

# Con Ray

## Curriculum Vitae

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## Education

- Pursuing **Bachelor's in Fine Art with an Emphasis in Printmedia** with a **Writing Minor** **2023 - PRESENT**  
• Frostic School of Art, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI (expected graduation, 2023)
- Associate's in Business** with Honors 2017 - 2020  
• Southwestern Michigan College, Dowagiac, MI
- High School Diploma** with Honors 2015 - 2019  
• Edwardsburg High School, Edwardsburg, MI

## Work History/Experience

- Manager** • Big Burrito, Kalamazoo, MI **2023 - PRESENT**
- Comic Illustrator** • Western Herald, Kalamazoo, MI **2023 - PRESENT**
- Freelance Artist** • Self, Remote **2019 - PRESENT**
- Social Media Manager (230k Followers)** **2019 - PRESENT**  
• JermSansContext, Remote
- Operations Support Representative** 2022 - 2023  
• Tovar Snow Professionals, Remote
- Canvasser** • YWCA, Kalamazoo, MI 2022
- Intern** • Kalamazoo Book Arts Center, Kalamazoo, MI 2022
- Printmedia Laboratory Assistant and Monitor** 2022  
• Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI
- Trainer (Inventory Management & Worker Protocols)** 2020 - 2022  
• Two Fellas Grill, Kalamazoo, MI
- Character Designer** • JK Productions LLC, Las Vegas, NV 2020 - 2021
- Community Manager** • JK Productions LLC, Las Vegas, NV 2020 - 2021
- Sales Associate** • JCPenney, South Bend, IN 2017 - 2020

**Cleaning Assistant** • *Kimber's Klean Sweep, Michigan & Indiana* 2010 - 2016

## Awards and Fellowships

Concurrent Dean's List accreditation • <i>Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI</i>	<b>2020 - PRESENT</b>
Career and Technical Education Award • <i>Southwestern Michigan College, Dowagiac, MI</i>	2020
Concurrent Dean's List accreditation • <i>Southwestern Michigan College, Dowagiac, MI</i>	2017 - 2020
Excellent Achievement Awards in Biology and Visual Art • <i>Edwardsburg High School, Edwardsburg, MI</i>	2016 - 2019
Concurrent Honors accreditation • <i>Edwardsburg High School, Edwardsburg, MI</i>	2016 - 2019

## Exhibits:

<i>Annual Frostic School of Art Student Exhibition</i> • (juried by Naomi van Niekerk), Albertine Monroe-Brown Gallery, Richmond Center for Visual Arts, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI	2023
<i>Up and Coming</i> • DeVries Student Art Gallery, Richmond Center for Visual Arts, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI	2023
<i>Print/Works</i> • DeVries Student Art Gallery, Richmond Center for Visual Arts, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI	2023
<i>College of Fine Arts 50th Anniversary Celebration Exhibition</i> • Gwen Frostic School of Art, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI	2022
<i>WMU First-Generation Celebration Art + Stories Exhibition</i> • <b>(1st place)</b> , Heritage Hall, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI	2022
<i>Phase 1</i> • Gwen Frostic School of Art, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI	2022

- Print/Works* 2022  
 • DeVries Student Art Gallery, Richmond Center for Visual Arts,  
 Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI
- Annual Frostic School of Art Student Exhibition* 2021  
 • (juried by Tyanna Buie), Albertine Monroe-Brown Gallery,  
 Richmond Center for Visual Arts, Western Michigan University,  
 Kalamazoo, MI
- Community Student Art Exhibition 2019* 2019  
 • Box Factory for the Arts, St. Joseph, Michigan

## Publications:

- Please Do Not Tap The Glass* 2023  
 (multi-issued comic strip) Western Herald, Western Michigan  
 University, Kalamazoo, Michigan

## Skills

**HARDWARE:** Mac, PC, iPhone, iPad, Drawing Tablet, Exposure Units, Acid Baths, Letterpress Beds, Litho & Etching Press Beds.

**SOFTWARE:** Adobe Suite (Photoshop, Illustrator, Premiere Pro, InDesign), Google Suite (Docs, Sheets, Slides, Gmail, Forms, Drive), Microsoft Suite (Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Outlook, Teams), iMovie, General Digital Video Editing, TouchDesigner, AI Programs (chatGPT, MidJourney, DALL-E 2, Stable Diffusion), Wix.com, Digi-Talk, 3CX, Worker Databases, Gimp.

**OTHER:** Printmaking (Intaglio Etching & Dry Point with Copper & Plexiglass, Solarplate, Woodcut & Linocut Relief, Aluminum Photolithography & Stone Lithography, Xerox Transfer, Screenprint/Silkscreen, CMYK 4-color Separation, Embossment, Letterpress), Painting (Acrylic & Oil), Spraypainting, Watercolor, Drawing (Graphite, Ink/Pen, Charcoal, Marker), Watercolor, Collage, Ceramic (Pottery, Sculptural, Tilework), Tig Welding, General Sculpture Making, Bookmaking, Grilling, Cleaning, Social Media Management (Twitter, Instagram, TikTok, SnapChat), AR filters for SnapChat & Instagram.

## Workshops / Conferences Attended:

- Ceramic Summer Intensive Workshop 2023  
 • *Stuart Gair & Raven Halfmoon, Morean Center for Clay at  
 Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI*

TouchDesigner Workshop 2022  
• *Paul Catanese, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI*

Ceramic Summer Intensive Workshop 2022  
• *Lars Voltz & Jamie Bates Slone, Morean Center for Clay at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI*

## **Memberships / Organizations:**

Printmakers Society at Western Michigan University (RSO, **President**) **2023 - PRESENT**

Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo (member) **2022 - PRESENT**

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society (member) **2020 - PRESENT**