

Eric Vaughn

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

2012	Master of Fine Arts in Studio Arts, Maine College of Art, Portland, ME
2010	Bachelor of Arts in Humanities, Ursuline College, Pepper Pike, OH; Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society (4.0 GPA)
1996	Coursework, College of Fine Arts, Ohio University, Athens, OH
1995	Associate of Arts, Lakeland Community College, Kirtland, OH

ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP & ADMINISTRATION

2023–Present

Program Manager, Visual Communication Design and Interior Design, School of Creative Arts
Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C), Cleveland, OH

Lead five degree and six certificate programs serving approximately four hundred registered students; responsible for strategic and operational planning, budgets, curriculum, program review, adjunct faculty, and industry partnerships.

Strategic Planning & Budget

- Prepare annual strategic operational plans aligned with college budget planning and master scheduling
- Oversee non-faculty operating budgets for two programs and an endowment fund that supports student and program needs; co-manage a production lab budget with a partner department
- Wrote a comprehensive business plan to expand the Interior Design program to a second campus

Curriculum & Program Review

- Leading a comprehensive redesign of the Visual Communication Design curriculum with eight full-time faculty, the college curriculum office, and industry advisory committees
- Authored two comprehensive four-year program reviews assessing student data, fiscal health, market research, and strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats
- Managed the 2025 elimination of Tri-C's Associate of Applied Business degree in VCD, Web and Interactive Media under Ohio Senate Bill 1: guided the state compliance process, negotiated the teach-out plan, and advised affected students individually so they could graduate on time
- Streamlined program administration and reporting, improving efficiency, data quality, and transparency

Faculty, Staff & Students

- Participate in recruitment, retention, and evaluation of adjunct faculty
- Mediated long-standing conflict among program faculty, resulting in effective collaboration on a comprehensive redesign of curriculum
- Supervise the School of Creative Arts Peer Advising Leader (PAL) intern, supporting advising, retention, and community-building efforts

- Advocated for and hired tutors dedicated to Visual Communication Design students
- Advise students on academic plans and facilitate internship and job placement; lead program marketing and student recruitment, retention, and growth initiatives

Partnerships & External Relations

- Established six industry advisory committees; recruit members, run meetings, incorporate recommendations into strategic planning, and produce annual program assessment reports
- Cultivate relationships with industry, government, and community partners to develop employment, internship, and co-op opportunities for students
- Opened the Cleveland Institute of Art's Interactive Media Lab to Tri-C faculty and students through a joint-use agreement, supporting professional engagement and workforce development
- Worked to build transfer agreements with regional four-year institutions
- Built cross-campus collaboration among administrators, departments, and faculty to support both programs; plan program events for students and the community

Committee Leadership

2026	Chair, Visual Communication Design Advisory Committee, Tri-C
2024–Present	Administrator, Visual Communication Design Advisory Committees in Graphic Design, Illustration, Photography, and Web & Interactive Media, Tri-C
2025–Present	Administrator, Interior Design Advisory Committee, Tri-C
2026	Member, Museum Skills Certificate Advisory Committee, Tri-C

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2013–Present	Part-Time Faculty, Cuyahoga Community College, Cleveland, OH <i>Courses:</i> Photography 1; Digital Imaging 1
2014–2020	Part-Time Faculty, Cleveland State University, Cleveland, OH <i>Courses:</i> Photography 1; Foundations Black and White Photography
2014	Part-Time Faculty, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, OH <i>Courses:</i> Introduction to Photography
2013–2016	Part-Time Faculty, Notre Dame College, South Euclid, OH <i>Courses:</i> Photography 1
2008–2010	Part-Time Faculty, Kent State University, Kent, OH <i>Courses:</i> Photography; Photography 2; Internship Seminar: Photo Illustration
1998–2023	Part-Time Faculty, Lakeland Community College, Kirtland, OH <i>Courses:</i> Basic Photography; Basic Photography–Digital; Intermediate Photography; Advanced Photography; Commercial Photography; Electronic Imaging 1; History of Photography; The Photo Story

CREATIVE PRACTICE

Solo and Two-Person Exhibitions

2018	<i>Fragments of the Everyday</i> , Valley Art Center, Chagrin Falls, OH (solo)
2016	<i>Cross Section</i> , Jean Bulicek Galleria, Beck Center for the Arts, Lakewood, OH (solo)
2004	<i>Walls Wires Wells: Elements of a Relationship</i> , Pavanna Gallery, Cleveland, OH (two-person, with Brenda Stumpf)
2001	Michael Stefan Salon & Gallery, Willoughby, OH (two-person, with Jaime Kennedy)

Selected Group Exhibitions (Juried and Curated)

- 2019 *Cleveland Print Room Members Show*, Cleveland Print Room at University Hospitals
Cleveland Medical Center, Cleveland, OH (Jurors: Hilary Gent, HEDGE Gallery;
Steven D. Standley, University Hospitals)
- 2019 *Resident's Select 2019*, YARDS Projects, Cleveland, OH
- 2018 *CAN Triennial*, Collective Arts Network, Cleveland, OH (Curators: William Busta,
William Busta Gallery; Curlee Raven Holton, David C. Driskell Center, University of
Maryland; Hilary Gent, HEDGE Gallery; Angelica Pozo)
- 2017 *94th Annual Spring Show*, Erie Art Museum, Erie, PA (Juror: William Wegman)
- 2017 *Photo Now 2017*, Artists Archives of the Western Reserve, Highland Hills, OH (Juror:
Aline Smithson, LENS CRATCH)
- 2017 *2017 Waterloo Arts Juried Exhibition*, Waterloo Arts, Cleveland, OH (Juror: Anderson
Turner, Director, School of Art Collection & Galleries, Kent State University)
- 2017 *Process + Place*, Charles Thomas Gallery, Maine College of Art, Portland, ME
(Curator: Dietlind Vander Schaaf)
- 2016 *Human/Nature*, Engine, Biddeford, ME (Curator: Julie Kuceris Gray)
- 2016 *THE PEER SHOW*, Cleveland Print Room, Cleveland, OH (Jurors: Laura Ruth
Bidwell, Transformer Station; Arnold Tunstall, Akron Art Museum)
- 2016 *PATTERN & DESIGN*, BAYarts, Bay Village, OH (Curators: Shari Wilkins; Darrelle
Anne Centuori)
- 2016 *gARTen of eARThly Delights* (benefit exhibition), Canton Museum of Art, Canton, OH
(selected artist)
- 2015 *Photo Now 2015*, Artists Archives of the Western Reserve, Highland Hills, OH (Juror:
Unni Pulikkal, Royal Photographic Society)
- 2015 *Biennial Six-State Photography Exhibition*, Firelands Association for the Visual Arts,
Oberlin, OH (Jurors: Nancy McEntee, Cleveland Institute of Art; Jonathan Wayne,
Cuyahoga Community College)
- 2015 *6th Annual May Show*, The Gallery at Lakeland, Kirtland, OH (Jurors: Lauren Davies,
2731 Prospect Gallery; Tom Huck, University Hospitals)
- 2014 *Western Reserve Open Photography Competition*, Artists Archives of the Western
Reserve, Cleveland, OH (Juror: Diane Waggoner, National Gallery of Art)
- 2014 *21st People's Art Show*, The Art Gallery, Cleveland State University, Cleveland, OH
- 2013 *Western Reserve Open Photography Competition*, Artists Archives of the Western
Reserve, Cleveland, OH (Juror: Barbara Tannenbaum, Cleveland Museum of Art)
- 2013 *Biennial Six-State Photography Exhibition*, Firelands Association for the Visual Arts,
Oberlin, OH (Juror: Charles J. Mintz)
- 2012 *MFA Thesis Exhibition*, Maine College of Art, Portland, ME
- 2012 *20th People's Art Show*, The Art Gallery, Cleveland State University, Cleveland, OH
- 2011 *Six-State Photography Exhibition*, Firelands Association for the Visual Arts, Oberlin,
OH (Juror: Kitty McManus Zurko, College of Wooster Art Museum)
- 2010, 2011 *MFA Retrospective Exhibition*, Maine College of Art, Portland, ME
- 2009 *29th Annual Six-State Photography Exhibition*, Firelands Association for the Visual
Arts, Oberlin, OH (Juror: Christopher Yates, Columbus College of Art & Design;
Juror's Award)

- 2008 *28th Annual Six-State Photography Exhibition*, Firelands Association for the Visual Arts, Oberlin, OH (Juror: Justin Kronewetter, Ross Art Museum; **Architecture Award**)
- 2007 *27th Annual Six-State Photography Exhibition*, Firelands Association for the Visual Arts, Oberlin, OH (Juror: Marcella Hackbardt, Kenyon College)
- 2006 *Northeast Ohio Panoramic Photography Exhibit*, The Gallery at Lakeland, Kirtland, OH (Juror: Andrew Russetti)
- 2006 *26th Annual Six-State Photography Exhibition*, Firelands Association for the Visual Arts, Oberlin, OH (Juror: Robert L. Palmer)
- 2005 *25th Annual Six-State Photography Exhibition*, Firelands Association for the Visual Arts, Oberlin, OH (Juror: Pipo Nguyen-duy, Oberlin College)
- 2005 *BLACK WHITE*, Mansfield Art Center, Mansfield, OH (invitational)
- 2004 *34th Annual J.C.C. Photography Show*, Jewish Community Center of Cleveland and Beck Center for the Arts, Cleveland, OH (Juror: Catherine Evans, Columbus Museum of Art; **Best in Color Award**)
- 2004 *24th Annual Six-State Photography Exhibition*, Firelands Association for the Visual Arts, Oberlin, OH (Juror: Ferdinand Protzman)
- 2002 *Scribbles by Skaters*, 1300 Gallery, Cleveland, OH (invitational)

Faculty Exhibitions (Invitational)

- 2013–2026 *Tri-C Faculty Art Exhibition*, Cuyahoga Community College Galleries East and West, OH (2013, 2023, 2024, 2026)
- 1999–2019 *Visual Arts Faculty Exhibition*, The Gallery at Lakeland, Kirtland, OH (annually, 1999–2005 and 2007–2019)

Grants, Commissions, Residencies, and Awards

- 2017 **Individual Excellence Award**, Ohio Arts Council
- 2016 **Public Art Commission**, SPARX City Hop Building Mural (20 × 30 ft.), Downtown Cleveland Alliance and The Union Club, Cleveland, OH
- 2016 **Artist Residency**, Baie Ste Marie Residency, New Edinburgh, Nova Scotia, Canada
- 2009 Juror's Award, 29th Annual Six-State Photography Exhibition
- 2008 Architecture Award, 28th Annual Six-State Photography Exhibition
- 2007 Silver ADDY Award, American Advertising Federation of Cleveland (commercial work)
- 2004 Best in Color Award, 34th Annual J.C.C. Photography Show

Collections

- 2019 Lake County Administrative Building, Painesville, OH
- 1994 Lakeland Community College Permanent Collection, Kirtland, OH

Lectures and Presentations

- 2016 Lecture, The Union Club, Cleveland, OH
- 2010 Lecture, Cuyahoga Community College, Parma, OH

Jurying

- 2019 *What Is It?*, Western Reserve Photographic Society, Kirtland, OH
- 2018 *2018 Student Art Exhibition*, Lorain County Community College, Elyria, OH

- 2016 *Street Scenes Photo Contest*, Western Reserve Photographic Society, Kirtland, OH
- 2016 *Annual Speech, Music and Visual Arts Contest*, Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River, Lakewood, OH
- 2015 *Out of Place Competition*, Western Reserve Photographic Society, Kirtland, OH

Press

- 2016 Josh Usmani, "New Mural of Clevelanders to be Unveiled During SPARX City Hop," *Cleveland Scene*, September 14, 2016
<https://www.clevescene.com/news/new-mural-of-clevelanders-to-be-unveiled-during-sparx-city-hop-4959538/>

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

- 1991–2023 **Owner and Photographer, Eric Vaughn Photography**, Cleveland and Mentor, OH
- Commercial photography clients included the U.S. General Services Administration (architectural and fine art documentation of federal buildings), The Lincoln Electric Company (product and corporate), and The Lubrizol Corporation (analytical photography for research and development)
 - Managed complex location projects, coordinating clients and stakeholders under tight deadlines; hired and supervised contract staff
- 1997–1999 First Assistant Photographer, Barney Taxel & Company, Cleveland, OH
- 1991–2009 Contract Photographic Assistant, Cleveland, OH
- 1996–1997 Color Printing Darkroom Technician, KSK Color Labs, Solon, OH, and Midtown Imaging, Cleveland, OH

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