

Cristen Miller

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Education

MFA in Fine Art Painting, *magna cum laude*
Academy of Art University, San Francisco, CA — 2007

BFA in Fine Art Painting
Academy of Art University, San Francisco, CA — 2001

Teaching Experience

Faculty Member

Academy of Art University, San Francisco, CA
2001 – Present (25 years)

- Taught undergraduate and graduate-level drawing and painting courses for 25 years at a private art university.
- Developed curriculum and instructed students in foundational through advanced techniques, with a focus on observational skills, traditional media, and artistic voice.
- Mentored a diverse student body, guiding them toward professional artistic careers.
- Adapted instruction for both in-person and online learning environments.

Department Director

Academy of Art University, San Francisco, CA
2012 – 2014

- Provided leadership and oversight for departmental faculty, curriculum, and academic standards.
- Supported program development and quality assurance during a period of institutional expansion.

Courses Taught

- Analysis of Form
- Sketching for Communication
- Still Life Painting
- Chiaroscuro
- Figure Drawing
- Color and Design
- Pastel Painting
- Head Drawing

Professional Artistic Practice

Exhibitions (Selected)

- 2026 Oil Painters of America National Exhibition, Steamboat Springs, CO
- 2025 Oil Painters of America National Exhibition, FL
- 2023 Oil Painters of America National Exhibition, SC
- 2023 Oil Painters of America Western Regional Exhibition, UT
- 2023 Oil Painters of America OPA Masters Exhibition, MT
- 2022 Oil Painters of America National Exhibition, CO
- 2016 Oil Painters of America National Exhibition, TX
- 2015 Oil Painters of America National Exhibition, FL
- 2014 “Enduring Brilliance” Pastel Society of America Annual Show, NY
- 2012 “Salon International” Greenhouse Gallery, TX
- 2011 Laumeister Fine Art Competition, Bennington Center for the Arts, VT
- 2011 “A Century of Landscapes,” California Historical Society, CA
- 2010–2011 “Pastels USA” Pastel Society of the West Coast, Haggin Museum, CA
- 2010 “Golden State Treasures” California Art Club, Pasadena, CA
- 2006–2007 “Pastels Only” Pastel Society of America Annual Show, NY

Publications

- 2012 Southwest Art Magazine Editorial, March 2012 Issue
- 2011 Strokes of Genius Three: Fresh Perspectives
- 2009 Strokes of Genius Two: The Best of Drawing Light and Shadow
- 2008 The Pastel Journal, April 2008 Issue, “The Pastel 100”

Awards & Honors

- 2022 Award of Excellence, Associate Division – Oil Painters of America National Show
- 2015 Landscape Award – Oil Painters of America National Show
- 2010 Juror’s Choice Award – California Art Club “Golden State Treasures”
- 2008 Third Place – The Pastel Journal “Pastel 100”
- 2006 Degas Pastel Society Award – Pastel Society of the West Coast
- 2005 Third Place and Judges Award – Maryland Pastel Society National Open Exhibition

Professional Affiliations

Signature Member, Oil Painters of America (OPA)

References

Available upon request