Maura O'Connor

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1994-Present, Professor, Graphic Design
Program Coordinator

CT State Manchester Community College

Curriculum development and instruction of Graphic Design I-IV, Online Graphic Design History and Theory, Computer Graphics, Digital Video Editing, Film Production, and Special Effects for Video and Digital Short Films. Course content is designed to emphasize and encourage the development of creative thinking and conceptual problem solving skills. Studio production techniques are taught with a variety of hands-on assignments for theoretical and actual clients. Design processes, historical and societal implications of media are presented. Coordinate visiting artists, designers and filmmakers as well as field trips to printers, NYC and on-site locations. I regularly evaluate, critique and advise students on their progress and career options following graduation.

2013-2014, 2021-2024, Curator

Adolf and Virginia Dehn Gallery, Manchester, CT

Plan, promote, and install art exhibitions on a six-week cycle for commercial gallery at MCC on Main Arts and Education Center. Create organization and layout of space, design and produce graphic materials including invitations and press, host events featuring exhibitions, including artist talks, workshops and opening receptions. Build a web presence through the gallery website, blog and social media. Handle art sales and liaison with purchasing. Responsible for bringing internationally acclaimed artists to the community. Participate in fundraising efforts around the creation of an Arts and Culture District in downtown Manchester.

1993-1999, Director/Producer

Cox Cable Public Access Television, WJMJ Radio and First Church Congregational, Glastonbury, CT

Directed and produced a weekly, half-hour segment for public broadcast on WJMJ radio and Cox Cable Television. Operations included camera setup, color balance and synchronization of multiple signals. Experienced in all phases of production including pre-production scripting and post-production editing as well as trouble shooting while directing a crew of 2-3 technicians.

1991-1993, Curator

Changing Taste Gallery & Café, Hartford,CT

Coordinated and installed shows in downtown art space. Organized openings, designed and produced graphic materials including promotions and advertising. Responsible for bringing together artists, musicians, poets and storytellers with the general public.

1988-1991, Art Director

Field Publications, Weekly Reader, Middletown, CT

Designed and managed production of four weekly educational periodicals and posters. Responsibilities included creative problem solving, directing illustrators and photographers, supervising production artists, proofing layouts and chromes, maintaining printers schedules, meeting tight deadlines and overseeing production budgets. Involved in focus group testing, marketing redesign of product for enhanced visuals and transition between conventional web printing press and state of the art in-house, digitally automated pre-press system.

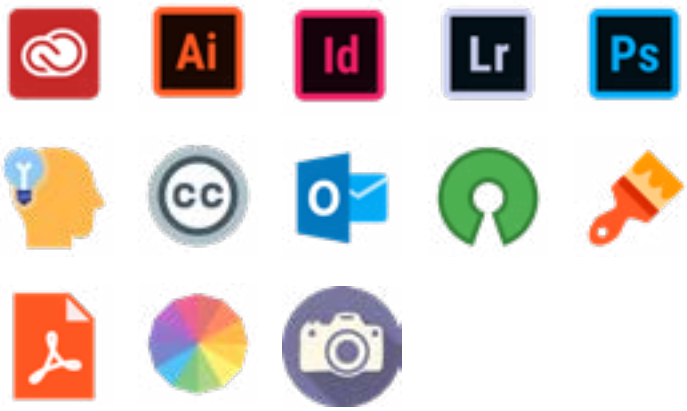
1987-Present
Artist, Designer & Producer

In conjunction with teaching responsibilities, I have served as designer and video editor/producer for a variety of projects ranging from non-profit health agencies to independent film developers. Through an innovative partnership with Connecticut Primary Care Association I produced an award winning public service announcement supervising advanced digital video students on location. Other partnerships have included working with paraprofessionals in special education classrooms, producing videos for instruction of autistic children and their caregivers; documenting, designing and editing a multiple DVD set for Habitat for Humanity and MCC-NOLA; and designing a campus-wide electronic newsletter on Sustainability.

I maintain an art and design studio and have shown paintings and video installation work in faculty and group exhibitions throughout the region.

Current Projects:

Ceramics Smash Pot Project, Fall 2025
AI Sabbatical & Encaustic Studio, 2026
Hans Weiss Newspace and
Virginia Dehn Gallery Promotion Designs
Shapes Magazine



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