**Jeff J Distefano**

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**Education:**

* Received Bachelor of Fine Arts from University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 1999.
* Received Master of Fine Arts from Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida, 2004.

**Educational Honors:**

* Received Jefferson Caffery Scholarship for full tuition to University of Louisiana at Lafayette (ULL)
* National Merit Finalist
* Graduated from ULL Cum Laude
* Member of ULL University Honors Program

**Relevant Skills/Training**

* Certifications in Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop, and Premiere
* Skilled with the Adobe and Microsoft suites, Procreate, Canvas, and various other art, design, and education software
* Experienced with darkroom photography
* Management and customer service/retail experience including five years managing Ground Pati restaurant (Lafayette, La)
* Attended Painting workshop led by artist Matt Bollinger at Anderson Ranch – Snowmass Village, Colorado 2021
* Attended Kansas City Art Institute Educators Art Lab Residency in Graphic Design –June 2018
* Attended Chicago Art Institute Teacher's Institute – summer 2012
* Attended International Baccalaureate Trainings in Film Education (Atlanta, GA) 2017 and in Art Education 2017 and 2007 (St. Petersburg, FL)
* Received Florida Teaching Certification – Art K-12 – 2009, renewed 2014, 2018

**Work Experience:**

* Instructor at Sail High School (Tallahassee) – taught Digital Design, Digital Photography/Traditional Photography, AP Art 2018 – present
* Instructor in the International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement programs at Rickards High School (Tallahassee) 2007 – 2018

(taught IB and AP advanced Art and Film classes, AP Art History, and 2-D and 3-D Art foundation courses. Sponsor of Art Club, Film Club and PeaceJam service organization.)

* adjunct art instructor at Tallahassee Community College, 2004 to 2007 (taught Beginning Illustration)
* adjunct art instructor at Florida State University, 2003- 2004 (taught Drawing I)
* part of curatorial team for Florida State University's Generations Art Show, 2011-2012
* co-director of Edgewood Gallery artist space in Railroad Square, Tallahassee, 2007-2009 - helped to organize exhibitions of several area artists as well as basic maintenance of the space.
* member of Acadiana Arts Council’s Bright New Worlds Program – (program to bring more arts instruction into lower income schools) worked on various art projects at local schools from 2000 -2001

**RECENT EXHIBITION RECORD:**

 **Tallahassee Community College – Faculty Show** – Tallahassee, Florida – September 2005

 **Group Exhibition** (with Chris Baldridge, John Mann)– Thomasville Cultural Center - Thomasville, Georgia - April 2010

 **Freak Scene** (solo exhibition) – Tallahassee Community College – January 2013

 **Group Show** - Patchwork Gallery – Austin, Texas – April 2014

 **Solo Exhibition** – North Florida Community College – Madison, Florida – October 2014

 **Three Women and Other Stories** (part of Driptorch exhibition series) – Metcalf, Georgia- October 2015

 **Trouvaille Art Auction and Exhibit** – Florida A&M University – Tallahassee, Florida – March 2016

 **Fluke MiniComics Festival** – Athens, Georgia – April 2017