# CHRIS NEYEN

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# Curriculum Vitae

#### **Education:**

**BFA** School Of Visual Arts • Communication Arts

MFA Academy of Art University • Painting

### **Solo Exhibitions**

- 2012 Loft Gallery at SteelStacks Bethlehem, PA
- 2011 PROXIMITIES A.J. Eastwood Art Gallery Gaffney, SC
- 2010 Inside View Jason Groupp Studio Chelsea Arts Building, NYC
- 2009 UNSEEN C.A.N. Studio Allentown, PA

# **Group Exhibitions**

- 2012 Search The Surface Lachaise Gallery
- 2011 Soft Machine Gallery Allentown, PA
- 2010 Salon de Refuge 625 Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 2010 AAU Annual Spring Show 79 Gallery San Francisco, CA
- 2010 Birthday Suite Show C.A.N. Studio Allentown PA
- 2010 Emergence The Antonio Salemme Foundation Gallery
- 2010 LUMINATIONS Touchstone Theatre Gallery Bethlehem PA
- 2010 MORAVIAN COLLEGE BIENNIAL FACULTY SHOW Payne Gallery, Bethlehem PA
- 2009 VELOCITY Allentown Art Museum, Community Gallery
- 2009 HAMILTON FOR RENT, The Second Leg Allentown, PA
- 2009 MAYOR'S CAMPAIGN OFFICE EXHIBIT Allentown PA
- 2009 MOMENTUM Expanding the Dialog of Contemporary Art in Allentown Curated by Kiki Nienaber
- 2008 INAUGURAL SHOW Chen Arts Allentown, PA
- 2008 MORAVIAN COLLEGE BIENNIAL FACULTY SHOW Payne Gallery, Bethlehem PA

#### **Professional Experience:**

Professional Artist and award winning Visual Communicator and Educator with 20 years of experience as a Graphic Designer, Art Director, and Creative Director.

**FUSE** Founding Member; Artist Collective is dedicated to create an infrastructure for the arts that embraces, directs and presents ideas; bridges community, artists and institutions; and develops Allentown, PA as a great destination for artists and supporters of the arts.

**Chen Arts Group;** Founding member. The Allentown Chen Arts Group has successfully held group art shows, events, and activities to bring the community together, educate the public, and help revitalize downtown Allentown through the arts.

**Circle of Stones Ritual Theatre Ensemble** Board of Directors. Professional, non-profit theatre company. **Perfect Pitch Creative** Creative Director and partner.

Judge Garden Design Association Awards

#### **Guest Lecturer:**

- 2009 Moravian College Sophomore Review
- 2008 Moravian College Senior Portfolio Review
- 2007 Moravian College Senior Portfolio Review
- 2006 Moravian College Graduates
- 2005 Moravian College Graduating Graphic Design Majors
- 2001 Moravian College Senior Portfolio Review
- 2007, 2008 Sheridan School 'Art and Design as a Career'
- 2009 Wescosville Elementary 'Being an Artist'

#### **Teaching**

#### Limestone College

#### Assistant Professor of Art-Fall 2011-Present

Planned and revised syllabuses for Graphic Design, Painting, Drawing, and Printmaking sections of the Studio Art program. Responsible for re-structuring the Design Lab, Painting Studio and Woodshop.

# Moravian College, Bethlehem Pennsylvania Adjunct Faculty 2002—2011

Planned syllabus and lectures for all classes in Communication Design. Emphasis on conceptual design within editorial design and marketing structures, while real world applications are explored. Principal focus is placed on developing student relationships with design and the business world with concentrations in both historic and contemporary viewpoints. Classes include Introduction to Design, Publication Design, Typography and Portfolio Seminar. Studio Classes-Foundations.

**ArtsQuest Instructor** *Photo Design Program*, A work-study program for At Risk Youth in Photography and Graphic Design with a central focus and positive life decisions and productive work habits.

# **Curriculum Development**

**Typography and Information Design:** This course was initiated by my own experience in direct relation to the needs of the students. The study of typographic fundamentals is necessary as a base for communication arts students. A syllabus was created that would investigate typographic design as rhetoric, information, and artwork. Along with a strong historic analysis, current type revivals are thoroughly explored.

**Portfolio Seminar:** I was chosen to develop this new course within the existing curriculum. It's purpose being to enable senior level students to enter the field of their chosen discipline with the preparation, knowledge, and understanding of how to present themselves as capable creative professionals. A review of each students work is given along with new assignments with the purpose of developing a cohesive visual language.

**Honors Panelist:** Upon request, for numerous honor student applicants.

**Senior Portfolio Review Panelist:** Part of a group of select professional reviewers of graduating student portfolios.

**Advisement:** Throughout my teaching career I have taken a considerable role in advising students in both preparation for entering the workplace, and job searching. I have been contacted by art directors and human resources professionals for recommendations to fill positions for interns and full time designers. I have also provided letters for graduate applicants.

#### **Honors And Awards:**

Communication Arts Magazine • Award of Excellence Print Magazine's Design Annual Media Industry Newsletter 2005 Integrated Marketing Awards Print/Online Westin Workout Program Bicycling Magazine Employee of the Year Pam McFadden Memorial Art Scholarship

#### **Technical Abilities**

**Drawing, Painting and Mixed Media:** Figurative and Abstract, all media, including Oil, Acrylic and Encaustic

**Printmaking:** Monotype, Chine Collé, Woodcut, Linocut, Monoprint and Collograph. **Design Software:** Proficiency in the Adobe Suite, both Macintosh and PC platforms.