Bernard Aaron Dolecki 🖽 Curriculum Vitae

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Research Objective

From Twitter bots to Tinder, I am assessing media platforms to further the technocritical discourse of identity formation. By imploring culturally-relevant themes such as the commoditization of participatory culture, I continue to bring this insight into social consciousness through my teaching, community outreach, and studio practice.

Education

- 2016–18 **MFA Emerging Practices**, University at Buffalo, NY. *(UB)*GPA: 4.0. Thesis: *no-w-here*. Committee: Chair, Distinguished Professor Paul Vanouse;
 Members, (Retd.) Clin. Assoc. Prof. Gary Nickard and Professor Stephanie Rothenberg.
- 2011–14 **BFA Expanded Media & Dimensional Studies**, Alfred University, NY. Thesis Committee: Chair, (Retd.) Assoc. Prof. Barbara Lattanzi; Members, (Retd.) Professor Peer Bode and Professor Andrew Deutsch.
 - 2012 **Digital Arts & Communication**, University of Wolverhampton, UK. *16Cr.*
- 2010-11 **Digital Media and Animation**, Alfred State College, NY. 24Cr.
- 2008–10 **AS Fine Arts**, Jamestown Community College, Jamestown, NY. Mentor: Yu Kanazawa; Advisors: Debra Eck and Nathan Arnone.

Professional Service

2023 Media and Technology Technician,

Institute for Electronic Arts (iea), NYSCC @ Alfred University. Consultant to resident artists, oversee historical projects, maintain state-of-the-art studios, and work closely with staff to establish the direction of activities throughout the year.

Teaching

Senior Lecturer, 2021–23 | Instructor, 2018–21 Dept. of Media Study, UB:

- 2018–23 DMS 121SEM: Basic Digital Arts, Nineteen Sections.
 Starting from a blank slate, I continually advanced the curriculum to establish formal standards, offering students clearer academic pathways for advancement.
- 2019–23 DMS 110LEC: Programming for Digital Art, Two Sections.

 I took these courses with only a week of notice to avoid their cancellation. Taught coding basics through object orientation. Managed a graduate and undergraduate assistant.
 - 2020 DMS 518LEC: **Special Topics**, Web-based Animation, *One Section*.

 Advised a MA student through research and an undergraduate lecture/demo of their findings.

DMS 428SEM: **2D Animation Graphics**, *One Section*.

Modernized course objectives and content to lead students through creative works.

Teaching Assistant, Instructor of Record, Dept. of Art, UB:

2016–18 ART250: **Basic Digital Practices**, *Four Sections*.

Led course objectives on raster art, vector art, digital audio, and creative code.

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Solo Shows

- 2018 MFA Thesis: *no-w-here*, CEPA Gallery: Big Orbit Project Space, Buffalo, NY. Project Support: Cultural Funding Grant, Technē Institute.
- ALF House Showcase, U.S. Department of Energy's Solar Decathlon, Irvine, CA. I decorated Team Alfred's solar house with my art for the multi-week public reception.
- 2014 **BFA Thesis Exhibition**, McGee Studios, Alfred University, Alfred, NY.
- 2013 **Untitled**, Ellicottville Memorial Library, Ellicottville, NY. *Immersive Installation*, Box Space, Turner Gallery, Alfred University.

Selected Group Shows

- Janky-Panky, Intermedia, Art in the Open, UB's Center for the Arts, Atrium. Collaborators: Cort Lippe, Vav Vavrek, András Blazsek, Michael Jack Chernoff, and Blake Barit.
- Sensitized Circuits, Real Space Electronic Arts Class, UB Art Galleries, NY.02.09.17, First Year MFA Show, UB Art Galleries.
- 2016 *Post-Industrial Connections*, Silo City, Buffalo, NY.
- Far and Away, Jamestown Community College, NY. Seven acclaimed alums.

 Jurors' Choice, CCAC, Center Gallery, Olean, NY. Show of 4 awardees from 26.
- 2014 *Members Show*, Biannual Juried Exhibition, CCAC, Olean, NY. Show of 26.
- 2012 *Photography Students Show*, University of Wolverhampton, United Kingdom.

Departmental Service

UB, School of Arts and Sciences:

- 2019–23 **Faculty Marshall**, Undergraduate Commencement, *Four Occurrences*. Dept. of Media Study:
 - Nomination Accepted, Student Academic Excellence Celebration. Eric DeVore.
 - Field Trips, Facilitated Curator-Led Tours for My Two Classes.

 Difference Machines: Technology and Identity in Contemporary Art, Albright Knox.
 - **Course Revisions**, DMS121: Updated structure, strategy, and assessments. Established as a prerequisite for the new academic pathway—Computational Media.
- 2019–21 *c0d1ng w1th d0nuts*, Student Event with Awards, *Three Occurrences*.

 Student Printing, Cross-department collaboration with the Dept. of Art.

Dept. of Art:

Videographer, Visiting Artist Speaker Series.

Additional Training

- 2023-25 Adult CPR, AED, First Aid Certificate, American Heart Association.
 - 2018 **Higher Education Teaching Certificate**, CIRTL, Associate Level. Core Concepts: teaching-as-research, community development, and learning through diversity.

Affiliations

- 2023 Contingent Employees Committee, Member, UUP, Buffalo Center Chapter.
- 2022–23 Emerging Media Lab, Founder and Group Lead, Western NY.
 - 2022 Racial Equality and Social Justice Committee, **Member**, UUP, Buffalo Center.
 - 2016 Squeaky Wheel: Film & Media Arts Center, Intern, Unpaid, Buffalo, NY.

Scholarly Activities

- Dolecki, Bernard Aaron. "no-w-here". MFA Thesis, University at Buffalo, 2018.

 I establish the transmediated self as a narrative structure to pair with my thesis project. https://www.BernardAaronDolecki.com/s/MFA-Thesis no-w-here.pdf
- Dolecki, Bernard Aaron, "Transmediated Narratives", Research Paper, Media and Narrative, University at Buffalo, 2017. Advisor: (Retd.) Assoc. Prof. Josephine Anstey.
- Dolecki, Bernard Aaron, "Richard Serra's Non-Figurative Lead Works", Twenty-minute Research Presentation, Modern Art, Alfred University, 2014. Professor Mary McInnes.
- Dolecki, Bernard Aaron, "...Rodin's Burghers of Calais...", Research Paper, Issues and Debates in Contemporary Art, Alfred University, 2013. Professor Gerar Edizel.

Awards and Grants

- Tri-State Relief Fund, New York Foundation for the Arts, \$2,000.
 - University at Buffalo, School of Arts and Sciences:
- 2018 **Best Graduate Installation**, Media Study Student Show, \$50.
 - Cultural Funding Grant, Technē Institute, \$2,500.
- 2016–18 Full Tuition Scholarship, \$21,740.
 - Full Teaching Assistantship, \$27,400.
 - 2015 Third Place, CCAC Juror's Choice Art Exhibit, Juried Show, Olean, NY.
- 2011–14 Competitive, Skill-based Financial Aid, Alfred University:
 - 1836 Grant, \$7,500; Ceramics Grant, \$15,000.
 - Juried Student Exhibition of 67, Jamestown Community College: **Alumni Association's Best in Show**, \$200; **Faculty Choice**, \$100; **Purchases**, \$100.
 - Constance E. Casey Scholarship, Chautauqua Community Foundation, \$500.

Related Experience

- 2018–20 **Technical Specialist**, Apple, Buffalo, NY.
 - Assessed customers' product issues and provided training on creative projects.
- 2015–16 **Assistant Business Manager**, Hillside Auto, Jamestown, NY.
 - Managed employees, property, and various administrative tasks.
 - Alfred University:
 - 2015 Art Curator, Inamori School of Engineering, *U.S. Solar Decathlon*, Irvine, CA.
 - 2013 **Tutor**, Design, Expanded Media. *One Student*.
- 2011–12 **Computer Lab Technician**, Interdisciplinary Arts, Liberal Arts.

Related Experience Cont.

Work Study:

- 2014 **Visual Resources Asst.**, Herrick Library;
- 2012 Mac Lab Asst., Expanded Media; Woodshop Asst., Dimensional Studies.

Technical Expertise

Computer Hardware

Entire Apple ecosystem, large-format printing, networking. Strong knowledge of audio/video equipment and technology maintenance.

Hardware Development

Soldering, circuit board design, prototyping, and fabrication.

Computer Software

Mac/iPhone OS, Zoom, Blackboard, Keynote, Google services, and Word.

Creative Applications

Expansive command of Adobe Creative Cloud, including Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign, Premiere, Audition, After Effects, and Animate. Former use of Dreamweaver, and 3D modeling with Autodesk Maya.

Creative Coding

Command of Max/MSP/Jitter, Arduino, p5.js, and Processing. Foundational understanding of HTML, CSS, and APIs in JavaScript.

Hands-On Skills

Innate DIYer with the ability to shift between digital and spatial modalities—both in practice and in the classroom. A specialized use of tools and materials to solve complex tasks with organized precision. Experience with laser etching, 3D Printing, and CNC. OSHA-compliant.

Commissions

2021	Lou's Shelves, Furniture Design and Fabrication, \$2,865.
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- Videographer, Microbial Aesthetics Symposium, Coalesce, \$200.
- 2015 **Brand Creation**, Team Alfred, U.S. Solar Decathlon, Irvine, CA, \$1,350.
- 2010 **Permanent Display**, Digital Print, Potters Alley, Jamestown, NY, \$200.

Selected Reviews

- 2018 "...Featured in UB Art Exhibit", **The Post Journal**, March 15, Digital Publication.
- *Breaking Out: Area Artist Featured In 'Juror's Choice' Exhibit in Olean", The Post Journal, Vol. 188, No. 291, p.D1.
- 2013 "Student Focus", Fresh Magazine, Spring/Summer, p.10.
- "A-Plus Work", **The Post Journal**, Vol.183, No.203, p.C1.