

* LAURA * LEE * GULLEDGE *

Education @James Madison University

- ❖ MA in Art Education. (2002) GPA: 4.0. Inaugural Graduate + National Art Education Association conference presenter.
- ❖ BA in Studio Art/ Art Education. (2001) GPA: 3.6. Recipient of *Crystal Theodore Service with Scholarship Award*.

Art Works

- ❖ First woman nominated for Eisner Award Best Lettering ❖ Nominated for 5 Harvey Awards including Most Promising New Talent ❖
- ❖ **Published Books: Author & Illustrator** of graphic novels *The Dark Matter of Mona Starr* (2020), *Will & Whit* (2013), *Page by Paige* (2011) plus the interactive book *Sketchbook Dares* (2018) through Abrams Books.
- ❖ **Public Murals: Project Manager** - Discover Black Cville @ IX Art Park, Teen Mural Camp @ Abracadabra Salon, Inaugural artist selected for Red Shed Mural Project @ McGuffey Art Center. (VA, 2021-23)
- ❖ **Musical Theatre: Librettist and co-producer** of the *Will & Whit* (Virtual) Musical in VA, NY, VT, PA, UT. (2014- current)
- ❖ **Performance: Member** of Nettle Shirt Puppet Works, The Falsies absurdist rock band, Continuum. (2019-23, VA, NY)
- ❖ **Published Art: Contributor** to Whurk, Echo World, Magic Bullet, Trip City, Act-I-Vate, Daily Cross Hatch, Male Leche. (2010-22)
- ❖ **Installation:** "Say Their Names" (Charlottesville, VA '21) and Willoughby Windows Project. (Brooklyn, NY. 2010-12)
- ❖ **Live Art:** Revel Relay, Literary Death Match, Gallery Rally, IX Love Fest, Central Park Summerstage, LES Salonieres, Red & White Bash, MetamorphIX, HiChristina!, Animamus Salon, Oracle Club.(2010-22. NY, PA, VA)
- ❖ **Solo Exhibitions:** Magic Flight @ Studio IX, Will & Whit exhibit @ ECHO Science Center, *Personal Perspectives @ Blue Ridge Community College*, *In Transit @ Ad Hoc Gallery*, *Art About Us @ BOS*, *Laura Lee & Friends + Spill it! @ HiChristina! Gallery*, *Out of Africa + 99 Versions of Laura Lee @ Starr Hill Gallery*. (2006-18. VA, NY, VT)

Teaching

- ❖ Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Statewide Faculty Member ❖ Virginia Commission of the Arts Teaching Artist ❖
- ❖ **Comic Mural Residencies:** Merrimac Juvenile Detention Center (Williamsburg), Boys & Girls Club of Central VA, entire 6th grade class of Jackson Middle Artful Learning School (Portland) plus Thomas Harrison, Skyline, Montevideo, and Hillyard Middle Schools. (Harrisonburg) (VA + OR 2019-23)
- ❖ **Workshops:** Charles Schultz Museum, Fralin Museum of Art, Rwanda Children, ECHO Science Center, VAEA, VTA, Wildrock Eco Learning Center, Signs of Change, Piedmont Arts, Writer House, Girl Scouts, Computers 4 Kids + Dozens of High / Middle / Elementary Schools & Libraries. (2011-24. VA, NY, WI, VT, CA, Rwanda)
- ❖ **Presenter:** Higher Ed - Columbia, Ithaca, The New School, Texas State, James Madison, Mary Baldwin, George Mason, Hunter. NAMI, NAEA, Creative Mornings, UVA Young Writers Workshop, Blue Ridge Juvenile Detention, NY Public Library + etc Middle / Elementary / High Schools / Libraries. (TX, OR, NY, VA, WI, MA, VT, MD, DC, NJ. 2009-24)
- ❖ **Blue Ridge Community College: Artist in RESTidence** virtually + in-person with art department. (2015 + 21, VA)
- ❖ **The Learning Factory: Teaching Artist** for workshop series "The Art of Mindfulness" in Harare, Zimbabwe. (2019)
- ❖ **The Delta School: Artist in Residence.** Resulting in self-published book with 4-6 yr olds: "WE Make Peace."(2016, AR)
- ❖ **Camp Sequoia: Art Director & Teacher.** Designed & led arts programming & activities for 80 ADHD boys. (PA, 2015)
- ❖ **Junior Art Club: After School Art Teacher** in three villages, plus art show organizer in Ghana, West Africa. (2007)
- ❖ **Louisa County Public Schools: 7th-8th Grade Art Teacher** and arts festival co-organizer in Mineral, VA. (2002-04)

Freelance

- ❖ Inaugural Citywide Arts Fellow with The Bridge PAI & NBC29 ❖ Recipient of SOUP Grant from New City Arts Initiative ❖
- ❖ **Creative Coaching: Consultant.** Working with individual clients on actualizing their creative projects. (2017-23)
- ❖ **Interactive Events: Project Manager.** Camp Revel, WOM CON, Red Bull Creation, FUCC Wall, Seer's Solstice Ball, GroupMe, Bushcraft, Forbidden City, Comic Creationizm, Artnr Adventure Day. (2010-22, NY, VA)
- ❖ **Comics Journalism & Illustration:** The Kennedy Center, Green Infrastructure Center. (2018-19, VA & DC)
- ❖ **Brand Now Focus Groups: Creative Mastermind** for brainstorming workshops. (2013, NY)
- ❖ **Spaeth Design: Scenic Painter.** Clients include Macy's, Saks, Lord + Taylor, Foxwoods Casino. (2007-13, NY)

❖ Represented by **Literary Agent** Daniel Lazar, Writer's House: dlazar@writershouse.com ❖

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