
APRIL DAWN FRIGES

Evidence of Student Success

Select BFA Alumni Spotlight

Prior to my hire at Point Park, many students were not graduating on time (and dropping out) due to lack of advisement and there were no alumni known to receive an MFA degree. Below demonstrates my commitment to student success and my dedication as professor and academic advisor. While at Point Park, I designed a *Photo Art Marketing* course and a *Senior Thesis* intensive, both of which include career readiness instruction; graduate programs are a discussion and through exercise, reveals itself as a possibility to students. I offer guidance and instruction on *To MFA or Not To MFA*¹. I am a devoted letter writer, avid supporter and active mentor to all photography students, including those who choose not to pursue an MFA:

Noah Fodor (he/they), Columbia College Chicago, 2022

+Currently enrolled: MFA, Photography, Dawoud Bey, Chair, Chicago, IL

Ren Rathbone (they/them), Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, 2019

+Doctorate of Hebrew Letters (D.H.L.), Philadelphia, PA

Hannah Altman (she/her), Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), 2018

MFA, Photography/Film

+Yale University Artist in Residence, Newhaven, CT

Sharimar Cruz (she/her), SVA, NYC, 2018

MPS, Fashion Photography

+Fashion Photographer, NYC

Alyssa Maurer (she/they), University of Cincinnati, 2018

MFA, DAAP Program, Photography

+Adjunct, B+W Photography I, Point Park University, Pittsburgh, PA

Morgan Richards (she/her), class of 2018

+Fashion Photographer, Pittsburgh, PA

Dan Winter (he/him), George Washington University, 2017

MFA, Fine Art

+Experimental artist, designer, music producer and adjunct, Pittsburgh, PA

Neil Curran (he/him), Columbus College of Art & Design, 2017

MFA, Visual Art

+Visual Artist, Pittsburgh, PA

Aleem Hurst (they/them), Class of 2017

+Invitation to Pretend, Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh, PA

¹ instructional material available upon request

Dominique Hildebrand (she/her/they), Syracuse University, Newhouse, NY, 2016
MFA Photography,
+Photo Editor, National Geographic, Washington, D.C.

Hannah Harley (she/her/they), Parsons New School, NYC, 2016
MFA, Photography
+Site Director of Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art, Altoona, PA

Sean Eaton (he/him/they), 2016
+Photography Manager, Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh, PA

Ty Smith (he/him), 2016
+blogger, New York, NY

Rebecca Devereaux (she/her), 2015
+Multimedia Specialist, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA

Lindsey Palmer (she/her), 2015
MFA, RIT, Imaging Arts, Photography & Related Media in 2019
+Visual Artist and Programmer at The Children's Museum, Pittsburgh, PA

Max Lee (he/him), SVA, NYC, 2014
MFA, Photography
+Imaging Manager @Karma Gallery, Brooklyn, NY

Becca Ann Lessner (she/her), MECA, 2014
MFA, Low Residency Fine Art Program
+Photographer and Event Designer, Pittsburgh, PA

Alex Papke (he/him), 2014
Photographer and Content Manager for clients such as Quicksilver, Los Angeles, CA