BEN WYRICK

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Education

MFA, Clemson University, 2002
Digital Production Arts
Thesis: Creating Realistic and Stylized Lighting Designs for Computer Animation

BA, Allegheny College, 1999
Communication Arts major, Computer Science minor
Phi Beta Kappa, Magna Cum Laude
Senior project: 26-minute video documentary awarded outstanding senior project designation

Employment

Technology Teacher, Staunton High School 2023 – Present
Technology Teacher, Yearbook Advisor, S. Gordon Stewart Middle School, 2020 – 2023
Photographer and Digital Media Producer, Bridgewater College, 2018 – 2020
Photography and Graphic Design Teacher, Tilton School, 2017 – 2018
Language Arts and Pre-algebra Teacher, Arthur Morgan School, 2013 – 2017
Adjunct Art Instructor, Blue Ridge Community College, 2007 – 2013
Sabbatical Replacement, Art Department, Bridgewater College, 2010
Owner, Ben Wyrick Photography, 2007 – 2013
Photography Teacher, Tilton School, 2004 – 2007
Media Specialist, James Madison University, 2003
Newspaper Photographer and Features Reporter, Waynesboro *News Virginian,* 2003
Newspaper Photographer and Features Reporter, Huntingdon *Daily News,* 1999

Courses Taught

DMS 515: Digital Media Production Strategies, Bridgewater College
ART 322: Web Design and Theory, Bridgewater College
ART 490: Independent Study, Bridgewater College

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ART 220: Introduction to Digital Media, Bridgewater College
ART 320: Typographic Design, Bridgewater College
PHT 164: Digital Photography I, Blue Ridge Community College
PHT 264: Digital Photography II, Blue Ridge Community College
ART 299: Supervised Study, Blue Ridge Community College
ART 283: Graphic Design I, Blue Ridge Community College
ART 284: Graphic Design II, Blue Ridge Community College
Darkroom Photography, Tilton School
Advanced Darkroom Photography, Tilton School
Digital Photography, Tilton School
Intermediate Graphic Design, Tilton School
Language Arts, Arthur Morgan School
Pre-algebra, Arthur Morgan School
Yearbook, S. Gordon Stewart Middle School
Technological Systems, S. Gordon Stewart Middle School
Inventions & Innovations, S. Gordon Stewart Middle School
Introduction to Technology, S. Gordon Stewart Middle School
Imaging Technology, Staunton High School
Design / Multimedia / Web Technologies, Staunton High School
Digital Visualization, Staunton High School

Teaching Honors, Grants, Student Awards

2025: Student work featured in VDOE monthly e-newsletter, February
2024: Over $16,000 in grant funding since starting public school teaching in 2020
2021: Augusta County Public Schools Middle School Teacher of the Month, October
2021: Augusta County Public Schools Middle School Teacher of the Month, April
2021: Advised regional champion student in Computer Aided Design category, TSA
2021: Advised regional runner-up student in Digital Photography, TSA
2020: Advised regional champion student in Computer Aided Design category, TSA
2013: Former student's graphic design selected for JMU's basketball court redesign
2013: Adjunct Service Award, Blue Ridge Community College
2013: Student web design team wins Skills USA Virginia contest
2013: Student artwork selected from statewide community college art contest for
        cover of *Inquiry* magazine
2012: Student photo accepted as finalist in international contest sponsored by Nikon
2011: Two students won a national award for their work published in the literary
        magazine created by students in Graphic Design II class
2010: Nominated for Inspiring Educator Award, Blue Ridge Community College
2010: Student photograph selected from statewide community college art contest for
        cover of *Inquiry* magazine

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Selected Exhibitions

2019:   Photograph selected for nationally juried show, Bedford, VA
2018:   Screenings of documentary *Animas Means Soul* in New Zealand and Colorado
2017:   Photograph selected for nationally juried show, Martinsburg, WV
2016:   Three photographs selected for nationally juried show, Frederick, MD
2015:   Photographs selected for nationally juried show, Manchester, CT
2013:   Group exhibition, Clementine Cafe, Harrisonburg, VA
2013:   Corporate purchase of photograph by Catamaran Corporation, Chicago, IL
2013:   Photograph selected for nationally juried show, Watkinsville, GA
2012:   Photograph selected for internationally juried show, Richmond, VA
2012:   Photograph selected for nationally juried show, Union Street Gallery, IL
2012:   Photographs selected for gallery-juried show, Dragonfly Gallery, Austin, TX
2012:   Group show at Artful Dodger restaurant, Harrisonburg, VA
2012:   Group show at Plan B coffee house, Broadway, VA
2011:   Photograph selected for nationally juried show, *Sources + Origins*, South Shore Art Center, Cohasset, MA
2011:   Category winner in Wild Virginia online photography contest
2011:   Solo show, *Eastern and Western American Landscapes*, Augusta Health, Fishersville, VA
2011:   Photograph in group exhibition, Woodrow Wilson Center, Fishersville, VA
2010:   Photograph in group exhibition, Court Square Theater, Harrisonburg, VA
2010:   Solo show, *Moving Standing Still,* Bridgewater College, VA
2009:   Photograph selected for nationally juried show, *VMRC Art Exhibition*, Harrisonburg, VA
2009:   Photographs selected for nationally juried show, *Powerful & Fragile Earth,* Fredericksburg Center for the Creative Arts, VA
2009:   Photograph selected for juried show, *Blue Hotel* exhibit, Artful Dodger, Harrisonburg, VA
2009:   Group exhibition, Byers Street Bistro, Staunton, VA
2002:   Computer animation selected for regionally juried film festival, *SEDAF,* SC

Arts Community Involvement

2012:   Juror for Charlottesville Camera Club exhibition
2012:   Coordinator for artist-in-residency for visiting photographer
2011:   Organizer for on-campus student art exhibits
2011:   Facilitator for on-campus Artist Talk public event
2011:   Guest lecture and critique for Charlottesville Camera Club, VA
2010:   Guest lecture, Beverley Street Studio School, Staunton, VA
2010:   Editor, *540 Literary Magazine*, Blue Ridge Community College
2010:   Student-designed website for Keister Elementary School
2010:   Student-designed logotype for Greater Augusta Volunteer Center
2010:   Curated *I Belong Here* photography exhibit at Blue Ridge Community College
2009:   Juror for Bridgewater College Student Art Show
2009:   Monthly photography columnist for *Shenandoah Journals* newspaper
2009:   Student-designed billboard for Mental Health Augusta

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Personal Activities

Three-time NCAA Academic All-American cross country runner, 1995 – 1999
Co-captain, Allegheny College cross country team, 1998
Appalachian Trail (backpacking), 2003
Blue Ridge Parkway (bicycling), South Carolina to Virginia to South Carolina, 2001
Boston Marathon finisher, 2005
School service-learning trips to Navajo Nation and Hopi Nation, 2015, 2017
Ascents of New Hampshire's 48 4,000-footers, 2004 – 2007
Winter ascents in Presidential Range, including Mount Washington, 2004 – 2007
Winner, Bel Monte 50-mile ultramarathon, Waynesboro, VA, 2013
Sub-24-hour finish, Grindstone 100 ultramarathon, Staunton, VA, 2014, 2015
Finisher, Hardrock 100 ultramarathon, Silverton, CO, 2016, 2018, 2021, 2022, 2023
Winner, The Wild Oak Trail 100, Stokesville, VA, 2021, 2022, 2024