fosston, MN 2000.