

Octavian Stickann

Education

Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art Minor
in Psychology
Truman State University

December 2024
GPA: 3.28/4.00

Coursework

Observational Drawing
Figure Drawing
Intermediate Drawing Exploration I
Printmaking I, II, III, IV, and V
Sculpture I
Ceramics I
Art Bus: Profession Encounters

Caves to Cathedrals
Contemporary Art
Modern Art
Art and Gender
The Art of Greece and Rome
Design Software and Process
3D Design

Related courses: General Psychology
Experimental Psychology
Developmental Psychology
Intro to Clinical Psychology
Psychology of Abnormal Behavior
ANOVA/Experimental Design

Exhibitions

Group Exhibition

Midwest Regional Exhibition
Juried by Dominic Mangila

December 2025

Artlink Contemporary Gallery

Group Exhibition

“In Bloom”

December 2025

Kavanagh Gallery, Fine Line Creative Arts Center

Group Exhibition

“Utopia”

November 2025

237 Collective

Group Exhibition

Parkside Annual Print Exhibition

September 2025

UW-Parkside Gallery

Group Exhibition

“That’s Funny”

Juried by Jason Dunda

August 2025

McLean County Arts Center

Group Exhibition

Incoming MFA Student Exhibition

August 2025

Illinois State University Student Galleries

BA Senior Exhibition

“Forging Form: A Dialogue with Masculinity”

Advised by Laura Naioti

December 2024

Truman State University Art Gallery

Group Exhibition

Annual Student Juried Exhibition

Curated by Lorena Molina

- 3rd place award, “Tranny”, 2023, CMYK screen print.

April 2024

Truman State University Art Gallery

Group Exhibition

Annual Student Juried Exhibition

Curated by Madeleine LeMieux

April 2023

Truman State University Art Gallery

Experience

Artist Assistant

Fall 2024

- Assisted professors of the Art, Art History, and Design department with tasks within their studios.
- Created a system to efficiently organize and annex material within the Art Department Slide Library, including over 75 years of art journals, archived classroom lesson plans, student theses, and administrative material.

Ceramics Studio Worker

Spring 2023

- Sanitized and cleaned ceramic studio classroom, glazing room, and storage area.
- Assisted in recycling, pugging, and mixing earthenware, stoneware, and porcelain clay.
- Organized and rearranged over 1,000 pounds of dry material in the storage area to accommodate necessary changes to the facilities.

Head Cashier

2021 – Present

- Scheduled and ran cashier breaks and lunches throughout 6-hour shifts.
- Authorized to implement cash strips and increases to all registers.
- Trained to complete register closures when the store closes at the end of the day as well as authorization to use the cash machine to deposit the tills.
- Wrote and entered cashier observations of scheduled cashiers to keep metrics and behavior current.

Conferences and Presentations

Aural Presentation

2024

Student Research Conference

Truman State University

Mentor: Dr. Heidi Cook

- “**The Wax Ballerina: Unveiling the Cultural Dimensions of Degas' *Little Dancer, Aged Fourteen***”, presentation over research regarding Degas' sculpture and its historical context within 19th century French Ballet

Curation

2023 – 2024

“Mobility: African American Artists Truman State University Art Gallery Abroad”

- Curated and researched work by Thelma Johnson-Streat regarding her career as a Black American artist and how traveling out of the United States affected her career.
- Presented a briefing of her work alongside a representative of the Petrucci Family Foundation, in which the university procured the work from.

Awards and Honors

Spring 2025

Academic Honor Awards Assembly

Truman State University

- *Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Art Award*

Annual Student Juried Exhibition

Spring 2024

Curated and juried by Lorena Molina

Truman State University

- 3rd Place Prize: “Tranny”, 2023, CMYK Screen print

Affiliations

Bad Acids Print Club

Secretary

Social Media Chair

- Responsible for sending out the weekly email, corresponding with over 200 students and alumni about current events and information regarding print club's weekly meetings.
- Corresponded with clients and organizations regarding shirt orders.
- Managed organization's social media accounts including Tiktok and Instagram
- Relayed to other executive board members about university sanctioned emails regarding standing and events.

88.7 KTRM "Student Powered

Radio"

Fall Semester of 2024

Truman State University

DJ: Indie/Alternative Music

- Curated and played a weekly arrangement of songs and media during an allotted weekly show time.
- Played legal ID to keep radio in good standing with FCC as well as ads and promotions at their appropriate timestamps.
- Attended organization meetings to discuss the organization.

Technical Skills

Adobe Creative Suite:

InDesign, Photoshop, Illustrator, Bridge, and After Effects

Microsoft Office Suite:

Excel, Word, PowerPoint, and Outlook

Google Drive:

Documents, Sheets, and Slides
