

Bird Blankenship

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EXPERIENCE

The Loft, St. Louis, MO - Production Artist

February 2020 - Present

- Storyboarding, designing and animating motion graphic training videos
- Designing marketing graphics and animations for social media & emails
- Assisting the team in designing and editing branded materials to spec, including illustration, print and packaging design

Grimco, Inc., St. Louis, MO - Digital Production Artist

February 2019 - November 2019

- Design work for the Electrical division's various product lines
- Resolve issues that arise with both internal and external customer files

Mark's Quick Printing, St. Louis, MO - Graphic Designer

September 2017 - February 2019

- Manage several projects at once to meet tight deadlines in a high volume, fast-paced environment
- Design and print business cards, flyers, mailers, newsletters, and other marketing and print materials
- Oversee entire production process, including designing to spec, preparation of proofs, and operating printers to ensure print accuracy

The Journal, St. Louis, MO — Graphics Editor

August 2015 - May 2017

- Designer for Webster University's newspaper, "The Journal", responsible for creating illustrations and infographics for stories

Graphite Lab, St. Louis, MO — Art Intern

May 2016 - August 2016

- Created art assets for U.I., marketing, design and animation for games and apps for Nintendo and Apple App Store/Android markets
- Animated key character art for the John Deere app, "Goodnight, Johnny Tractor" (iOS)
- Designed & animated over 50 NPCs and props for Hive Jump (PC, Wii U)
- Painted textures for environments and props for the Tonka brand

Slanted House Productions, Champaign, IL — Art Director

August 2014 - August 2016

- Directed art, design and layouts for "Tabloids: The Animated Web Series"
- Improved production pipeline, resulting in faster asset delivery
- Managed a team of artists to establish a unified design for production

SKILLS

Adobe Photoshop
Adobe Illustrator
Adobe Indesign
Adobe After Effects
Adobe Flash/Animate
Toon Boom Harmony
Autodesk Maya
Unity

AWARDS

Missouri College Media Association, First Place Entertainment Cartoon 2016-2017.

Missouri College Media Association, First Place Political Cartoon 2016-2017.

Kinematifest, 2014, 2017, Select illustrations chosen for screening.

AFFILIATIONS

Kinematifest 9, Spring 2016

- Assistant Director
Webster SIGGRAPH, 2014-2017
- President, Fall 2016

EDUCATION

Webster University, St. Louis, MO — BA Animation

Graduated: May 2017