

Brylton Bjorngaard

EDUCATION

Iowa State University, Ames, IA

MFA in Graphic Design

Thesis: Enhancing patient experience through environmental design in healthcare: A case study of privacy at Thielen Student Health Center and McFarland Clinic in Ames, Iowa

Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, Winona, MN

BA in Graphic Design, Minor in Media Communications

Summa Cum Laude

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Communication of Self, Human Computer Interaction, & Automation

Digital, Drawn, & Letterpress Typography

Film, Digital, & Alternative Photography

Environmental Graphics

Healthcare Design

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Adobe Creative Cloud

HTML & CSS, Javascript Integration

Digital Cameras, Film Cameras, Studio Lighting, Darkroom Processing

Vinyl Cutter, Laser Cutter, Laser, Inkjet, & Wide Format Printers

Letterpress, Screen Printing, & Lithography

ADA and WCAG Accessibility

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Director of Visual Arts, Fall 2018 to Present

Visual Arts Program, University of Illinois Springfield · Springfield, IL

Interim Chair of Art, Music, and Theatre, Spring 2020

Department of Art, Music, and Theatre, University of Illinois Springfield · Springfield, IL

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor, Fall 2019 to Present

Assistant Professor, Fall 2013 to Spring 2019

Art, Music, and Theatre Department, University of Illinois Springfield · Springfield, IL

Courses: Introduction to Digital Media; Digital Media: Web; Digital Media: Typography; Digital Media: Print; Digital Media: Animation; Advanced Digital Media; ECCE: Professional Skills; Photography I; Photography II; Entrance Assessment; Exit Assessment

Visiting Assistant Professor, Fall 2012 to Spring 2013

Lecturer, Fall 2010 to Spring 2012

Art Department, Whitworth University · Spokane, WA

Courses: Introduction to Design; Digital Photography 1; Typography 1; Typography 2; Digital Imaging 1; Digital Imaging 2; Web 1; Web 2

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Fall 2007 to Spring 2010

College of Design, Iowa State University · Ames, IA

Solo Courses: Design Technology I; Design Technology II

TA Courses: Art History Prehistoric to Gothic; Art History Renaissance to Modern

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant: Hablamos Juntos, Spring 2009 to Spring 2010

Iowa State University · Ames, IA

Graduate Research Assistant: Design Information Research Group, Summer 2008 to Spring 2010

Iowa State University · Ames, IA

Mayo Clinic · Rochester, MN

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Freelance Graphic Designer, Ongoing

Mended Heart, 2024 · Logo
Coalition of Concerned Professors, 2022 · Logo
C. Flaaen-Buechler, 2021 · Invitations
K. Novak, 2021 · Photography Editing
M. Mendoza, 2016 to 2021 · Invitations, Photography Restoration
M. Thibodeaux-Thompson, 2021 · Photography
V. Martin, 2020 · Photography Restoration
Ripple Microgreens, 2020 · Logo
Quasius Construction, 2020 · Logo, Digital Marketing
The Nosh, 2020 to *Present* · Website
Whitewater Trailblazers, 2019 · Logo
Aspen Grove Wellness, 2019 to *Present* · Logo, Business Card, Promotional Materials
J. Reiman, 2019 to 2020 · Photography, Invitations
A. Lazzara, 2019 to 2021 · Photography
Shari's Tree by Maggie, 2019 to 2020 · Logo, Business Card
A. Lacher, 2018 to 2021 · Illustration, Photography
F. Butterfield, 2018 · Invitations
Kidzeum, 2018 · Photography
Shelterbelt Press, 2017 · Book Design
Enos Park Neighborhood Improvement Association, 2016 to 2017 · Website
Enos Park Residency for Visual Artists, 2016 to 2020 · Logo, Website, Photography
Compass for Kids, 2016 · Logo
J. King, 2016 · Photography
Springfield Art Association, 2015 to *Present* · Advertisements, Website, Logo, Signage, Memorial Wall
JJ Build, 2015 to 2017 · Logo, Photography
Amy Smith-Harris Counseling, 2015 to *Present* · Photography, Logo, Website
The Guilty Goose, 2015 · Logo, Signage
P. Grey, 2015 · Photography, Invitations
UIS Visual Arts Gallery, 2014 to 2019 · Logo, Postcards, Brochure, Catalog, HTML e-mails
Carufel Henna, 2014 · Consultancy, Business Card
D. McKee, 2014 · Digital Illustration
UISUF, 2014 to *Present* · Logo, Flyers, Web Marketing
Phenomenal Woman & Phenomenally Yours Consignment Shop, 2013 to 2019 · Consultancy, Logo
C. Switzer, 2013 to 2015 · Photography Restoration
UIS Department of Art, Music, & Theatre, 2013 to *Present* · Advertisements, Flyers, Website, Logo
N. Sheets, 2013 · Invitation
F. Johnson, 2013 · Consultancy, Website
M. Kleiman, 2013 · Photography
K. Hoeft, 2013 · Photography Restoration
L. Johnson, 2012 · Invitation
Junction B Studios, 2010 · Logo
J. Carpenter, 2010 · Invitation
C. Reding, 2009 to 2010 · Video
Zumbrota Community Band, 2009 to 2010 · Promotional Posters
Iowa State University Veterinary Medicine Student Group, 2009 · Logo, T-shirt Design
M. Goplen, 2018 · Invitations
E. Hoeft, 2015 · Invitations
ISU Vet Med Program, 2009 · T-shirt design
Gibbons Optical, 2008 to *Present* · Website Maintenance, Brochures, Internal Documents, Advertising

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Gallery Co-Director & Curator, December 2014 to January 2018
DEMO Project · Springfield, IL

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2016 Otto Cricket Hits!, James S. Murray Gallery, Lincoln Land Community College, Springfield, IL
- 2015 Let The Words Fall Out, UIS Visual Arts Gallery, Springfield, IL

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 5th Annual Letterpress by the Bay, Historic St. Andrews Waterfront Partnership, Panama City, FL
- 2024 AIGA Get Out the Vote Online Exhibition & Featured Instagram Artist
- 2023 LOVELETTERS 2023, Auckland Pride Festival, New Zealand
New Impressions, 1515 Gallery, Globe Collection and Press at MICA, Baltimore, MD
- 2022 Artistic Independence (Abstract), Las Laguna Art Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA
New Impressions, Hamilton Wood Type & Printing Museum, Two Rivers, WI
- 2021 Celebrating All Types, Partners in Print, Seattle, WA
Faculty Exhibition, UIS Visual Arts Gallery, Springfield, IL
On Paper: Printmaking, Book Arts & Beyond, Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center, Solomons, MD
- 2020 Covid 19 Poster Exhibit, Hamilton Wood Type & Printing Museum, Two Rivers, WI
- 2019 TERRAIN Biennial, Springfield, IL
Snap to Grid, Los Angeles Center for Digital Art, Los Angeles, CA
- 2018 AIGA Get Out the Vote Show, Centene Center, St. Louis, MO
DEMO Project Mural, Downtown Springfield Inc. Art Alley, Springfield, IL
- 2017 Faculty Exhibition, UIS Visual Arts Gallery, Springfield, IL
AIGA Saint Louis Design Show 22, COCA, St. Louis, MN
Nasty Women Art Chicago, Moonlight Studios, Chicago, IL
Property, Rogers Park/West Ridge Historical Society, Chicago, IL
- 2015 Gifted, Demo Project, Springfield, IL
Pro-Text Addendum, Springfield Art Association, Springfield, IL
- 2014 Trigger: New Work by UIS Art Faculty, Springfield Art Association, Springfield, IL
- 2012 Saranac Supports: Art for Radio, Saranac Art Projects, Spokane, WA
- 2011 Smoke & Mirrors Faculty Show, Bryan Oliver Gallery, Spokane, WA
- 2007 Emergence Senior Exhibition, Lillian Davis Hogan Galleries, Winona, MN
- 2006 Undergraduate Show, Lillian Davis Hogan Galleries, Winona, MN
- 2005 First Place, Undergraduate Show, Lillian Davis Hogan Galleries, Winona, MN
- 2004 Box Juried Exhibition, Crossings Studio, Zumbrota, MN
Second Place, Undergraduate Show, Lillian Davis Hogan Galleries, Winona, MN
- 2003 Undergraduate Show, Lillian Davis Hogan Galleries, Winona, MN

CURATORIAL PROJECTS

- 2024 Making Our History: Artists Render Lincoln's Legacies, NIU Art Museum · DeKalb, IL
Curator's Talk on April 4, 2024
- 2022 Making Our History: Artists Render Lincoln's Legacies, Beverly Arts Center · Chicago, IL
- 2022 Making Our History: Artists Render Lincoln's Legacies, UIS Visual Arts Gallery + Springfield Art Association + Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library · Springfield, IL
- 2019 The Magnificently Mundane, UIS Visual Arts Gallery · Springfield, IL
- 2018 DEMO demo, DEMO Project · Springfield, IL (co-curated with Jeff Robinson and Allison Lacher)

WORK IN PERMANENT COLLECTION

- Te Kowhai Print Trust Archives, Whangarei, New Zealand
- Partners in Print, Seattle, WA
- Hamilton Wood Type & Printing Museum, Two Rivers, WI
- Whitworth University Permanent Art Collection, Spokane, WA
- Saint Mary's University Saint Teresa Leadership & Service Institute for Women, Winona, MN

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RESIDENCY WORKSHOPS

InCahoots Residency · Petaluma, CA
Spring 2025

Letterpress Smorgasbord · Penland School of Craft, Penland, NC
Summer 2022

THEATRICAL SET & PROJECTION DESIGN

Out of This World · University of Illinois Springfield Music Concert
Graphics and Photography · November 22, 2019

Magic & Mysticism · University of Illinois Springfield Music Concert
Background Set Designer · November 16, 2018

Distracted · University of Illinois Springfield Theatre Production
Set Graphics and Photography · Fall 2015 - Spring 2016

How I Learned to Drive · University of Illinois Springfield Theatre Production
Set Graphics and Photography · Fall 2013 - Spring 2014

Laud to the Nativity · Whitworth University Christmas Choir Concert
Background Set Designer and Projectionist · Fall 2012

Wizdom: Making Dollars and Sense · Spokane Community Theater
Background Set Designer · Spring 2012

Arise, Shine · Whitworth University Christmas Choir Concert
Background Set Designer and Projectionist · Fall 2011

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

IS THAT A FLY? MOSQUITO? WHERE DID IT GO? WHERE IS THE FLY SWATTER?
in *The Yelling Continues*, by Procrastinating Writers United · forthcoming 2025

Abraham Lincoln and Art in the Classroom: Artists Render Lincoln's Legacies
Proceedings of the H-Net Teaching Conference 3 · forthcoming 2025
Co-written with Graham Peck, University of Illinois Springfield, & Meghan Kessler, Illinois State University

Soundscapes
in *Mastering Type 2nd Edition: The essential guide to typography for print and digital design* by Denise Bosler · Bloomsbury Publishing · January 2025

Living Out Loud: An Introduction to LGBTQ History, Society, and Culture
Routledge - Taylor and Francis · August 2018
Co-Edited with Michael J. Murphy, University of Illinois Springfield

The Blurring Distinctions of Taking vs. Making Photographs: Teaching Photography in a Digital Culture
Exposure Magazine · Society for Photographic Education Journal · June 2018
Coauthored with Kathy Novak, University of Illinois Springfield

Why We Live Here: Riverfront Park
Spokane Coeur d'Alene Living Magazine · Nov. 2013 Issue · Spokane, WA

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS with PRESENTATIONS

Stasis in Motion: Teaching Balance of Craft and Technology in Animation
Hand and Machine: UCDA Design Education Summit · Kutztown, Pennsylvania, May 2017

A Study on Design Careers and the Impact of Gender
Design Research Society International Conference 2010 · Montreal, Canada, July 2010
Coauthored with Debra Satterfield, Sung Kang, Nora Ladjahasan, and Andrea Quam

WAND: Walk Around Navigational Device for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders
SIGCHI Design Competition · Computer Human Interaction Conference · Atlanta, Georgia, April 2010
Coauthored with Mariam Melkumyan, Mikako Matsunga, Haiqiong Che, and Jeritt Tucker

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Diagnosis & Treatment of Environmental Wayfinding Difficulties: A Case Study of a University Health Center
IASDR 2009 · Seoul, Korea, October 2009
Coauthored with Fred Malven

Medical Decision Aides: An Evaluation Methodology for Information Design
IASDR 2009 · Seoul, Korea, October 2009
Coauthored with Debra Satterfield, Sung Kang, Fred Malven, Paul Bruski, and Nora Ladjahasan

PEER REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

Making Our History in the Community and the Classroom: Artists Render Lincoln's Legacies
H-Net Teaching Conference: History, Social Science, and the Humanities: Working in Classrooms and Communities · August 2024
Co-Presented with Graham Peck

Making Our History: How Artists Rendered Lincoln's Legacies
Popular Culture Association National Conference: Pop History in American Culture · March 2024
Co-Presented with Graham Peck

Doing History in Art: How Historians and Artists Can Collaborate on Interdisciplinary Projects
31st Annual Symposium on the 19th Century Press, the Civil War, and Free Expression hosted by the Society of Nineteenth Century Historians and Augusta University · November 2023
Co-Presented with Graham Peck

Making Our History: Artists Render Lincoln's Legacy
MANY HISTORIES, ONE MIDWEST? Midwestern History Conference · Grand Rapids, MI, May 2023
Co-Presented with Graham Peck

3-in-1: Strategies for Implementing Social Justice into Design Curriculum Without a Community Partner
Good Design Works: UCDA Design Education Summit · Youngstown, Ohio, May 2018
Co-Presented with Jeanne Komp, Jessica Hawkins, Shannon McCarthy

The Blurring Distinctions of Taking vs. Making Photographs: Teaching Photography in a Digital Culture
PhotoHistory/PhotoFuture · Rochester, New York, April 2018
Co-Presented with Kathy Novak

...but how can you teach if you can't see the whites of their eyes? A discussion of emergent studio practice when graphic design education implements online delivery.
Nimble: UCDA Design Education Summit · Union, New Jersey, May 2016
Co-Presented with Lisa Hammershaimb, Shannon McCarthy, Sean Pace, Justin Gagne

Case Study: The Evolution of a University Literary Journal in an Interdisciplinary Design Course
Nimble: UCDA Design Education Summit · Union, New Jersey, May 2016

AWARDS & HONORS

- 2025 College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences Faculty Excellent Award for Service
- 2024 Nominee for the Mayor's Awards for the Arts for Arts Educator
Student Athlete Academic Honors Recognition Night: Mentor for Breanna Chandler
- 2023 Illinois State Historical Society Superior Achievement Award for Making Our History
Gold Communicator Award for Making Our History: William Blake
Silver Telly Award for Short-Form Documentary for Making Our History: William Blake
Mid-America Emmy Winner for Cinematography for Making Our History: Julie Cowan
Mid-America Emmy Nominee for Cinematography for Making Our History: William Blake
- 2020 40 Under 40, Springfield Business Journal
- 2017 Student Athlete Academic Honors Recognition Night: Mentor for Sarah Bond
- 2016 UIS Theatre Outstanding Faculty Award, University of Illinois Springfield
- 2014 UIS Theatre Outstanding Faculty Award, University of Illinois Springfield
CLAS Student-Faculty Activity Award, University of Illinois Springfield
- 2009 Phillis Rogers Baer Scholarship for academic and teaching excellence, Iowa State