KARIN FISH
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The topics of society and the commons are my primary artistic focus. Mikhail Bakhtin's *Rabelais and His World* and Guy Debord's *Society of the Spectacle* are the inspirations for my concepts. Through my artwork, I muse about the effects of celebrity, politics and society. Pastiche, satire and parody are tools I enlist to reveal humanity's imperfections to the viewer.

EDUCATION

2013-2019 **McMaster University, Hamilton Ontario | B.A. Honours Multimedia:** *Graduated with distinction*
Department of Communications Studies and Multimedia
Thesis title: Carnival Glass, Sound Reflection Object | Thesis supervisors: Professor Liss Platt and Dr. David Ogborn

1994-1997 **Sheridan College, Oakville Ontario | Diploma Interpretive Illustration:** *Graduated with honours*
Specialization: Publishing minor in advertising | Supervisor: Stan Hughes

1995-1996 **Sheridan College, Oakville Ontario | Art Fundamentals: Recommendation**: *Recommended for direct entry into illustration*
Specialization: Painting and drawing | Supervisor: Brenda McCrank

SHOWS | PUBLIC INSTALLATIONS

2017-2019 **Public Street Installation | Life on Locke |** Live projections of street action also streamed live on social media
Fall 2017 **Art Aggregate Opening Show |** The Abundant Sensate | interactive installation
2015 **McMaster University Sherman Centre |** Sound and Image Student works
2007-2014 **Wingham Annual Art Show |** Various paintings and etchings

ARTIST PRESENTATIONS

2018 **Air, Trees and Technology Forum, Hamilton** | Using art to relay air quality data
2018 **USRA McMaster University Display Session, Hamilton** | McMaster Student Centre
2013 **Friends of the Library Annual Art Show, Wingham** | Topic: Politics and the Artist in Canada

RESEARCH

2018 **Undergraduate Research Award at McMaster University** (USRA)
Project: Pollution Visualization Project using big data and sensor data
- Research funds awarded for self-directed research under the guidance of Dr. David Harris Smith

June-September 2017-2018 **Research Assistant at McMaster University |** Professor: Liss Platt
Project: web design, portfolio and archive
- Creative direction, web design and archiving

September 2016-March **FemTechNet**
- Administrative position: meetings, newsletters, troubleshooting and internet security research

May-October 2016 **Research Assistant at McMaster University** | Professor: David Harris Smith
Projects: hitchBot, macGrid, Virtual Hamilton, LRT Visualization and the Hammer-Town Story Telling App for the Hamilton Public Library
- Organized and implemented focus groups, charettes and user testing groups for ongoing research projects
- User-tested scripts, hardware and apps

May-November 2015 **Research Assistant McMaster University** | Professor: David Harris Smith
Projects: hitchBot, macGrid Simulation and Research, Virtual Hamilton, Acute Pain VLC and spaceBall
- Communications coordination and project management, organizing team of 6-8 researchers
- Fostered relationships between team members, departments, and collaborating universities
- Guided meetings, created agendas, and formed summaries that increased efficiency and decreased repetition, freeing lead researchers for other explorations
- Collaborated with business owners, urban developers, institutions, government agencies, NGOs, and activists
- Designed 3D models, wrote dialogue, user-tested scripts, hardware and apps
- Arranged and implemented focus groups, charettes and public user testing sessions

AWARDS

2018	**Undergraduate Student Research Award**
2016-2019	**McMaster University Humanities Dean's List**
2016, 2017	**W. J. McCallion Scholarship**
2002	**Volunteer Appreciation Award HWSB**
2002	**Trillium Award with Norbry Publishing	Managing ITC Projects**
1998	**Government of Canada	Self-Employment (*SEA*) Grant**

VOLUNTEER

2016-2019	**McMaster University Supplementary Workshops for 1A03 and 2B06**	Instructor
2017	**McMaster University May@Mac Open House**	Student Representative
2016	**McMaster University Student Accessibility Services**	Note Taker
2003-2015	**Canadian Open**	Security
2010-2011	**Green Party of Canada**	Graphic Designer
2009	**Habitat for Humanity**	Graphic Designer
2002	**Hamilton Wentworth School Board**	Volunteer

TEACHING

Common responsibilities

- Instructed tutorials, produced instructional videos and designed lab sessions to complement course content
- Related projects and course material to real industry practices
- Formed a supportive safe learning environment that fostered creativity and exploration
- Aided students' understanding of course concepts, the principles of design, programming skills and concept development
- Explored readings and themes through class discussions, activities and student presentations
- Counselled students about personal issues, time management, conceptual process, programming, projects and grades
- Comparatively graded projects for fairness and consistency reducing conflicts, inconsistencies and discrepancies
- Managed student grades, information, communications and blog with learning management systems
- Created a supportive, organized presence when invigilating the exams

Spring 2019   **Teaching Assistant at McMaster University School of the Arts**
Making Art and Understanding Images ART 1UI3: Drawing and sketching | **Professor:** Laura Marotta
- Facilitated students' understanding of design concepts and the subtleties of life and object drawing
- Encouraged safe and ethical studio practices

Winter 2019   **Teaching Assistant at McMaster University Department of Communications Studies and Multimedia**
Multimedia and Digital Society 1A03: Introduction to digital media | Professor: Dr. Dale Shin
- Designed and instructed tutorials, teaching beginner-level Photoshop and Processing
- Supported junior teaching assistants with tutorial preparation, labs, and consistent grading practices

Fall 2018
Fall 2015   **Teaching Assistant at McMaster University Department of Communications Studies and Multimedia**
Fall 2014   Multimedia and Digital Society 1A03: Introduction to digital media | Professor: Liss Platt
- Designed and instructed classes and tutorials for beginners in Photoshop and Processing
- Guided students with design advice and encouraged exploration for tech-craft build

Winter 2018   **Teaching Assistant at McMaster University Department of Communications Studies and Multimedia**
Winter 2017   Multimedia Time-Based Media 2B06: Intermediate photography, video, animation and editing | Professor: Liss Platt
- Designed and instructed intermediate level tutorials using Adobe Creative Suite
- Advised students about narrative structure and film techniques to enhance storytelling
- Tested students' camera skills and understanding

Winter 2017   **Teaching Assistant at McMaster University School of the Arts**
Fall 2016   Technologies and Images ART1T13: Mixed media and digital art | Professors: Dr. Taien Ng-Chan and Dr. Sally McKay
- Clarified students' understanding of Photoshop and Gimp to create collages and animation
- Helped students with drawing, composition and design skills

Fall 2017   **Teaching Assistant at McMaster University Department of Communications Studies and Multimedia**
Fall 2016   Multimedia Design and Code 2A06: Graphic design and intermediate processing | Professor: Dr. David Harris Smith
- Instructed and designed tutorials teaching beginner level skills in Photoshop and Processing

- Offered students design advice and encouraged group exploration for tech-craft projects

Winter 2016 **Teaching Assistant at McMaster University Department of Communications Studies and Multimedia**
Multimedia and Digital Society 1A03: Introduction to digital media | Professor: Dr. David Harris Smith
- Instructed and designed tutorials to teach beginner level skills in Photoshop and Processing
- Offered students design advice and encouraged group exploration for tech-craft projects
- Created exam questions based on tutorial information
- Supported junior teaching assistants with tutorial preparation, labs, and consistent grading practices which helped them to integrate into teaching team and feel confident of their skills in the classroom
- Held weekly meetings to organize Teaching Assistants, materials and grading

Winter 2015 **Teaching Assistant at McMaster University Department of Communications Studies and Multimedia**
Multimedia and Digital Society 1A03: Introduction to digital media | Professor: Dr. David Ogborn
- Instructed and designed tutorials to teach beginner level skills in Photoshop and Processing skills
- Offered students design advice and encouraged group exploration for tech-craft projects

WORKSHOPS
McMaster University Thode Maker Space | DIY electronics and automating everyday electrical with Peter Fleming
McMaster University Sherman Centre | DIY electronics and automating sound with Peter Fleming
McMaster University Thode Maker Space | Part I: Workshop: Build an Air Quality Monitoring Rover with Maria Michails
McMaster University Sherman Centre | Part II: Workshop: Citizen Science Air Quality Sensing Rover/Data Mapping
Master University Sherman Centre | Building Datasets with Social Media: API Program | Open Refine with Mathew Davis

EMPLOYMENT
Current **Karin Fish Artist:** KarinFish
Interactive installations, photography, video, animation
2020-2022 **Dundas Museum and Archives: Graphic Designer/Marketing Coordinator**
Graphic Design, website design, animation, advertising
2002-2019 **Illustrator and Graphic Designer**
Client list and published works available upon request
2004-2015 **Functional Art: Furniture and Fixture Designer**
Designing custom functional art pieces for musicians as well as, retail fixtures and home furnishings.

COMMERCIAL/PUBLISHED WORKS

Articles
The Value of the Elderly in Ontario: From Healthcare to Litigation
Publisher: Wingham Advance Times, 2013
Editor: Pauline Kerr
Publishing: Illustration, Art Direction **and Design**
Learning Simply Accounting 2003 Canadian
Publisher: Norbry Publishing © 2002
Managing ITC Projects in Business 2nd Canadian Edition
Publisher: Norbry/Thomson Nelson © 2002
Principles of Financial Accounting Service and Merchandising
Publisher: Norbry/Thomson Nelson © 2002
ACCPAC for Windows 4.2 First Canadian Edition
Publisher: Norbry/Thomson Nelson © 2002
Accounting Fundamentals
Publisher: Norbry/Thomson Nelson © 2003
Simply Accounting 2003 Canadian Edition
Published by Norbry Publishing © 2003
ACCPAC (5.0) Advantage Corporate 1st Canadian Edition
Publisher: Norbry/Thomson Nelson © 2003
50+ Guide to Computers for The Absolute Beginner
Publisher: Thomson Nelson © 2003

Principles of Financial Accounting Service and Merchandising
Publisher: Norbry/Thomson Nelson © 2002
Accounting for Hospitality and Tourism
Published by Norbry Publishing © 2002
FrontPage 2000: Step by Step
Keystroke Editor and Graphic Designer
Published by Norbry Publishing © 2003
Accounting for the Workplace
Published by Norbry Publishing © 2002
"I Wear Glasses"
Art Direction, illustrations, spots and cover design
Publisher: Jane Jones © 2003
Web Sites
Liss Platt
Complete Combustion Gas
Coulson and Associates
Ceres Wind and Solar
Grain Stoves Inc.

Full list available upon request.