



Education

- 11/2023** **Master of Fine Arts / Illustration**
Savannah College of Art and Design, GPA 4.0.
- 06/2017** **Bachelor of Fine Arts / Graphic Design / Minor Illustration**
Kendall College of Art and Design, cum laude.

Software

- Adobe Creative Suite
- Adobe Photoshop
- Adobe Illustrator
- Adobe InDesign
- Adobe After Effects
- Adobe Premier
- Procreate
- Clip Studio Paint
- Microsoft Word
- Microsoft PowerPoint
- Microsoft Teams
- Google Workspace
- Google Docs
- Google Slides
- Google Sheets
- Sketchup
- Canva
- Zoom
- Slack
- Wacom Cintiq

Technical Skills

- Illustration
- Graphic Design
- Sequential Art
- Art Direction
- Concept Art
- Visual Storytelling
- Digital Painting
- Watercolor Painting
- Acrylic Painting
- Gouache Painting
- Oil Painting
- Block Printing
- Drawing
- Typography
- Character Design
- Thumbnailing
- Storyboarding
- Motion Graphics
- Social Media
- Branding
- Marketing

Professional Skills

- Adaptability
- Collaboration
- Project Management
- Time Management
- Multitasking
- Written & Visual Communication
- Conflict Resolution
- Problem Solving
- Leadership
- Mentorship
- Versatility
- Attention to Detail
- Creativity
- Empathy
- Open Mindedness
- Classroom Management
- Problem Solving
- Interpersonal
- Active Listening

Teaching & Mentoring Experience

- 2023** **Teaching Assistant, Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, GA (Digital Illustration, Fall 2023)**
- + Assisted the lead instructor during lessons.
 - + Prepared and organize materials for class activities.
 - + Provided one-on-one help to students during class.
 - + Managed classroom behavior and dynamics
 - + Led multiple lectures, classroom discussions, and technique demonstrations.
 - + Conducted extra help sessions to reinforce learning and support student success.
 - + Assisted with classroom critique session.
- 2023** **Teaching Assistant, Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, GA (Professional Portfolio for Illustrators, Summer 2023)**
- + Assisted professor in delivering lectures to create an engaging learning environment.
 - + Prepared and organized instructional materials, ensuring all necessary resources were readily available for classroom activities.
 - + Offered personalized support to students, providing guidance on illustration techniques and constructive feedback on their work.
 - + Led extra help sessions to reinforce course content and promote student achievement.
 - + Assisted students with technical challenges related to illustration software and equipment.

Professional Experience

- 2022-23** **Social Media Manager, SCAD Graduate Illustration Club, Savannah, GA.**
- + Developed, curated, and scheduled engaging content for various social media platforms.
 - + Coordinated and oversaw all content created by social media team.
 - + Maintained a consistent brand voice and style across all social channels
 - + Responded to comments, messages, and mentions promptly to foster positive engagement.
 - + Researched and stayed abreast of social media trends.



- 2020-21 Senior Designer and Illustrator, STUNT Digital, Remote.**
- + Designed and Illustrated brand guide book according to company guidelines.
 - + Worked with art director to create original artwork that met both client and brand standard
 - + Produced high-quality illustrations, graphics, and layouts for various media including print, digital, and social platforms.
 - + Collaborated with motion graphics designer to create digital artwork to be translated in video form.
 - + Worked with various clients to create full color digital artworks to be used for brand marketing.
 - + Stayed up to date on industry trends and incorporate relevant design elements to keep the brand contemporary.
- 2020 Freelance Illustrator, Anne Williams Group, Contract.**
- + Created illustrations based on brand guidelines and standards
 - + Made use of color theory to create a sense of unity in all deliverables.
 - + Created full page illustration for print from concept to completion, meeting with client regularly to ensure customer satisfaction.
 - + Utilized drawing and digital illustration skills to create full page vector illustrations for print as sticker book pages.
- 2020 Freelance Illustrator, Novelly, Contract.**
- + Translated storyboards into full page digital illustrations.
 - + Produced original full-color sequential art to illustrate a prewritten story.
 - + Incorporated typography into final designs.
 - + Met with stakeholders regularly.
 - + Utilized excellent time management skills to complete each deliverable under tight deadlines.
- 2017-20 Lead Illustrator / Associate Designer, Sporting News, Charlotte, NC.**
- + Crafted and implemented the official brand illustration style and drafted accompanying style guide.
 - + Collaborated with editors and clients to ensure effective visual communication of illustration and graphic.
 - + Utilized exceptional knowledge of the Adobe Creative Suite to design and illustrate digital graphics to accompany articles and stories.
 - + Developed and implemented illustration concepts for stakeholders with a quick turnaround for editorial use.
 - + Oversaw and managed all illustrations created by creative team.
 - + Mentored junior illustrators, enhancing overall team productivity and creativity.
- 2017 Graphic Design Intern, Grand Rapids Film Festival, Grand Rapids, MI.**
- + Developed layout, graphics, illustrations, and other design elements for 2017 Film Festival.
 - + Work closely with art director to ensure cohesive branding and messaging.
 - + Utilized exceptional knowledge of the Adobe Creative Suite to design and illustrate advertising material.
 - + Handle multiple design projects simultaneously while meeting deadlines.
 - + Prioritized tasks and manage time effectively.
 - + Accepted feedback from art director and other team members and made necessary changes.
 - + Assisted in the preparation of files for print or digital publication.

Additional Experience

- 2022- Server/Trainer, Six Pence Pub, Savannah, GA.**
- + Provided excellent guest service experience through extensive menu knowledge and consistent anticipation of guest needs.
 - + Worked closely with kitchen staff, bartenders, and other servers to ensure smooth operation and timely service.
 - + Assisted in training new staff members, sharing knowledge of best practices and service standards.
 - + Efficiently and effectively resolved guest issues and complaints with a positive attitude.
- 2013-17 Server/ Trainer, Speak EZ Lounge, Grand Rapids, MI.**
- + Provided Exemplary guest service through anticipation of needs and ample knowledge of menu and best practices.
 - + Worked with kitchen staff and other front of the house staff.
 - + Trained new service staff to company standard.
 - + Resolved guest complaints quickly and effectively.



- 2103-14** **Server / Trainer, Spencer's Route 46, Saginaw, MI.**
+ Delivered exceptional service with thorough menu knowledge and anticipation of guest needs.
+ Coordinated with kitchen, bar staff, and servers for seamless operation overall.
+ Trained new staff in best practices and service standards.
+ Manage and problem solve guest complaints.
- 2008-12** **Server, P.F. Changs China Bistro, Tampa, FL.**
+ Consistently delivered exquisite service according to company standards.
+ Maintained extensive knowledge of menu items and allergy information.
+ Problem solved complaints and comments.
+ Collaborated with servers, bartenders, and kitchen staff.
+ Opened and closed restaurant by following official procedures.
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Awards & Honors

- 2024** **Shortlist, Communication Arts**
She Dared, Series, Digital Media, 2023.
- 2023** **Merit Award, Applied Arts Magazine**
Mind Over Mind, Digital Media, 2022.
Runner-Up, Creative Quarterly 072
In Too Deep, Digital Media, 2023.
- 2021** **Merit Award, Applied Arts Magazine**
Veg Fest, Digital Media, 2021.

Exhibitions

- 2024** **She _____.**
Group Exhibition, Cedar House Gallery, Savannah, GA.
- 2023** **Featured Artist**
Nomad Society, Savannah, GA.

Bibliography

- Congdon, Dani. "Heroine Chic: Redefining Female Power Through an Examination of Female Representation."
Master's thesis, Savannah College of Art and Design, 2023.
- "Meet Dani Congdon / Freelance Illustrator and Visual Storyteller." Shoutout Atlanta. (May 2024)
- Congdon, Dani. "The Little Blue Cross." In *Girls Will Be Girls*, edited by Samantha Sciotti. June 30, 2024.

