**CV**

**VICTORIA ANN JENSEN**

Illustrator / Fine Artist

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**PROFESSIONAL SKILLS**

Excellent detail-orientation

Visual storytelling (figures and food)

Problem-solving

Community art engagement

Data Visualization

Program coordinator

Project management

**TECHNICAL SKILLS**

Adobe Photoshop

Microsoft Office Suite

Acrylic and Oil paint

Mixed Media

Collage

Ink

Charcoal

**EDUCATION**

*2021 – ongoing* MFA in Visual Studies, mixed-media paintings   
(Norfolk State University)

*2016 – 2021* BFA in Illustration (Cum laude, GPA 3.7) (additional coursework in Art Education)  
(Maryland Institute College of Art)

*2019 – 2020* Non-degree seeking, additional coursework in Studio Arts

(Old Dominion University)

*2014 – 2016* Governor’s School for the Arts (Visual Arts)

Ringling College of Art & Design Pre-college Immersion Art

Program

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

*2023* Program Coordinator, Fine Art Seminars (ongoing)   
(Norfolk State University)

Lead Art Mentor, Instructor  
(CSET-H/S STEAM Summer Academy (Middle School), Norfolk State University)

Co-Curated Student Exhibition, *Navigators of Purpose*

(Culture Lounge, NEON District/Festival, Norfolk, VA)

*2021* Graduate Assistant (ongoing)

(Solomon Isekeije, Director/Division of Fine Arts, Norfolk State University)

Art Mentor (ongoing)

(Undergraduate students, Fine Arts)

Program Coordinator, Norfolk Drawing Group (ongoing)

(Norfolk State University)

*2019* Art Instructor (Group)

(Grade 8, Baltimore Design School, Baltimore, MD)

Art Instructor (Group)

(*Strategies for Teaching Art*, Maryland Institute College of Art,

Baltimore, MD)

**AWARDS / SCHOLARSHIP / ACHIEVEMENTS**

*2023 – ongoing Elizabeth River Project (ERP)*(Norfolk State University)

*2021 – ongoing* *Center for African-American Public Policy (CAAmPP)*

(Graduate Art Lead, Norfolk State University)

*2021 – 2023* *Virginia Graduate Fellowship*

(Norfolk State University)

*2018 – 2021* *Create Visual Award Scholarship*

*Illustration Scholarship*

*Presidential Scholarship*

*Maryland Institute College of Art Grant*

(Maryland Institute College of Art)

*2016* *Silver Key*

(Scholastic Regional Art Competition)

*Honorable Mention*

(Ocean View Art Show, Virginia Beach, VA)

*2015 Gold Key*

(Scholastic Regional Art Competition)

**EXHIBITION RECORD**

INVITED TALKS

*2021 Undergraduate Research Symposium*   
(Virtual Conference, Old Dominion University)

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

*2016* Senior Exhibition, *Limelight*

(2nd Floor Gallery, Governor’s School for the Arts, Norfolk, VA)

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

*2023* *Navigators of Purpose*

(Culture Lounge, NEON District/Festival, Norfolk, VA)

*2023* *Delectable*

(d’Art Center, Norfolk, VA)

*Food Story*

(Biafarin | Gallerium (online) with accompanying publication (official

exhibition catalog)

*2022* *ADIAPHOROUS*

(112, W. Wilson Ave., NEON District/Festival, Norfolk, VA)

*2019* Undergraduate Art Education Juried Show

(3rd Floor Illustration Gallery, Maryland Institute College of Art,

Baltimore, MD)

*2018* *Lost and Found*

(3rd Floor Illustration Gallery, Maryland Institute College of Art,

Baltimore, MD)

*2017* *Dis/Order*

(Rosenburg Gallery, Maryland Institute College of Art,

Baltimore, MD)

**COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS**

MURALS

*2023 BROTHERS: Chops, Seafood, Spirits*   
(Indoor mural for main dining area, FIA Students/Faculty, Norfolk State University))

*2022* *A Pot of Good Times*

(Outdoor mural for *Ghent Grab & Go* Supermarket, rear wall,

NEON District, Norfolk, VA)

*The Lloowellyns*

(Outdoor mural for *Ghent Grab & Go* Supermarket, trash

enclosure, NEON District, Norfolk, VA)

*2021* *Tidewater Coffee, Inc.*

(Outdoor mural for *Tidewater Coffee, Inc.*, Portsmouth, VA)

ART ENGAGEMENTS

*2023* Norfolk State University Fine Arts x READY Academy and Kindred Spirits

*Earth Wise*

(Norfolk State University x Elizabeth River Project: Environmental Justice Incubator, Norfolk, VA)

*2022* Tidewater Gardens Farewell Event

(Promotionals, Tidewater Gardens community, Norfolk, VA)

*2021* *Norfolk Footprints: St. Paul’s Story – Tidewater Gardens Walk & Talk*

(Promotionals, Tidewater Gardens community, Norfolk, VA)

*Happy Meal*

(Community painting, Tidewater Gardens community, Norfolk, VA)

ANIMATION / GIFs

*2019* *Peter’s Inn*

(GIF for the *Peter’s Inn* restaurant website banner, <http://www.petersinn.com/>)

*Locrio de Pollo*

(Digital illustration for *They Draw*, <https://www.they-draw.com/illustrations/12809-locrio-de-pollo>)

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*2023* Amin, Lakshmi Rivera. “A View From The Easel.” *HyperAllergic*, 217 ed., (2023)

*2022* “A Pot of Good Times.” *NEON Norfolk,* Public Art (2022)

“The Lloowellyns.” *NEON Norfolk,* Public Art (2022)

*2021* Bradley, Adam. “The Historically Black College Reconsiders the Studio Art Program.” *New York Times*, T’s Art Issue. (2022)

*2019* Langrehr, Amy. “MICA: Illustrating the Edible.” *Charm City Cook*. (2020)