

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, S. Gordon Stewart Middle School, 2020 – Present
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
Head Cross Country Coach, S. Gordon Stewart Middle School, 2008 – 2013
Photography Teacher, Tilton School, 2004 – 2007
Naturalist and Trip Leader, Green River Preserve Summer Camp, 2002 – 2013
Media Specialist, James Madison University, 2003
Newspaper Photographer / Graphic Designer, *Waynesboro News Virginian*, 2003
Theatrical Lighting Designer, Brooks Center for the Performing Arts, SC, 2001 – 2002
Newspaper Photographer / Graphic Designer, *Huntingdon Daily News*, 1999

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

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- 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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Teaching Honors, Grants, Student Awards

- 2021: Augusta County Public Schools Middle School Teacher of the Month, October
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- 2021: Over \$13,000 in grant funding since hiring in 2020
- 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

Courses Taught

- 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
- 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

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Personal Activities

Three-time NCAA Academic All-American cross country runner, 1995 – 1999
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
Winner, The Wild Oak Trail 100, Stokesville, VA, 2021, 2022