



# Old Building Renovated for New Game and Interactive Media Major

A new degree calls for a new building. With the establishment of the Game and Interactive Media major in Fall of 2016, the Department of Art made the choice to expand in order to provide adequate teaching and experience for those students pursuing the new major. Dr. Dawn Ward, Head of the Department of Art, states, “The students will benefit from working in this space as they would in a ‘real world’ environment which requires working in teams to produce a final product.” The new building will serve as a host for senior team projects and animation courses. In the new game building is a gaming space, a 3D printer, and a motion capture

studio. “Students will primarily use the space for concept development, team meetings, and to create 3D motion graphics”, says Ward.



The new Game and 3D Design building is located at 1111 North. Arkansas Avenue.

## New Faculty Complete First Year Within Department

The Department of Art has hired two new faculty, Dustin Simpson and Jessica Mongeon.

Jessica Mongeon has a Bachelor of Art in Communication and Honors, a BFA of Visual Arts, and a MFA in Painting. She is an Assistant Professor of Studio Foundations and teaches Introduction to Drawing, Color Design, 2D Design, and 3D Design. Ms. Mongeon said she really enjoys teaching here, especially the warm weather, and that the students are hard working and talented.

Dustin Simpson has a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science with a Masters in Game Production and Management. He is an Assistant Professor of Game Design teaching classes in

Game and Interactive Media Design, one of the new majors at Arkansas Tech. Mr. Simpson said he truly loves it here, with great personalities and quality equipment.



Dustin Simpson and Jessica Mongeon both agree that students are hardworking and talented.

# Twenty Three Students Exhibit Work in 2017 Senior Shows

Senior Fine Art and Graphic Design majors showed off their work in the Spring 2017 senior shows. Seniors in the fine art show, entitled *Disenchanted*, presented work in multiple media including ceramics, watercolor, printmaking, and sculpture. Seniors in the fine art exhibition include: **Mikahla Denney, Esmeralda Flores, Stephanai Ford, Taylor Garrett, Douglas Moses, Trang Nguyen, Jennifer Prichard, Patricia Ricketts, Shanice Shuman, Jackson Schmitt, Deondra Swanigan, Carlee Williams, and Bobby Taurone.** Graphic Design seniors also had their time to shine in *Project 14*, the graphic design senior exhibition. Graphic Design seniors presented various graphic and advertising products including package design, digital illustration, and animation. Seniors in the graphic design show include: **Santana Foster, Colleen Wooten, Shelby Taylor, Carlee Williams, Jackson Schmitt, Lexie Wood, Hanna Bauer, Deondra Swanigan, Zeke Mascuilli, Carter Smith, Christopher Nam, Amanda McCormick, Trang Nguyen, and Kimaly Ballard.**

There were smiles and laughs to go around for our seniors and their families, and we at the Department of Art want to wish them luck as they prepare for graduation and beyond.



Thirteen students participated in the fine art senior exhibition.



Fourteen students exhibited work in the senior graphic design show.

## Graphic Design Students Win At Addys Competition

One major achievement for Graphic Design majors is to compete at the ADDYS. The ADDYS, known as the American Advertising Awards, is the advertising industry's largest and most representative competition, attracting more than 40,000 entrants each year.

Associate Professor of Graphic Design Lyn Brands took a group of Graphic Design majors to a chapter of this competition on February 18, 2017 in Fort Smith, Arkansas. Nine art students were given awards.

**Kimaly Ballard** was awarded bronze along with **Shara Smith** and **Colleen Wooten**. **Deondra Swanigan** and **Carlee Williams** both received two bronze. Both **Amanda McCormick** and **Brady Condren** were awarded silver, while **Aaron Gilkey** and **Lexie Wood** came back with gold.

We at the Arkansas Tech Art Department would like to wish all of our ADDY participants and winners a well deserved congratulations. We wish them well as they continue into their advertising and graphic design careers.



Back row (left to right): Kimaly Ballard, Carlee Williams, Shara Smith, Colleen Wooten, and Amanda McCormick. Bottom row (left to right): Aaron Gilkey, Lexie Wood, and Deondra Swanigan. Winner Brady Condren not pictured.

# Art Majors Win Awards in Three Different Competitive Exhibitions in Russellville

Springtime means awards for the ATU Department of Art. Organizations within the Arkansas Tech campus have hosted two art competitions, *Women's Week* and *Diversity*.

*Women's Week*, in correlation with events for International Women's Week on campus, held an open art competition in which applicants were to represent women's rights or women's inequality in an original work of art. Senior **Carlee Williams** won first in that competition with **Melissa Mayner** coming in second and **Deondra Swanigan** claiming third. Congrats to our winners and everyone who got into the show.

Similar to the Women's Week festivities, the Department of Diversity and Inclusion also promoted a *Diversity Exhibition*. Artists were directed to create an original work of art representing what diversity means to them. The exhibition was comprised of fourteen pieces, of which three were chosen winners, and three given honorable mentions. Senior Graphic Design major **Shelby Taylor** was declared one of three winners with her piece *Pro All Life*, along with fellow senior Graphic Design majors **Deondra Swanigan** with *Long-Suffering* and **Jackson Schmitt** with *Equal Rights For Most*. Junior **Chelsea Rocha** was given an honorable mention for her piece *Peace On Earth* along with *My Deafness* by **Bobbye Taurone** and

*Carlos Conales, Nicaragua* by **Kimberly Huff**.

Students also had the chance to enter their works off campus at the River Valley Arts Center. Located just a few miles from campus, the River Valley Arts Center provides students with a means to publicize and promote their work. **Desirae Deal** won Best of Show while junior **Miranda Ponder** was awarded first place, and **Lauren Saab** third.

Again, we want to wish all the winners and those who were accepted into these competitions a warm congratulations. If you were unable to submit work this year, please consider submitting work next year to these great events. Local exhibitions and galleries are a great resume booster and more often than not a fun and rewarding experience!



Best of show, Desirae Deal (center), and Lauren Saab (right) pose with Stephanie Payton (left) from the University of the Ozarks.

## Norman Art Gallery

## Fall 2017 Exhibiton Schedule

**Gallery Hours:** 8-5 M-F

**Phone:** 479.964.3237

**Address:** 203 W. Q Street, Russellville, Arkansas 72801

▶ AUGUST 21 - OCTOBER 20

**Arkansas Society of Printmakers**

Reception: Wednesday, August 30 @ 2:30-3:30 pm

▶ NOVEMBER 1 - DECEMBER 5

**11th Annual Tech Juried Student Competitive**

Drop Off: October 23 - 27