

CAREER SUMMARY

DENISE LAURIN VISUAL ART 2000-PRESENT

Exhibited extensively throughout Chicago at venues such as Triangle Gallery, The Fine Arts Building Gallery, Chicago Art Open, and The Chicago Cultural Center. Relocated to New York City 2009-2014 and participated in group shows at Space Womb Gallery, Gold Wing Gallery, and two MoMA Collaborative Projects with The Northern Manhattan Artists Association and the Rockaway Artists Association. Guest artist at *Just Us at Work*, with DOE Projekts, Kassel, Germany, 2012, and a show of new work at Finestra Gallery, Chicago.

Provided themed art history talks to groups and organizations; Lead workshops and classes in drawing, painting, colored pencil, and gold leaf for art associations and senior centers.

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR, STUDIO ART AND ART HISTORY 2002-2020

Developed content and instructional design for classroom and online courses at Elgin Community College, The Illinois Institute of Art–Chicago, The Art Institute of Pittsburgh Online, Waubonsee Community College and The Beekman School, New York, in drawing, design, color theory, digital photography, art appreciation, art history surveys from Prehistoric through modern, and Non-western Art. Taught four-five classes per semester. Consistently garnered glowing student evaluations.

LIVING CREATIVELY 2015-2022

Founded an atelier to work one-on-one with children and adults to enhance academic drawing and painting skills. Provided personal creativity mentoring and presented workshops, demonstrations, and art history discussions for groups.

OWNER, GRAPHIC DESIGN FIRM 1990-2005

Established and managed a comprehensive visual communication planning service specializing in corporate publication design. Built a reputation for effective, award-winning design, excellence in project management and superior client service with major corporations such as Baxter International and Kraft. Maintained budgets and deadlines of multiple projects simultaneously.

EDUCATION

NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

M.A. ART HISTORY; ANCIENT ART 1981

Highlights: Art History Tour of Japan; Teaching Assistantship

B.A. STUDIO ART AND ART HISTORY 1977

Highlights: Mortarboard Senior Honor Society, Vice-President, Friends of Antiquity

CONTINUING EDUCATION

STUDIES IN PAINTING AND DRAWING

The Art Institute of Chicago, 1973, 1995

American Academy of Art, Chicago, 1983-84

Cole Studio, Chicago, 1994-2000

New York Academy of Fine Art, New York City, 2009-10

David Jon Kassan, New York City, 2017

HONORS

WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Women in Design/Chicago, 1993

EXHIBITION LEAD

Proposal selected by Museum of Modern Art Education Department to lead

artists from the Northern Manhattan Artists Association in a group exhibition, 2012

ADVANCED COMMUNICATOR-BRONZE

Toastmasters International, 2015

AFFILIATIONS

Portrait Society of America

Praxis Institute for Aesthetic Studies

SEA: Self Employment in the Arts