

Curriculum Vitae | Gracie Conn

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Education

Bachelor of Fine Arts – Concentration in Ceramics
Mississippi State University
Starkville, MS - August 2020

Professional Appointments

Art Coordinator – The T.K. Martin Center for Technology and Disability
Mississippi State University
Starkville, MS - August 2020 - Present

A month after graduating from Mississippi State University Ms. Conn joined the T.K. Martin Center as the Art Coordinator for the *Express Yourself!* Art Program in August 2020. Her knowledge of multiple art disciplines helps her to instruct 8 - 14 Wednesday Art Class Students ages 6 - 12, 40 Project Impact Preschool Students ages 3 - 12, and 6 Express Yourself! Artists ages 9 – 48 on painting, drawing, and ceramics in the Express Yourself! Art Program. Took portraits and candid shots for all and 8 programs at the center and posted a collection of videos in conjunction with an individual with disabilities to YouTube. Edited shots in iMovie and Premier. Managed the T.K. Martin website through the university, social media accounts (Instagram and Facebook - @t.k.martincenter Twitter - @tkmartincenter) replied to message requests, and created content for those accounts. Organized an Art Auction for the sale of 4 Express Yourself! artists work, which raised nearly \$5,000. She also attended festivals and other events to showcase and promote artists' work, assisted with fundraising events through planning, organizing, and delegating roles. Restructured the student organization T.K. Martin Ambassadors, a volunteer organization for undergraduates who fundraise, promote, and volunteer for the center by rewriting the bylaws, creating new positions/committees, and being a staff advisor to 28 students.

Studio Assistant – College of Art, Architecture, and Design
Mississippi State University
Starkville, MS - October 2021 - Present

After originally beginning working with this individual in 2020 through the T. K. Martin Center to work on creating fully independent painting skills using their feet. They then began considering the pursuit of a Fine Arts Degree, but they needed an assistant who knew the program as well as the intricacies of their disability. She assists in two studio classes a semester through woodworking, painting, ceramics, and overall concept as well as helped advocate for changes in curriculum to accommodate artist's disability and assisted professors to make changes to projects. Assisted in the individual's internship with the Mississippi State University Library and the individual's professional development.

Social Media and Marketing Coordinator – The Oktibbeha County Humane Society
Starkville, MS - July 2022 – January 2023

Photographed and wrote profiles for available animals, dispersed and promoted information across multiple platforms including Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook (@ochsms). These efforts contributed to the adoption of nearly 50 animals. Helped update the website via WordPress and sent out weekly newsletters via Mail Chimp to approximately 5,000 people. Coordinated strategic partnerships with university entities and local organizations to promote, fundraise, and collect donations for the shelter; photographed and facilitated events in the community; and collaborated with news outlets to promote events and adoptions. Facilitated in arranging emergency foster care for around 3-5 animals a month and connected several lost pets with their owners.

Internship - Starkville Area Arts Council
Starkville, MS - June – August 2020

Developed an Arts Calendar to promote various programs around the area to the general public. Assisted in creating Social Media content including a series of infographics on Minority Mississippi Artists. Learned about grant writing and applications for art non-profit organizations.

Exhibitions

Recharge the Arts with CaFÉ – Call For Entry: Instagram & Website feature
(@callforentry & www.cafe.com) – October 2022

Body – The Little Yellow Building
Brookhaven, MS – April 2022

Faces & Figures – Starkville Area Arts Council
Starkville, MS – July 2022

Extinction: Save The Planet 2021 – Gallerium Art
Biafarin Online Exhibition - December 2021

Heroes and Legends 2021 – Gallerium Art
Biafarin Online Exhibition - December 2021

BRAG Annual Art Competition – Brookhaven Regional Arts Guild
Award – Bank of Brookhaven Award
Brookhaven, MS. – May 2021

Art Under Quarantine - Selections from ESCAPADE: Spring 2020 Fine Art Senior
Thesis Show
Mississippi State University College of Art, Architecture, & Design
Starkville, MS - August 2020

Escapade - Senior Thesis Show; Mississippi State University College of Art,
Architecture, and Design
Starkville, MS - April 2020

Exploring the Farm and Livestock - Mississippi State College of Agriculture and Life
Sciences Juried Exhibition
Starkville, MS - December 2019

U40: Under 40 - Starkville Area Arts Council Juried Exhibition
Award- 2nd Place
Starkville, MS – February 2018