

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

Communication Systems, Staunton High School

Animation & Digital Technology, Staunton High School

Modeling & Simulation Technology, Staunton High School

Imaging Technology, Staunton High School

Design / Multimedia / Web Technologies, Staunton High School

Digital Visualization, Staunton High School

Yearbook Advisor, S. Gordon Stewart Middle School

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Courses Taught (continued)

DMS 515: Digital Media Production Strategies, Bridgewater College
ART 322: Web Design and Theory, Bridgewater College
ART 490: Independent Study, Bridgewater College
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
Technological Systems, S. Gordon Stewart Middle School
Inventions & Innovations, S. Gordon Stewart Middle School
Introduction to Technology, S. Gordon Stewart Middle School

Teaching Honors, Grants, Student Awards

2025: Over \$17,000 in grant funding since starting public school teaching in 2020
2025: Student work featured in VDOE monthly e-newsletter, February
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

- 2026: Screening of *Hardrock Perspectives* documentary in Silverton, Colorado
- 2026: *Hardrock Perspectives* named official selection, World Trails Film Festival
- 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

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Arts Community Involvement (continued)

- 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

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, Colorado, 2016, 2018, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2026
- Winner, The Wild Oak Trail 100, Stokesville, VA, 2021, 2022, 2024, 2025