

# Octavian Stickann

## Education

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

December 2024  
GPA: 3.28/4.00

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## 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

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## 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

**April 2024**

Truman State University Art Gallery

- **3<sup>rd</sup> place award, “Tranny”, 2023, CMYK screen print.**

### **Group Exhibition**

Annual Student Juried Exhibition  
Curated by Madeleine LeMieux

**April 2023**

Truman State University Art Gallery

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# 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.
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## 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## Awards and Honors

### Academic Honor Awards Assembly

Spring 2025

Truman State University

- *Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Art Award*

### Annual Student Juried Exhibition

Spring 2024

Curated and juried by Lorena Molina

Truman State University

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Prize: “Tranny”, 2023, CMYK Screen print
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## Affiliations

Bad Acids Print Club

**January 2024-December 2024**

**Secretary**

Truman State University

**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.

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## Technical Skills

Adobe Creative Suite:

InDesign, Photoshop, Illustrator, Bridge, and After Effects

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Microsoft Office Suite:

Excel, Word, PowerPoint, and Outlook

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Google Drive:

Documents, Sheets, and Slides

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