

EDUCATION

California Institute of the Arts- MFA Experimental Animation.
2017 University of the Arts in Philadelphia- BFA Animation.
2009

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2021 Calibraska Arts Initiative. Instructor- Beginning Character Design. Virtual Workshop-
- 2019-present Rochester Institute of Technology, Assistant Professor in School of Film and Animation. *Rochester, NY.*
- 2014 - 2016 Z.J. Loussac Public Library. DRAW! Workshop. Instructed Figure Drawing Lessons. *Anchorage, AK.*
- 2015 University of Anchorage Alaska (UAA), Continuing Education Dept. Animation and Game Design Summer Courses. *Anchorage, AK*
- 2011 - 2012 Inner City Arts. CAPSA- in association with Calarts. MFA Graduate Teaching Animation. *Los Angeles, CA.*
- 2011 Inner City Arts Summer Camp. *Los Angeles, CA*
- 2010 - 2011 California Institute of the Arts (CalArts). Assistant Teacher to Soyeon Kim. Digital Animation/ AfterEffects. *Valencia, CA*
- 2009 - 2011 California Institute of the Arts (CalArts). Assistant Teacher to Sue Kroyer. Intermediate Traditional Animation. *Valencia, CA*

SCHOLARSHIP

- 2021 *TRAVELERS / HUMSAFAR (in development)*
5 minutes, Animation, Co-Director + Animator
A story of growth and friendship between two young female travelers on their way to college in New Delhi.
- 2020 *BRIDGING THE GAP*
6 minutes 30 seconds, Animated Documentary, Animator
A young woman with schizophrenia grapples with the boundaries between her internal delusions and her everyday life.

- 2018 *WILD WOMAN*
 3 minutes 45 seconds. Director + Animator
A slam-poetry letter to mankind which invokes current world issues such as drone-strikes and religious persecution as well as my personal struggle of becoming a mother and identifying as such in our current social and political climate.
- 2017 *WHAT THE PRESIDENT SAID*
 2 minutes. Animator
Animated music video featuring voices from the 2017 Women's March and LAX protests, New York City, Washington, DC and Los Angeles. Sung by David Poe, featuring Sister C.
- 2012 *WHO RULES THE EARTH*
 10 minutes. Assistant Producer + Animator
A young woman takes a journey to uncover the forces that are ruining the planet. She soon sees the world as it has never been seen before.
- 2009 *BENCHWARMERS*
 40 seconds. Director + Animator
An unexpected surprise from a pair of strangers waiting at a bus-stop.

EXHIBITIONS + TOURS

- 2021 Educational Screenings Tour: Milwaukee Film Festival
- 2020 Best of Program: Conscious Cartoons International Animation Festival Tour
- 2016 Ninja, Modern Dwellers, Group Show with Nic Sweet. Anchorage, Alaska
- 2015 Fox in a Box, Bailiwick, Group Show with Nic Sweet. Anchorage Alaska
- 2014 Halloween Showcase, Bailiwick, Group Show. Anchorage Alaska
- 2014 Nerd Art Showcase, ZJ Loussac Public Library, Group Show. Anchorage Alaska
- 2012 *La Huesera*, Calarts Main Gallery, MFA Group Show. Valencia, CA

SCREENINGS

- 2021 Chesapeake Film Festival- Easton, Maryland
 Breckenridge Film Festival- Breckenridge, Colorado
 Aesthetica Short Film Festival- York, United Kingdom
 REEL Recovery Short Film Festival- Studio City, California
- 2020 SAY IT LOUD- Online Best of Festival (Baltimore, Maryland)
 Milwaukee Film Festival (Milwaukee, Wisconsin)
 MANIPULATE Puppet Animation Festival (Edinburg, Scotland)
 BBC Four- Online (United Kingdom and Subscribing Countries)

- 2019 Le Plus Petit Festival d'Animation au Monde- Huntingdon, Quebec
 Say It Loud Festival (Baltimore, Maryland)
 Animation Dingle (Kerry, Ireland)
 Spokane International Film Festival- (Spokane, Washington)
 Hot Springs International Women's Film Festival- (Hot Springs National Park, Arizona)
- 2018 Blue Danube Film Festival- (Vienna, Austria)
 Waterford Film Festival (Waterford, Ireland)
 SCAD Savannah Film Festival (Savannah, Georgia)
 SoDak Motion Festival (Brookings, South Dakota)
 Anchorage International Film Festival (Anchorage, Alaska)
 Ketchikan Film Festival (Ketchikan, Alaska)
- 2018 Equinox Short Film Festival (Wasilla, Alaska)
 Great Lakes International Film Festival (Erie, Pennsylvania)
 St. Louis International Film Festival (St. Louis, Missouri)
 TAF Thessaloniki Animation Festival (Thessaloniki, Greece)
 A Global Calvacade of Animated Shorts #DirectedbyWomen (Bloomington, Indiana)
 Glendale International Film Festival (Glendale, California)
 Imagine This Women's International Film Festival (New York City, New York)
 Great Western Catskills International Film Festival (Andes, New York)
 Revolution Me Film Festival (New York City, New York)
 Les Femmes Underground Film Festival (Los Angeles, California)
 Detroit SheTown Women's Festival (Detroit, Michigan)
 MōTiF Film Festival (Fairbanks, Alaska)
 Edmonton Intenternational Film Festival (Edmonton, Canada)
 ASIFA EAST Film Festival (New York City, New York)
 Montreal International Animation Festival ANIMAZE (Montreal, Canada)
 Brooklyn Film Festival (New York City, NY)
 Animation Block Party ((New York City, NY)
 Philadelphia Independent Film Festival (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)
 Seattle True Independent Film Festival (Seattle, Washington)
 Women Make Waves International Film Festival (Taipei, Taiwan)
 Pennsylvania Indie Shorts Film Festival (Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania)
 Conscious Cartoons International Animation Festival (Vashon, Washington)
 Film Leben (Ilmenau, Germany)
 Linoleum International Film Festival (Kyiv, Ukraine)
 La Truca (Cali, Colombia)
 NW Filmmakers Festival (Portland, Oregon)
 Anibar International Animation Festival (Peja, Kosovo)
 Ottawa International Animation Festival – Salon de Refuses (Ottawa, Ontario, Canada)
- 2013 Hawai'i Ocian Film Festival (Honolulu, Hawaii)
 Wild & Scenic Film Festival (Nevada City, California)
 Cinema Verde Film and Arts Festival (Gainesville, Florida)

Lassen Film Festival (Mineral, California)

2009 Philadelphia Film Festival (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)

AWARDS

2020 *Gold Award in Animation- Wild Woman*. UFVA Conference.

2018 *Best Independent Animation- 3rd Place*. Wild Woman. ASIFA EAST Film Festival.

2018 *Best Animation*. Wild Woman. PA Indie Shorts Film Festival.

2018 *Best Animated Short*. Wild Woman. ANIMAZE: Montreal International Animation Festival

2018 *Best Animated Short*. Wild Woman. Equinox Women's Film Festival.

2018 *Best Animation*. Wild Woman. Imagine This Women's International Film Festival

2014 *Best Student Film*. Who Rules the Earth. Hawai'i Ocean Film Festival. Hawai'i

GRANTS

2017 *Individual Artist Project Award*. Rasmuson Foundation. Anchorage, AK

CONFERENCES & PANELS

2021 Animated Womxn, MANIPULATE Festival. Artists Panel- Virtual. Edinburg, Scotland

2020 The NapCap; Milwaukee Film Festival. Panel- Virtual. Milwaukee, Wisconsin

2020 University Film and Video Conference

PUBLIC LECTURES & ARTISTS TALKS

2021 Guest Artist; Vanessa Sweet. University of South Dakota

2021 Storyboarding Masterclass. University of Wyoming

PUBLICATIONS / INTERVIEWS

2020 Sweet wins award for short film. RIT.

<https://www.rit.edu/news/sweet-wins-award-short-film>

2019 Of Time and Tide: Profile of Vanessa Sweet written by Dawnell Smith <https://www.rasmuson.org/49writers/artist-profile/vanessa-sweet/>

2018 Highlight article for Anchorage International Film Festival. Bright Light In The Middle of a Dark Winter. 11.28.2018. <https://www.rasmuson.org/news/bright-light-in-the-middle-of-dark-winter/>

2018 Interview with Jacob Mann for Alaska Frontiersman. Wild Woman. 3.10.18

https://www.frontiersman.com/arts_entertainment/wild-woman/article_b3d53066-2503-11e8-97c1-9b15b055663a.html

2017 Radio Interview with Lauren Frost for KNOM. Story 49: The Painter and The Animator.6.14.17 <http://www.knom.org/wp/blog/2017/06/14/story49-the-painter->

[and-the- animator/](#)

- 2017 Grant Announcement and Featurette for Rasmuson Foundation. 5.11.17
<https://www.rasmuson.org/arts/individual-artist-awards/2017-artists/>
- 2017 *Berry Love*. Illustrated cover for Alaska Women Speak. Fall 2017 Issue
- 2016 Interview with Rejoy Armamento for 61° North. Splashing Some Color N' Love on the Walls. 8.29.16 <https://www.adn.com/special-sections/61degnorth/2016/08/29/splashing-some-color-n-love-on-walls/>
- 2012 *Wind Demon's Curse*. Written by Adrian Ridling (Thomas G. Wenig). Illustration credited as Vanessa Buldowski. Produced by Intuary Inc for Farfaria App.
- 2012 *Mr Twitch and Mr. Squeak*. Written by Neha Sempat. Illustration credited as Vanessa Buldowski. Produced by Intuary Inc for Farfaria App.
- 2012 *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*. Written by Katia Senff. Illustration credited as Vanessa Buldowski. Produced by Intuary Inc for Farfaria App.
- 2012 *Wizard of Oz Part 1: Dorothy Goes to Oz*. Written by Conrad T. Mahoney. Illustration credited as Vanessa Buldowski. Produced by Intuary Inc for Farfaria App.
- 2012 *Wizard of Oz Part 2: The Emerald City*. Written by Conrad T. Mahoney. Illustration credited as Vanessa Buldowski. Produced by Intuary Inc for Farfaria App.
- 2011 Interview with Rondal Scott for Strange Kids Club. Unearthing Veeblesaurus: Interview with Cartoonist Vanessa Buldowski. 5.11.11
<http://www.strangekidsclub.com/2011/05/11/unearthing-veeblesaurus-interview-w-cartoonist-vanessa-buldowski/>

INSTITUTE SERVICE

- 2020-2022 Academic Support and Student Affairs Committee (elected)
- 2019-20 Academic Support and Student Affairs Committee (interim)

COLLEGE OF ART & DESIGN SERVICE

- 2019-21 National Portfolio Day- *Portfolio Reviewer*

SCHOOL OF FILM AND ANIMATION SERVICE

- 2021-cont. Toon Boom Certificate of Excellency development - *Facilitator*
- 2021 Toon Boom Harmony Training Workshop- *Facilitator & Attendee*
- 2021 Festival Readiness Workshop- *Facilitator & Organizer*
- 2020 *Search Committee*, SOFA 2D Lecturer Committee
- 2020 CILECT Animation Review Committee- *Chair*

- 2020-21 MFA Portfolio Review Committees
- 2020 SOFA Paperless Toon Boom Workshop- *Facilitator & Presenter*
- 2019-21 Guest Artists; within courses taught. *Facilitator*
- 2019 Animator's Spotlight: RIT Animation Club- *Presenter*
- 2019 SOFA Grad Mixer- *Facilitator*

COMMUNITY/ PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2021 HERO Theatre- Charitable Promotional Animations. *Animator + Donator*
- 2021 Museum of Children's Art- Charitable Promotional Animations. *Animator +Donator*
- 2021 2021 UFVA Conference. Animation Award- Juror
- 2021 2021 Genius Olympiad- *Juror.*
- 2021 2021 UFVA Carole Fielding Grant. *Juror*
- 2021 University of Wyoming- *Invited Artist Presenter*
- 2021 South Dakota State University- *Invited Artist Presenter*
- 2020 "Representation Matters" panel. Brave Spaces: Rochester's Summit to End Hate"- *Facilitator*
- 2020 2020 UFVA Conference- *Peer Reviewer*
- 2020 2020 UFVA Conference- *Panel Moderator*

RESIDENCIES/ WORKSHOPS

- 2021 Saltonstall Summer Residency. Constance Saltonstall Foundation for the Arts. Ithaca, NY
- 2021 Storyboarding Workshop and Artists Lecture. University of Wyoming. Laramie, WY
- 2021 Artist's Lecture. South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD
- 2008 Animation Summer Workshop. École Européenne Supérieure de l'Image. Poitiers, France.

COMMERCIAL EXPERIENCE

- 2021 MOCHA. Charitable Logo Animation. Animator- Scottsville, NY
- 2020 New Creatives-BBC. *Bridging the Gap.* Animator- Scottsville, NY.
- 2019 - 2021 HERO Theatre. Charitable Promotions. Animator- Scottsville, NY.
- 2015 - 2016 ACE USA: Junior Graphic Designer. *Anchorage, AK.*
- 2013 - 2014 Atta Sports and Promotions: Graphic Designer. *Anchorage, AK.*
- 2013 - 2021 Sleeping Fox Studios: Founder and Designer/Animator. *Anchorage, AK*

- 2012 Harvey Mudd Colleges. Asst. Director and Animator for *Who Rules the Earth*.
Claremont, CA.
- 2012 Pubertina: Clean up and Colorist for Youtube series Pubertina.
Valencia, CA
- 2012 Animation Domination Hi-Def: Colorist and Animator on AxeCop Pilot.
Los Angeles, CA
- 2011 - 2013 Intuary Inc: Illustrator for FarFaria Children's Book App. *Valencia, CA*
- 2011 - 2013 YellowShed: Animator for various shorts and commercials. *Los Angeles, CA*
- 2009 MotionHeads: Intern Animator. *Philadelphia, PA*

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2021 Promotion Package Prep: Retreat for Women Faculty
- 2020 AdvanceRIT Success Strategies for Women Faculty

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

ASIFA East
Women in Animation
Society for Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI)
University Film and Video Association