

John E Ruggles
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Education

- MFA, Studio Arts*, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY 2010
Thesis: "The Liminalgraphic: Exploration in Change"
- BFA, Painting*, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI 2007
Senior Solo Show, "I am Red"

Current and Recent Projects

- Diaries of a Life with You*: Series of paintings exploring the time I spent doing end of life care for my grandmother from 2018-2022, as she suffered from dementia,
- The Hawkesbeard Society*: President and founder of arts organization focused on using the arts to facilitate environmental awareness.
- My One Brown Arm*: Exploration of immigration, and my Latin American heritage through photography, fine art, prop making and writing.
- The Falbru Experiment*: Photojournalism documenting The Falbru Experiment's ongoing 360 Sessions, where guest musical artists compose songs with lyrics suggestions from community members in one day. Graphic design in support of organization.

Professional Experience

Higher Ed & Secondary Teaching

- Schuylkill Valley High School, Leesport PA 2023
- *Short term Art Substitute*, Full day sub for art classes, approx. 6 weeks
 - Fibers, 2D Art, Foundations of Art, Drawing 1& 2, and Ceramics
- Pennsylvania College of Fine Art, Lancaster Pa 2023-Present
- *Adjunct Instructor*, Center for Creative Excellence
- Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester NY 2014-2016
- *Adjunct Instructor*, College of Imaging Arts and Sciences
 - Drawing 1 and Drawing 2 courses
- Penn State University Berks Campus, Wyomissing, NY 2011-2014
- *Adjunct Instructor*
 - Introduction to Drawing Courses
- Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester NY 2008-2010
- *Adjunct Instructor*, College of Imaging Arts and Sciences
 - Drawing 1, Drawing 2, and Drawing 3 Courses
 - *Adjunct Instructor*, Foundations Department
 - Intro to Screen Printing
 - Graduate *Teaching Assistant*, College of Imaging Arts and Sciences
 - Drawing 1, Drawing 2, Intro to Painting, Intro to Non-toxic Printmaking

Creative Direction and Project Management

- PA Guild of Craftsmen 2023
- *Instructor*
 - Intro to Linocut Printmaking, Intro to Studio Lighting, and several watercolor classes
- John E Ruggles Studios 2014-Present
- Freelance Graphic Designer, Fine Artist, Photographer, Prop Maker
 - Develop branding, marketing campaign
 - Commissioned painter
 - Documentary / Concert / Event Photographer
 - Graphic design for film – 2D /paper prop making. Manage releases, copyright information.
- UGCollective LLC, Geneva NY 2015-Present
- Creative Direction Assistant (remote)
 - Documentary photographer of The Falbru Experiment: 360 Sessions, a series of albums made in collaboration with musicians in support of community development.
 - Graphic designer
 - Manage photographic services including collections photography, photography archives and rights and reproductions activities.
 - Public Art Initiative Board Member
- Geneva13 Zine, Geneva, NY 2016-2020
- Contributing Photographer
 - Build collection of photojournalism in support of interviews and articles published in local zine.

Leadership and Administration

- The Hawkesbeard Society 2023-Present
- *Founder, President*
 - Arts organization focused on environmentally focused artists to create awareness of habitat loss, and climate changes.
 - Develop strategies for combating climate change, including rewilding, volunteer clean ups, and land buy backs.
- Geneva Recreation Department, Geneva, NY 2016-2018
- *Supervisor*
 - Youth and Community Programming
 - Head Coach for Soccer Tots, ages 3-4 youth soccer instruction
 - Leader/Counselor of Summer Camp: develop and implement day camp programming and activities for youth ages 3-15
 - Establish and deliver community outreach programs.
 - Manager of Summer Concert by the Lake Series: free community concerts by Seneca Lake. Organization and implementation of events including set up.
 - Community Movies in the Park: Monthly free community movie nights in local parks. Organization and implementation of events including set up.
 - Thursday and Saturday Farmers Market organization, and support
 - Grant Writing
 - Kaboom! Public Art Area of Play Grant: collaboration with Geneva Boys and Girls Club for sidewalk mural in shape of gameboard covering a city block.
 - Ice Rink Manager, and Zamboni driver.
 - Responsible for ice maintenance daily and during youth-Division III games.

- Aided in training and supervising part time, and seasonal staff.
 - Created banners, displays, and marketing materials for print, and digital.
- Berks Art Alliance, Wyomissing PA 2014
- *President*
 - Leadership of Non-Profit Arts Organization, including board meetings, maintaining bylaws.
 - Responsible for overseeing funding, advertising, exhibitions, and community programs.
- Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY 2007-2009
- *Graduate Assistantship*
 - Special Events Coordinator, Gallery r
 - in partnership with Office of Alumni Relations planned biggest fundraising event of year, The Benefit for Gallery r
 - Planned special events/exhibitions campus wide concerning art
 - Teaching Assistant – Drawing 1, Drawing 2, Intro to Painting, Intro to Non-Toxic Printmaking
 - Schedule and conduct guided tours and participate in educational programs and events.
- Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI 2003-2005
- *Club Leadership and Involvement*
 - Education Club, Vice President
 - RACKET Art club, founding member, President
 - Club Adalente: Latino club member
 - Schedule and conduct guided tours of campus.
 - MOSAIC Programming, Arts and Imagery Facilitator

Language Skills

Ability to communicate effectively in English, and Spanish.

Technology Skills

Knowledge of the following software and apps

- Microsoft Office 365 – Word, Excel, PowerPoint
- Google Drive, Google Docs, Google Analytics
- Adobe Creative Suite – Lightroom, Photoshop, InDesign, Illustrator, XD
- Social Media Apps – Facebook, Instagram, Twitter

Extensive knowledge of the following arts and imagery techniques including instruction

- Photography with emphasis on Documentary, Street Photo and Music
 - Expertise in Digital, Film, and Tintype methods
- Graphic Design for Film/ Graphic Prop Building
 - 2019 Los Angeles Workshop with Annie Atkins
- Non-toxic Printmaking – intaglio, linocut, lithography, woodblock
- Abstract and Representational Drawing with dry and wet media
- Graphic Design – logo ideation, typography, branding
- Abstract and Representational Painting in watercolor, acrylic, oil
- Public Art Installation – wheat paste applications, vinyl, paint murals

Exhibition History

- 2023 “*Andrews University Alumni Homecoming*” **Featured artist**
Andrews University. Berrien Springs, MI
“*Art on the Avenue*” West Reading, PA
“6x6x2023” Rochester Contemporary Art Center, Rochester, NY
- 2022 “6x6x2022”, Rochester Contemporary Art Center, Rochester, NY
“*Reflections*”, Juried Show, Studio B, Boyertown, PA
“*13th Annual Members & Friends Exhibition*”, Studio B, Boyertown, PA
- 2021 “*Friends of Prime Hook NWR Nature Photography*”, Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge
Milton DE
“*Abstract, Impressionism, & Reality*”, Juried Show, Studio B
Boyertown, PA ***Artistic Excellence Award**
“*Members Exhibition*”, Community Arts Center, Wallingford, PA
“6x6x2021”, Rochester Contemporary Art Center, Rochester, NY
- 2020 “*Virtual Members Exhibition*”, Community Arts Center, Wallingford, PA
“6x6x2020”, Rochester Contemporary Art Center, Rochester, NY
- 2019 “*Annual Members’ Exhibition*”, Community Arts Center
Wallingford, PA
“*Getting Around: aka Wheels 2*”, Juried Show, Studio B
Boyertown, PA
“6x6x2019”, Rochester Contemporary Art Center
Rochester, NY
“*Wabi-sabi: Celebrating Simple Beauty*”, Juried Show, Studio B
Boyertown, PA
- 2018 “*28th Members Exhibition*”, Rochester Contemporary Art Center
Rochester, NY
“*Letters on the Wind: Exploring the Hebrew Alphabet*” **Solo Show**,
Microclimate Wine Bar, Geneva, NY
“*Letters on the Wind: Exploring the Hebrew Alphabet*” **Solo Show**,
The Geisel Gallery, Rochester, NY
- 2017 “*Rotating Arts Program*” Group Invitational, Rochester Optics Center
Bausch & Lomb, Rochester, NY
- 2016 “*Festival of Lights*” Group Invitational, Main Street Arts, Clifton Springs, NY
“*Hypothesis 280616*” **Solo Show**, Lake Drum Brewing, Geneva, NY
- 2015 “*CIAS Faculty Exhibition*” William Harris Gallery, Rochester Institute of
Technology, Rochester, NY
“*Character and Nature: Paintings by John E Ruggles and Joseph D. Tarantelli*”
The Owl House, Rochester, NY
“*Rotating Arts Program*” Group Invitational, Rochester Optics Center
Bausch & Lomb, Rochester, NY
“*Festival of Lights*” Group Invitational, Main Street Arts, Clifton Springs, NY
“*Solid Gold*” Group Invitational, Main Street Arts, Clifton Springs, NY
“*CIAS Faculty Exhibition*” Bevier Gallery, Rochester Institute of Technology
Rochester, NY

- 2014 “*Small Works: National Juried Exhibition*” Main Street Arts, Clifton Springs, NY
jurors: Bradley Butler, Gallery Director Main Street Arts
“*Character and Nature: Paintings by John E Ruggles and Joseph D. Tarantelli*”
Tap and Mallet, Rochester, NY
“*6x6x2014*” Rochester Contemporary Art Center Rochester, NY
“*Drawn from Nature: 9th Annual Juried Art Show*” John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove
Audubon, PA juror: Lynne Horoschak, Program Manager, Moore College of Art and
Design
“*Seasons of Hawk Mountain Juried Traveling Exhibition*” Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Gallery
Kempton, PA. Schmidt Gallery, Goggleworks, Reading PA
“*Hawk Mountain/BAA Membership Art Exhibition*” Yocum Institute for Arts Education,
Wyomissing, PA
“*Berks Art Alliance Membership Show*” Yocum Institute for Arts Education, Wyomissing, PA
“*Project Wall at the New Arts Program*” Group Invitational, New Arts Program Project Wall,
Kutztown, PA organized by Pam Roule
- 2013 “*Heroes from my Childhood*” **Solo Show**, Cafe Harmony, West Reading, PA
“*Project Wall at the New Arts Program*” Group Invitational, New Arts Program Project Wall,
Kutztown, PA organized by Pam Roule
- 2012 “*Scripts and Systems*” Group Invitational, Lexington Art League, Loudon House, Lexington, KY
“*Berks Art Alliance Member Show*” Yocum Institute of Arts Education, Wyomissing, PA
“*Berks Art Alliance Member Show*” The Highlands, Wyomissing, PA
- 2010 “*Contemporary Portraiture*” Juried Exhibition, Scott County Arts Cultural Center, Georgetown
KY Juror: Charlie Campbell, Berea College
- 2009 “*Alumni Invitational*” Gallery r, Rochester, NY
“*MFA Thesis Exhibition: The Liminalgraphic*” Bevier Gallery, Rochester Institute of Technology,
Rochester, NY
“*Rust Prints*” **Solo Show**, Wok with You, Rochester, NY
“*National Conference on Cast Iron Art*” Sloss Furnace Birmingham, AL
- 2008 “*Black and White*” juried show, Gallery r, Rochester, NY jurors: Nick Ruth, Hobart and William
Smith Colleges, Karen Sardisco Monroe Community college * **Best in Show Award**
“*Imagine RIT*” Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY
“*Mapping*” Juried Exhibition, Gallery r, Rochester, NY
- 2007 “*Inspired by Music*” Juried Exhibition, Gallery r, Rochester, NY
- 2006 “*BFA Exhibition: I am Red*” **Solo Show**, Smith Hall Gallery, Andrews University, Berrien
Springs, MI

Lectures and Other Presentations

- 2009 Rochester Institute of Technology College of Imaging Arts and Sciences Assembly
Examples of faculty portfolios and thesis work.
- 2008 Guest Critique in Painting 1 & 2 classes, Instructor Brian Manley. Andrews University
Assessed student painting projects and lectured on Graduate School Experience
- 2004 National Council of Teachers of English Convention
Panel discussion on role of graphic novels in young adult male literacy and
classroom methodology

Awards, Grants and Fellowships

Artistic Excellence Award, “Abstract, Impressionism, & Reality” Juried Show, Studio B, Boyertown, PA.

City of Geneva Public Art Installation, KABOOM! City of Play Mural Grant

- Facilitate and install sidewalk mural at Bicentennial Park working with Geneva Boys and Girls Club members.

Graduate Assistantships, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY

- Teaching Assistantships
- Art Experience Course Co-lead
- Gallery or Special Events Coordinator
- Painting Studio Technician

Best in Show Award, “Black and White Juried Exhibition”, Bevier Gallery at Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY. Jurors Nick Ruth and Karen Sardisco,

Greg and Maria Constantine Endowed Scholarship Fund, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI

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