

# 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**

Utopia

**November 2025**

237 Collective

- **“Tranny”**, 2023, screen print on paper

## **Group Exhibition**

Parkside Print Exhibition

**September 2025**

UW-Parkside Gallery

- **“Tranny”**, 2023, screen print on paper

## **Group Exhibition**

Incoming MFA Student Exhibition

**August 2025**

Juried by Jason Dunda

McLean County Arts Center

- **“Tranny”**, 2023, screen print on paper

## **Group Exhibition**

Incoming MFA Student Exhibition

**August 2025**

Illinois State University Student Galleries

- **“What are you Wearing?”**, 2024, screen print on mylar and paper.
- **“The Wait of Masculinity”**, 2024, glass chandelier with testosterone vials.
- **“Masculine”**, 2024, lithograph on paper
- **“Tranny”**, 2023, screen print on paper
- **“I’m Aware of my Skin”**, 2023, screen print triptych on paper

## **“Forging Form: A Dialogue with Masculinity”**

BA Senior Exhibition

**December 2024**

Advised by Laura Naioti

Truman State University Art Gallery

- **“What are you Wearing?”**, 2024, screen print on mylar and paper.
- **“Imprinted”**, 2024, performance and tattoo.
- **“The Wait of Masculinity”**, 2024, glass chandelier with testosterone vials.
- **“Mundane Gender”**, 2024, screen print on paper.

**Group Exhibition****2024**

Annual Student Juried Exhibition

Truman State University Art Gallery

Curated by Lorena Molina

- **3<sup>rd</sup> place award, “Tranny”**, 2023, CMYK screen print.
- **“I’m Aware of my Skin”**, 2023, CMYK screen print.
- **Recreation of “Incense Box in the Shape of a Plum Blossom”**, 2022, Earthenware ceramic with gold luster.

**Group Exhibition****2023**

Annual Student Juried Exhibition

Truman State University Art Gallery

Curated by Madeleine LeMieux

- **“Misplanted”**, 2022, screen print.
  - **“Medicine Cabinet”**, 2022, watercolor.
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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

- *Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Art Award*

**Spring 2025**

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### Annual Student Juried Exhibition

Curated and juried by Lorena Molina

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

**Spring 2024**

Truman State University

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## 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.

**January 2024-December 2024**

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88.7 KTRM “Student Powered  
Radio”

**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.

**Fall Semester of 2024**

Truman State University

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## 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