

Ezra Cove

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Professional Experience

July 2009 to December 2009

Contract Production Artist, Turbine, Westwood, MA

- Created 3D production art assets for unannounced video game
- Produced level-of-detail versions of existing art assets for Lord of the Rings Online

August 2005 to Present

Program Director, Computer Animation, Mount Ida College, School of Design, Newton, MA

- Hired and managed adjunct instructors
- Revised existing curriculum with NASAD accreditation in mind, including removal of non-essential courses and implementation of a Digital Media Electives tier of courses
- Created six new courses now in the catalog: Internship, Dynamics, Character Setup and Animation, Texturing, Special Topics, and Digital Video
- Budgeted for program-specific equipment
- Researched and assembled "pencil-test machines" for freshman year courses
- Assisted in securing a grant to fund a "render farm", a cluster of computers dedicated to 3D rendering
- Researched, ordered, assembled, configured, and maintained a 24-core render farm, including networking, installation of operating systems and rendering and render management applications
- Worked with administration and staff on issues including curriculum, technology, security, and enrollment
- Implemented the College's first laptop-required program, researching and specifying hardware and software for all Computer Animation majors

September 2003 to May 2005

Instructor, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Boston, MA

- Designed and taught beginning and intermediate 3D computer animation classes

September 2000 to Present

Assistant/Associate Professor of Graphic Design and Computer Animation, Mount Ida College, School of Design, Newton, MA

- Developed all curriculum and specified equipment/resources for a new program in Computer Animation

- Created content for courses in animation, illustration, print and web design
- Taught beginning and advanced courses in 3D computer animation, vector graphics/animation, image editing, and web design
- Participated in multiple college-wide committees
- Served on multiple search committees for both faculty and staff positions
- Contributed to two accreditation reports, including co-chairing one NEASC Standard
- Served as faculty advisor to an average 30 students each year
- Participated in various recruiting events for the College
- Assisted students in obtaining internships in the field

May 2000 to September 2001

Freelance Animator, TeraMedia, Needham, MA

- Produced animations for *Hooked: Illegal Drugs & How They Got That Way* and *The Trans-Siberian Railroad*, two documentaries which aired on The History Channel

September 1999 to May 2000

Instructor, Katherine Gibbs School, Department of Visual Communications, Boston, MA

- Designed and taught beginning and advanced computer animation classes
- Worked with staff to specify hardware and software

April 1999 to October 1999

Freelance Animator, Kids Rule Productions, Waltham, MA

- Created 3D graphics and special effects for the feature film "Space Baby and Mental Man"

May 1996 to July 1996

Ink and Paint Artist, Magnet Pictures, New York, NY

- Worked as a colorist for animated opening credits of "The Rosie O'Donnell Show" using Linker Systems' Animation Stand

Computer Skills

Operating systems: Windows XP, x64, Server 2003, and Vista, Macintosh OS X, Unix

Software: Maya, Lightwave3D, 3D Studio Max, ZBrush, RoadKill, UVLayout, 3D Coat, Photoshop, Illustrator, After Effects, Premiere, EncoreDVD, Final Cut Pro, Fireworks, Dreamweaver, Flash

Hardware: Thorough knowledge of PC components, assembly, and maintenance

Education

M.F.A. Electronic Visualization, Mississippi State University, 1998

B.A. Studio Art, Bard College, 1992

Exhibitions

- 2009 Mount Ida College Gallery, Newton, MA "Behind the Game" - curator
- 2008 Mount Ida College Gallery, Newton, MA "Faculty Exhibition" - group exhibition
- 2007 Mount Ida College Gallery, Newton, MA "Faculty Exhibition" - group exhibition
- 2006 Mount Ida College Gallery, Newton, MA "Faculty Exhibition" - group exhibition
- 2005 Integrated Media Environments, Boston, MA - group exhibition
- 2005 University of Otago Art Gallery, Dunedin, New Zealand "Graphite 2005, International Conference on Computer Graphics and Interactive Techniques" - group exhibition
- 2005 Mount Ida College Gallery, Newton, MA "Faculty Exhibition" - group exhibition
- 2005 City Gallery, New Haven, CT "Pixel Pops" - group exhibition
- 2005 Armenian Center for Contemporary Experimental Art, Yerevan, Armenia "Art in the Age of New Technologies, Media Art Festival" - group exhibition
- 2005 Axiom Gallery, Allston, MA "Mass Media" - group exhibition
- 2004 Mount Ida College Gallery, Newton, MA "Recent Sequences" - solo exhibition
- 2003 Mount Ida College Gallery, Newton, MA "Faculty Exhibition" - group exhibition
- 2002 Mount Ida College Gallery, Newton, MA "Faculty Exhibition" - group exhibition
- 2001 Mount Ida College Gallery, Newton, MA "Faculty Exhibition" - group exhibition

Professional Organizations

International Game Developers Association

College Art Association