



## **LAURA GRANT • ART EDUCATOR**

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### **EDUCATION**

Madonna University  
Teaching and Learning Masters Program  
20 credits toward completion  
Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, Michigan  
Department of Fine Arts  
Bachelor of Fine Arts  
Michigan Department of Education Elementary-  
Secondary Provisional Certificate Endorsed in Art  
College for Creative Studies, Detroit, Michigan  
Graphic Communications Department  
Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan  
Department of Fine Arts

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

2015~Present Hopkins School District  
1-6 Glen Lake Elementary, 8-9 Hopkins Middle School  
2014~2015 Robbinsdale Cooper High School  
9-12 Art Teacher (Art Foundations, Ceramics, Digital Arts)  
2014: Wayzata School District  
Substitute Teacher  
2011~2014 St. Pius Catholic School  
K-8 Art Teacher  
2004~2010: West Bloomfield High School  
9-12 Art Teacher

### **WORK EXPERIENCE: Non-Teaching**

1999~2001: Blue Dot Design  
Creative Director

1997~1999: Visual Services Marketing

Creative Director  
1991~1997: Design Grant  
Design consultant for print, television and web design  
1989~1991: J. Walter Thompson Advertising Agency  
Art Director  
1987~1989: Campbell Ewald Advertising Agency  
Art Director

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (2014-2016)**

CLR Cohort, Hopkins School District 2016-2017  
NAEA National Art Conference 2016—Focus on STEAM training and AP Art  
AVID Training, Cultural Relevant Teaching—Empowering Students  
Beyond Diveristy, 2 day workshop  
Art Educators of Minnesota Fall conference  
IB Unit Writing PD, Robbinsdale Schools  
Digital Photography/Photoshop Beginning and Advanced, MCAD  
Ceramics classes, Edina Art Center  
Painting classes, Minnetonka Art Center

## **EXHIBITS**

JDRF (Juviniile Diabetese) Benefit, Oil Painting creation for donation & workshop  
Carolina A & T District-wide Teacher Art Show March 2011, 2012  
Oil and Watercolor Paintings  
Student Show 2003, Eastern Michigan University  
Oil painting, Best of Show Award  
EMU Watercolorist Show 2002-2003  
Watercolor  
Student Show Western Michigan University 1983  
Multimedia Sculpture  
Student Show Western Michigan University 1984  
Bronze Sculpture

## **HONORS, AWARDS, GRANTS**

Seven Dreams **Grant** for Digital SLR cameras, 2015  
Invited to teach extension art courses for Kendall College of Art and Design  
(Diane Heath reference: 586-306-2337)  
MACUL Technology **Grant** for \$1500 to be used for Wacom Tablets  
Scholastic Arts and Writing Competition 2009  
Teacher of “Best of Show Portfolio 2009”, plus five other Gold portfolios  
and 25 student awards  
Scholastic Art and Writing Competition, student awards and portfolios-2004-2008

Mini-**Grant** Awarded for textbook purchase, West Bloomfield Schools, 2007  
Deans List 2000-2004 (All semesters)  
Undergraduate Symposium Nominee 2002  
*Ethnocentrism in America*, Paper  
Recognition of Excellence Scholarship 2002~2003  
Based on superior academic achievement  
Campus Leader Award 2003~2004  
Based on demonstrated leadership and community involvement  
April Memorial Scholarship 2003~2004  
Based on professor recommendations and fine art work submitted  
Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, Western Michigan University  
Arts Honor Society, Western Michigan University

### **PUBLIC SERVICE**

Empty Bowls 1999-present  
Hopkins, Greensboro, North Carolina, West Bloomfield High School, MI,  
Lindburgh Elementary, Dearborn, MI  
Second Harvest, food distribution  
Painting for auction, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, NC--2013  
Creating concept, incorporating child involvement,  
creating painting for auction  
Creating graphic art and play sets for schools  
Habitat for Humanity, Greensboro 2011  
Helping with home construction  
Save Darfur, Awareness Night 2007: Assistant to Teacher Leader  
Oversee and guide student organizers  
Scholastic Art and Writing Competition 2005-2009  
Assisted in check out of submitted art and take down of show

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Art Educators of Minnesota (AEM)  
National Art Education Association (NAEA)

### **COMPUTER SKILLS**

*SeeSaw, Moodle, Google Classroom*  
*Adobe Photoshop*: Photo manipulation and Illustration  
*Adobe InDesign*: Desktop Publishing  
*Adobe Illustrator*: Illustration  
Schoolology  
*Microsoft Word*: Word Processing  
Utilizing I Pads in the classroom  
Digital SLR Camera

*PowerPoint*: Presentations, for Educational and Professional Uses  
*Prezi* (dynamic lesson and PD presentation software)  
*iMovie*: Video Design

## **PUBLICATIONS**

*Scholastic Arts Magazine*, Article on the art of my student, and myself, 11/10  
*Cellar Roots*, Juried Arts and Literature Publication, EMU, *Untitled Photograph*

## **SPECIAL SKILLS**

**Art Mediums:** Painting, Drawing, Design and Design Technology, Photography (darkroom and digital), ceramics, printmaking

**Art Honor Society, Teacher Leader**

**Management experience in my advertising career, Creative Director**

**Only district Art teacher requested to be part of a committee to explore the development of an Academy within West Bloomfield High School (cooperative Arts, Science, Math and Technology Academy)**

Enthusiasm to work with various teachers in my department and out to create lessons, team-teach students, and work on PLCs effectively.

**Strong classroom management skills** (Involves creating good student/teacher relationships, empowering students to make good choices and creating an atmosphere of mutual respect.)

Practicing artist who continues to grow, create and show my work.

Professional Graphic Design Experience

Access to art and design professionals for real-world art lessons and mentoring of students interested in art, industrial design and advertising fields

Presentation experience in Professional Development programs