

RACHEL WOJNAR

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Interdisciplinary artist and educator with 3+ years experience teaching at the post-secondary level. Experienced in a wide range of 2D, 3D, and digital art media, with a creative research focus on eco-materialism and queer ecology. Specialized in student-centered learning and interactive course design.

Education

Master of Fine Arts, Interdisciplinary , University of Hartford, Hartford, CT	2021
Bachelor of Arts, Art and Art History (magna cum laude) , McDaniel College, Westminster, MD	2018
Individual Study Abroad , Burren College of Art, Ballyvaughan, Ireland	2017

Professional Experience

Adjunct Lecturer , Carroll Community College, Westminster, MD Courses: Drawing I, Drawing II, Painting I, and Painting II	2025–pres.
Adjunct Lecturer , McDaniel College, Westminster, MD Courses: Graphic Design I, Graphic Design II, Advanced Studio I–IV, 2D Design Concepts, and Perceptual Drawing Independent Studies: Digital and Mixed Media, Advanced Studio II, Advanced Studio IV Additional duties: Faculty Internship Sponsor (Graphic Design), development of Honors Enriched Experience (Graphic Design I)	2024–pres. 2021–22
Owner and Designer , Serpentine Designs, Missoula, MT Co-owned and operated a design-based retail business. Produced work in various 2D media and managed digital print studio. Designed and produced relief-printed textiles. Developed branding, web design, and e-commerce system. Provided products to four independent retailers and vended at over thirty community events.	2023–24
Painting Instructor , Freelance, Baltimore, MD Taught 2 hour standalone acrylic painting workshops for groups of 10-80 students. Managed studio supply inventory.	2019–20
Tutor , McDaniel College, Westminster, MD Taught one-on-one lessons for students in Perceptual Drawing and History of Western Art courses.	2018

Exhibition History

Emerging Perspectives , Delaplaine Arts Center, Frederick, MD	2026
Birding Man , ArtUs Co, Austin, TX	
Unexpected but not Underwhelming , Esther Prangley Rice Gallery, Westminster, MD	2025
Common Ground on the Hill Instructor Show , Esther Prangley Rice Gallery, Westminster, MD	
The Body Revolts / The Body Aligns , The Starving Artist, virtual	2024
Uncommon VonCommon , Zen Medicine, Missoula, MT	2023
Monster Show , Zootown Arts Community Center, Missoula, MT	
Mini Show , Zootown Arts Community Center, Missoula, MT	
Queer Appalachia , Frostburg State University, Frostburg, MD	2022
Tenth Biennial Faculty Exhibition , McDaniel College, Westminster, MD	2021
Confluence , Nomad MFA Thesis Exhibition, University of Hartford, Hartford, CT	2020
Impermanence , Senior Capstone Show, Esther Prangley Rice Gallery, Westminster, MD	2018
Kathryn E. Wentz Juried Undergraduate Exhibition , Rice Gallery, Westminster, MD Awarded 1st and 3rd place	
Pigments and Plastics , Departmental Honors Show, Rice Gallery, Westminster, MD	
Soup and a Bagel , Burren College of Art, Ballyvaughan, Ireland	2017

Exhibition History (cont.)

- Kathryn E. Wentz Juried Undergraduate Exhibition**, Rice Gallery, Westminster, MD 2017
Awarded 1st place
- Romance Remixed**, McDaniel College, Westminster, MD
- Kathryn E. Wentz Juried Undergraduate Exhibition**, Rice Gallery, Westminster, MD 2016

Awards, Honors, Residencies, etc.

- Artist in Residence**, Cunningham Falls State Park, Catoclin Forest Alliance, Thurmont, MD 2024
- Featured Artist**, Mountain Maryland Trading Post, Cumberland, MD
- The M. Louise Shipley Art Award of Excellence**, McDaniel College, Westminster, MD 2018
- Eikon Texnh Ekphrasis Art History Honor Society**, McDaniel College, Westminster, MD
- Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society**, McDaniel College, Westminster, MD
- The Wasyl Palijczuk Art Award**, McDaniel College, Westminster, MD 2017
- Presidential Scholarship**, McDaniel College, Westminster, MD 2014

Select Artist Talks and Workshops

- Drawing Nature in Still Life**, Common Ground on the Hill, Westminster, MD 2025
- Visiting Artist Talk**, Art as Work, McDaniel College, Westminster, MD 2025
- Art At Noon**, Delaplaine Arts Center, Frederick, MD 2024
- Hand-bound Nature Books**, Cunningham Falls State Park, Thurmont, MD

Community Involvement

- Board of Directors**, VonCommon Studios, Missoula, MT 2023
- Inventory Manager (volunteer)**, Missoula Makers Collective, Missoula, MT
- Donor Artist**, Holter Museum of Art, Helena, MT
- President**, Ars Nova, McDaniel College, Westminster, MD 2016-18

Publications

- Issue 7, 2025, For Page and Screen**, For Page and Screen 2025
- The Body Revolts / The Body Aligns**, The Starving Artist 2024
- Issue 6, 2024, For Page and Screen**, For Page and Screen
- “Rebirth,” Trans Art Magazine vol. 1**, Bitter Pill Press 2023
- Issue 4, August 2023, For Page and Screen**, For Page and Screen
- Issue 3:“After,” February 2023, For Page and Screen**, For Page and Screen
- Issue 2, August 2022, For Page and Screen**, For Page and Screen 2022
- Issue 1:“New Beginnings,” January 2022, For Page and Screen**, For Page and Screen
- Confluence Exhibition Catalogue**, University of Hartford NOMAD MFA 2020
- “A Love Manifesto in Acts,” agri-Culture Journal vol. 13**, Seed Broadcast 2019
- Hope for Our Waters**, Self-published zine 2018
- Hope for Our Earth**, Self-published zine

Bibliography

- Sundergill, Linda.** “Catoclin Forest Alliance’s Artist in Residence Program.” Emmitsburg News-Journal, Emmitsburg, MD, December 1, 2024.
- Holland, Emily.** “Back to Nature.” Frederick Magazine, Frederick, MD, October 1, 2024. 74-75.
- Hoffman Fishman, Susan.** “On Water as Polluted Body, Place of Solace, and Life Force.” Artists and Climate Change, September 28, 2020. <https://artistsandclimatechange.com/2020/09/28/on-water-as-polluted-body-place-of-solace-and-life-force/>.